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Steps Towards Friendship – implementing a leisure buddy program

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overview

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- how the program works
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how the program works

- recruitment of people with intellectual disability and community volunteers
- initiating matching
- monitoring matches
- supporting matches over time



achievements and learnings

- **set up takes time.** Matches do happen and many are enduring. All matches are an achievement
- each match is **different**
- people with different disabilities are matched.
- a good match may not come from what people ask for first: coordinator's **judgements are critical.**
- **different** recruitment processes needed for volunteers.



descriptions of the leisure buddy experience

Recruiting community volunteers
and people with disabilities

Initiating matching – geography,
gender, interests, gut feeling



descriptions of a leisure buddy experience

- Monitoring Matches – frequency, benefits
- Supporting matches over time – individually tailored support and supervision



thank you and questions



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