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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: FES CONFERENCE 2022

BA Social Work Peer Mentoring Scheme

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Peer mentoring within the HE context is a process of reciprocal support whereby more experienced students act as 'mentor' in order to support student 'mentees' to enhance their university experience

(Andrews and Clark, 2011; Lev, Kolassa and Bakken, 2010)

Benefits of peer mentoring

For the mentee:



**SUPPORTING
TRANSITION INTO HE**



**FLATTER POWER
DYNAMICS**



**CLEARER
UNDERSTANDING
AND REDUCED
WORRY**



**DEVELOPING
RESILIENCE**



**INCREASED
CONFIDENCE AND
ENGAGEMENT**



**PROFESSIONAL
IDENTITY**

Benefits of peer mentoring

For the mentor and the programme:



MENTORS

- Building confidence
- Learning from mentees
- Developing self-awareness
- Developing a sense of professional identity




PROGRAMME LEVEL

- Reducing attrition and supporting retention
- Improving engagement
- Reducing levels of anxiety about study
- Positive impact on student attendance and average grades



Why introduce
a mentoring
scheme?



What can we learn from the 'Buddy Up' Scheme?

(Simpson et al., 2022)



Structure

Recruitment

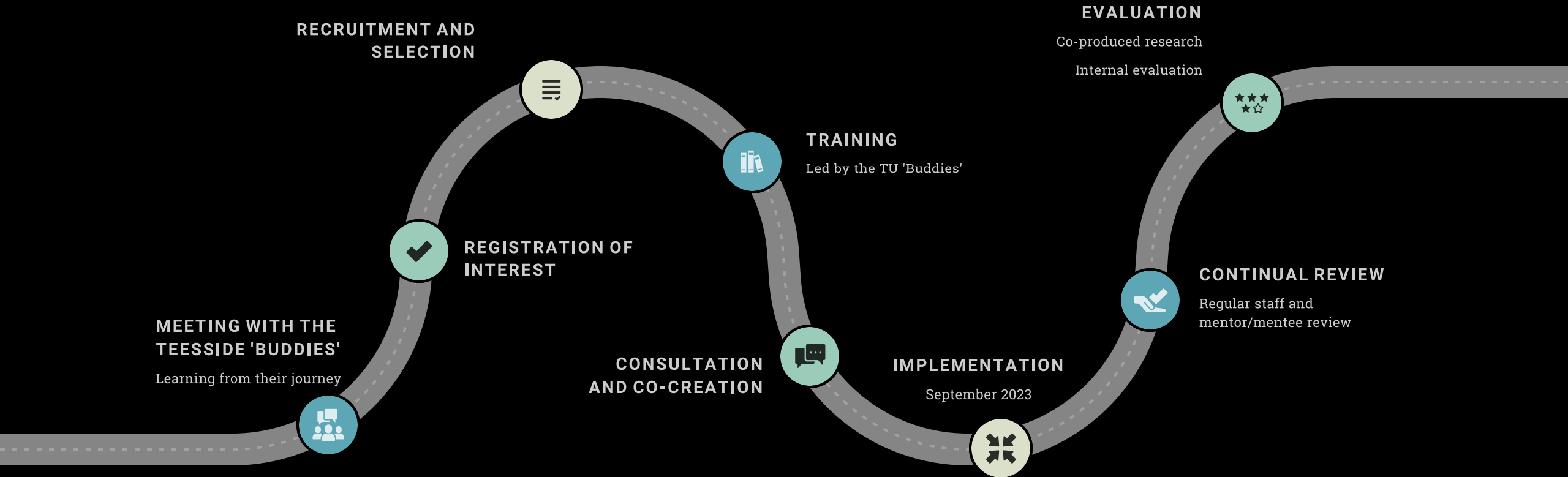


Facilitation



Expectations

What are our plans?



Thoughts?
Questions?



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