

How do I ensure that mentors and mentees with busy schedules are able to meet?

- Screen both the young person and mentor for their availability and commitment at the beginning of the process.
- Ensure that you communicate that one to one mentoring in your program requires a minimum weekly/ fortnightly time commitment and young people and mentors are required to commit to this.
- Allocate initial match meeting times and ask for both to commit to these times. That way the match will get off to the right start.
- Promote the program clearly to local organisations, clubs and businesses and try to negotiate flexibility in the schedules of their staff/members.
- Find out the times the young people attend school and ask the education provider if they can meet with their mentor in school time.
- Allow for phone or online contact as an alternative to face-to-face contact every other week.