



DCU Autism Friendly University

Autism Summer Program and transition to DCU

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There are 11 slides and I will present for 10 minutes

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Why a summer program?

Over the past number of years, we have observed an increase of autistic first year students struggling to settle into college due to lack of familiarity with college practices. Some of the challenges include:

- Socialising and learning in an overwhelming sensory environment
- Group Work where communication is not clear
- Using support services
- Navigating campus



Preparation for the Program

Student Handbook sent three weeks in advance of program,

- Timetable
- What to expect and what is expected of you
- Photos and videos of venues
- Key contacts for questions

Training for Student Ambassadors

Review of previous years– what worked and did not work

Campus Explorer



Program Content

- Introduction to student service: "My experience at College"/Q&A
- Understanding your own autistic self, sensory profile/diet checklist
- Campus Tour, include sensory pods and quiet space, accommodation, labs, library and how to use
- Using your strengths to navigate social and college life
- Reflection - any questions or Concerns about college?
- Different Thinking styles,
- Lab Tour
- Introduction to Assistive Technology
- Student Recruitment: pathways, course choice
- "My experience at College" (including INTRA, Redbrick) /Q&A
- Neurodivergent Society: what type of events + student experience



Autistic Voice

- Guest speakers are predominately autistic staff members of DCU
- Student Ambassadors are autistic and previous participants of the program



