Peer advice, support and communication – using students to inform students at La Trobe Melbourne

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Who is a PEER?

2 types of peers...
• Givers
• Receivers

Givers:
• Stronger control factor

Receivers:
• Highly unpredictable
Givers:
- Domestic students from LTU
- International students from LTU
- Students from LTU Residential colleges
- Alumni of LTM, studying at LTU
- Current students of LTM

 Receivers:
- Students of English language, Foundation Studies, Diploma & Degree
PEER Cycle

Receivers   Givers
**Givers…**
- Sense of fairness & equality
- Flexible
- Professional
- Able communicators
- Self motivated
- Resilient, accountable, dependable
- Able to troubleshoot

**Receivers…**
- Open-minded
- Willing to ask questions & exchange ideas
- Open to feedback
Givers...
- Undergo selection process
- Offered incentives
- Some training is provided
- Resources are provided

 Receivers...
- Self-select to join
- May be referred by an academic
- Poor commitment
- Not regular or punctual
PEER activities:  Other success factors

• Schedule
• Advertising
• Infrastructure
• Training
• Resources
• Surveys & feedback
• Flexibility
Current PEER groups at LTM

- Activities & festivals
- Online advise
- Excursions
- Academic advice
- Focus groups
- Group Conversation
- Registration & Enrolment
- Campus Tours
- Orientation in students’ own languages
Past PEER groups

• Visits to La Trobe Secondary College
• Work placement
• Volunteer work
• Language exchange
• Conversation with U3A students
• Disabled students’ project
• Auslan
• Farm stay
• Cooking
• Free English practice
• Interviews
• Dance & Drama
• Transition to University Programs
PEERS: Future Practice

- Based on student preferences
- Focus groups
- Student ambassadors
- Volunteers
- Excursions
- Registration, enrolment & orientation
- Campus tours
- Conversation sessions
- Sports activities
- Academic advice
- New ideas
Any Questions?