

# PROGRESS Partnerships



## What?

A PROGRESS partnership is a commitment between two or more people to encourage each other towards the achievement of their individual goals, as recorded on their Lifewide PROGRESS Reports.

## Why?

Sometimes it helps for us to be accountable to someone besides ourselves for the goals we set. And, of course, it is so much better when we can share the excitement of our achievements with someone else.

## Who?

In the case of students, PROGRESS partners can either be a

- group of students, or
- group of students with a teacher, or
- group of students with an approved adult community member.

Any PROGRESS partnership involving an adult, other than the teacher, should have the approval of the parent(s).

## When

The members of each PROGRESS partnership decide for themselves how, and how often, they will communicate with each other and the various ways they can help each other to achieve their goals.

Ideally, at the end of the term/semester/year, all members of a PROGRESS partnership can celebrate together their collective achievements.

## More than a mentoring program

Even where PROGRESS partnerships involve a substantial difference in age groupings, it is essential that all members of the **partnership share the same level of responsibility** and commitment towards encouraging others to achieve their goals.

Although older members of the partnership may have more life experience, a PROGRESS partnership is a **peer relationship, aimed at nurturing inclusive communities**, within which younger members have the opportunity to acquire valuable **social capital**.