

Eligibility Considerations for Young Adults to join Connect with PEERS

Suitable to join Connect with PEERS Group	Not Suitable to join Connect with PEERS Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing to participate and be part of the group (motivated to make friends) • Ages 18-30 years of age • Verbal (does not have severe speech or articulation issues) • High-functioning (mild intellectual delay acceptable) and is able to read • Does not engage in problem behaviour (i.e., no behaviours that are highly disruptive or pose a safety risk) • Able to function independently in a group setting (Does not require 1:1 support) • Demonstrates skill deficits with social behaviours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not motivated to make friends • Engages in significant behavioural problems (e.g., violent, aggressive towards others, property destruction, stealing, argumentative, bolting, non-compliance) that may warrant an individualized behaviour support plan or crisis intervention/safety plan • Requires 1:1 support in group contexts • Has severe mental illness (i.e., schizophrenia, bipolar) that may interfere with his/her participation. • Physical or medical condition that prevents participation in activities • Participants must not have taken the program in the past (PEERS Teen is okay) • Limited availability to schedule gets together with others (e.g., free only 1 day a week)

Who could be a Social Coach for the Young Adult?

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<p>An individual who is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to attend weekly sessions for 1.5 hours • Able to assist and debrief weekly homework assignments with young adult • Able to participate in discussions that are on topic for a long period of time • Demonstrates good social skills and is able to teach or model appropriate social skills to the young adult • Sees the young adult on a regular basis (at least 3-4 times throughout the week) 	<p>An Individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partner to the young adult • An employer or co-worker of the young adult • Finds it difficult to focus for long periods of time • Finds it difficult to stay on topic • Not interested in social skills • Sees the young adult once a week or just over the weekend