

LikeMinded Mentors

The experience of many LGBTI+ young people can be made either significantly better or worse by the adults around them. As part of LikeMinded every young participant will be supported by an adult mentor, **vetted, interviewed and trained by Gaisce**. The participants will benefit from the one-to-one support offered by the Mentor who will not judge them and whom they do not have to worry about coming out to. The Mentor will have a role in supporting and motivating the participant to achieve all aspects of their Gaisce Award. Successful Mentors will receive mentor training and a full role specification. If you are already a Gaisce President's Award Leader (PAL) you will not need to attend specific PAL training again, however if not, you will have to attend one of the PAL training dates scheduled in January or early February before you get to work with your participant. Main duties, timeline and requirements of the Mentor:

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application deadline January 25th 	Interviews will be required at a time to suit Mentor
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentor Training February 9th or 16th Mentor and participant meet up February 28th 	Ratra House Phoenix Park
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 scheduled meetings with participant (scheduled through the LikeMinded co-ordinator). 	Venues to be decided by Mentor and participant but must be approved by LikeMinded co-ordinator
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 scheduled meetings as above 	Easter Holidays may interrupt schedules
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 scheduled meetings or contacts Supervision session with the LikeMinded Coordinator at a date to be agreed 	May can be a busy month for participants and so contact will suffice, such as by email or phone call
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 scheduled meeting Participation at Pride March to be decided by the LikeMinded group 	Mentors will be encouraged to participate or meet up with participant
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 scheduled meeting Adventure Journey 2-3 days from July 12th to 14th 	It is expected that both Mentors and Participants will take part in the Adventure Journey
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No scheduled meetings but check-ins or support contact if required 	August may be a useful catch up month for weeks of activity missed for whatever reason
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 21st celebration of participants achievements and acknowledgement for Mentors Evaluation of the project 	Venue to be decided

***The dates in the above table may be subject to change.**