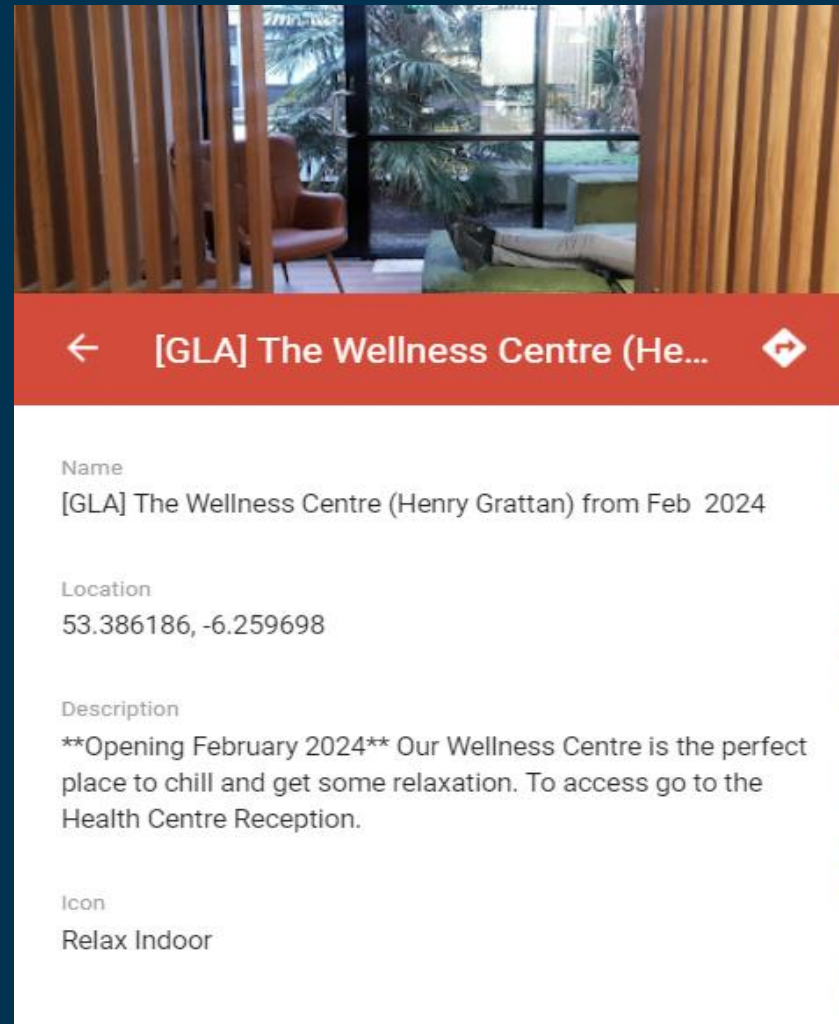
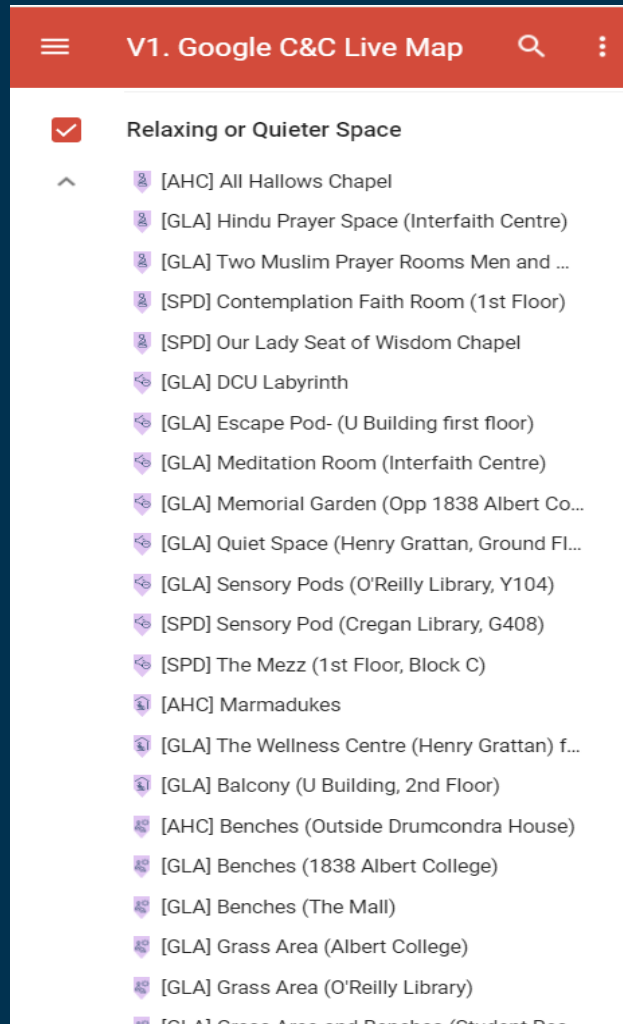
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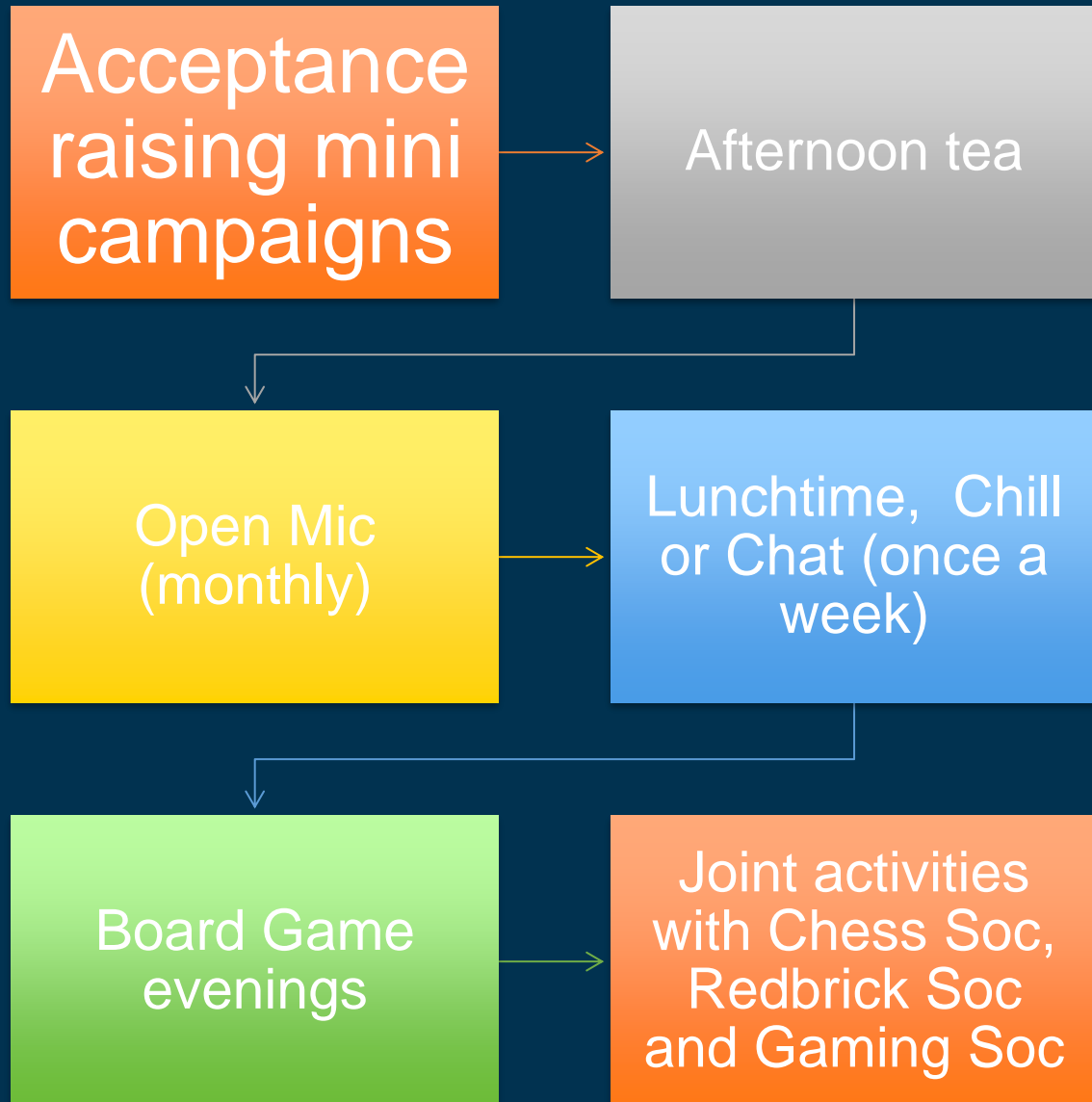
Launch Campus explorer Phase Two.



Map of Quieter Spaces



DCU Neurodivergent Society Events



Knowing Ewe, Knowing Me

Neurotypical people tend

Not to say exactly what they think
and assume everyone does the
same



Autistic people tend

To say exactly what they think and
assume everyone does the same



10 different sides throughout day- week 11

autism&uni



Search



Before you Start



Settling into DCU



Our Services



Directions and Locations



Student Stories



Professional Interviews



Thank you

