

Expectations alignment

Talk about the questions and agree about what you expect from each other, this is a tool for communicating not a legal agreement.

What would you like to get out of participating?

- Concrete solutions to practical problems?
- A general introduction to the local community?
- Culture Exchange?
- Friendship?
- Should your families be involved?

How do you meet?

- Do you meet physically?
- Can you call or write together? In that case, how long a response time can you expect?
- How are you together? Do you just talk, or do you eat together or go for a walk?
- Can you meet for a joint activity? Eg. the children's swimming/riding/gymnastics/football
- If there are events, it makes sense to go to them together to help the newcomers settle in well the local community, e.g. Christmas tree party, communal dining, open practice at the badminton club, etc.?
- Do you speak Danish together?

How much time do you have to meet? Remember to be realistic about work, family and free time

- Should it be fixed times, e.g. every week or month? Or only when needed?
- How long are your meetings? An hour? More or less? Or as needed?
- How long do we agree to meet up? 3 months? Shorter or longer time?

What if it doesn't work?

There can be many reasons why the relationship does not work, e.g. less time, lack of chemistry or changed life situations

- How do we tell each other? Does it have to go through someone else?
- Do you need an explanation?
- Can you help find someone else? If you would like to be matched with someone new, you are always welcome to contact the Frivilligcenter Tønder

Things to remember

Cultural differences

We all come from different backgrounds. There are things we don't understand and things we don't know, and it can make us insecure. The best advice is that you always try to be open and explain why you do what you do. And that you dare to ask curiously if there is something you are unsure about. Things that are completely natural for one may be complete strange for the other person.

Language

Danish is a difficult language, but it is a big part of being part of a Danish community. Try to keep Danish as your common language. Be patient with each other and follow these tips:

- Speak slowly and in simple, short sentences
- Use tools, e.g. pictograms or picture books
- Be active. It is easier to communicate when you take a walk

Keep in mind that the NaboSkaberen is not supposed to help with legal or financial issues.

Good luck with your match!