



# GETTING YOUR FYE GROUP STARTED

## ACTIVATE YOUR SUPPORT:

CONTACT YOUR PEER MENTOR, GET ACQUAINTED. ESTABLISH RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. DECIDE ON A FACILITATOR WHO WILL BE YOUR 'BUDDY FACILITATOR' FOR THE YEAR. SUPPORT IS ALWAYS A GOOD THING.

## START COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:

EMAIL YOUR WHATSAPP LINK TO YOUR GROUP MEMBERS. WELCOME THEM TO YOUR GROUP AND INVITE THEM TO JOIN YOUR WHATSAPP GROUP VIA THE LINK. ONCE YOU HAVE A CORE OF PERSONS IN THE GROUP, INTRODUCE YOURSELF & PEER MENTOR, MEET THE STUDENTS. YOU CAN DECIDE ON FYE MEETING TIME (TYPICALLY THURSDAYS AT 2PM) & MEETING MODE (ZOOM/GOOGLE MEET). SET UP A RECURRING MEETING

## CREATE GROUP RULES:

SHARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS WITH THE GROUP. ALLOW THEM TO SHARE THEIR EXPECTATIONS. TOGETHER YOU CAN COME UP WITH SOME GOALS FOR THE YEAR (USE FYE OBJECTIVES AS A GUIDE) AND SET SOME GUIDELINES FOR HOW THE GROUP WILL OPERATE.

## DISCUSS THE YEAR'S SCHEDULE AND STUDENTS' NEEDS:

DISCUSS EARLY ON WHAT TOPICS ARE SET TO BE COVERED IN FYE. BE FLEXIBLE. THE MAIN GOAL IS TO GET OUR STUDENTS ACADEMIC & SOCIAL SUPPORT AND FOR THEM TO FEEL CONNECTED TO THE UWI. METHODS OF ACHIEVING THIS CAN AND SHOULD VARY WHEN A GROUP IS DYNAMIC

## GROUP TECHNIQUES:

ONCE GROUP IS UNDERWAY, YOU MAY ASSIGN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BRING OUT CERTAIN SKILLS AND TALENTS. FYE HAS CURATED ICEBREAKER ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR YOU THAT CAN BRING OUT STUDENT PERSONALITIES. EVENTUALLY, ACTIVITIES AND DISCOURSE IN THE GROUPS WILL REVEAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES WHICH, AS A FACILITATOR, YOU CAN DEVELOP.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONE ON ONE RAPPORT:

ONE ON ONE CHECK IN WITH YOUR STUDENTS (POSSIBLY VIA WHATSAPP) CAN ALSO DEVELOP A BOND BETWEEN FACILITATOR AND STUDENT. USE THIS FEATURE TO CHECK ON PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLNESS AS WELL AS ACADEMIC PROGRESS

## SUPPORT FOR YOU:

YOU CAN REQUEST ONE ON ONE CONSULTATION FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT, FACILITATOR TIPS & TRICKS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES AT ANY TIME.  
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