

Peer Connection Programming Ideas:

Social programming is a great way to bring members of your community together. Often, however, what happens is that members of the community never end of socializing at “Social” events.

Below are several programming ideas designed to increase the amount of interaction of community members and encourage peer connections.

All ideas listed below can, and should, be complimented with background research. Many of the programs listed are great conversation pieces and serve as a way to get to know your community members. It is important, however, as a facilitator of these programs to ensure a safe and productive environment in which to have these programs.

- Discussing current events/University affairs: Create a weekly/monthly forum about current events. Discuss points of view in a safe and encouraging environment.
- Myths Legends Folklore: Is big foot real? Loch Ness? UFOs? These topics usually bring forth many different points of view and are great conversation topics.
- Local folklore: Have people research and present information about local folklore. Which buildings on campus are haunted? Who or what haunts them? Has anything strange ever occurred on campus?
- Social Justice: What is it? What’s all the buzz about? Is it here?
- World Affairs/Globalization: Be sure to encourage good conversation. (Know your community before presenting this program)
- Community Birthdays: Celebrate a peers birthday. Bake a cake and invite the floor.
- Community Map: Create a map of your community. You may want to include community member’s majors, where they are from, etc.
- Activism (choose a voice and support it as a community) Make banners, signs, songs/chants, hold rallies, peaceful marches