

# Buddy Challenges: Connect, Share, and Celebrate!

*These challenges are designed to help you connect, share knowledge, and celebrate your time together at the Global Nodes Events 2025.*

## If you only have time for one challenge:

- Become a Matchmaker 🌱:** Invest a few moments to learn about your buddies' professional or personal interests. Then, introduce them to someone in your existing network who could share that interest or potentially support their work.

## If you have a few minutes more:

- Capture the Moment 📸:** Snap a group **selfie** **with all your buddies**. Share it with your group to celebrate your time together, and/or upload it at [gbif.link/gn2025-selfies](https://gbif.link/gn2025-selfies) to share with the wider community.
- Pick Your Alter Ego 🦠:** Imagine you could be one of these: a **versatile fungus**, a **resilient tardigrade**, a **friendly capybara**, or a **resourceful raven**. Tell your buddies which one you'd choose and, most importantly, why.
- Count Your 'Hats' 🎩:** Discuss with your buddies to discover and total how many different **roles** your group collectively plays within the GBIF community (e.g., reviewers, trainers, mentors, regional representatives, committee members, translators, open data ambassadors, task group members, etc.).
- "Did You Know?" 💡:** Share the most useful **tip or trick** you've recently discovered for maximizing your use of **GBIF.org**—or any of GBIF's clubs or services—that is relevant to your work.
- Mood Compass Check 📈:** Use the printouts on your table for **each person** to mark their own **mood and energy** level at the start and/or end of the day. This helps everyone check in individually.

