



How does it work?

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SIGN UP

Submit your application by filling out the form on www.buddy.unhcr.it. You will be contacted by one of our representatives to discuss your expectations and reasons.

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TRAINING

You will be invited to participate in a training course to acquire knowledge and skills that will be useful to become a buddy.

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MATCHING

By comparing your personal characteristics with those of the refugees registered with the project, **we will assign you to support a person who will feel comfortable with you.** We will check your compatibility together.

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MEETING

The project, lasting a minimum of six months, will then start. During this period, you both can start to meet up and get to know each other in a way that suits your needs. We will be by your side for the entire process.

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Create a connection: become a buddy!

*Community matching. Communities and Refugees
Together for Integration.*



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Do you want to provide real support for a refugee living in your area?

Sign up to this project! You can build a close, friendly relationship with a refugee living in your area. A whole new world will open up for both of you: the refugee will find new friends as well as practical and emotional support, and you will have the opportunity to discover a new outlook on life.

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What does a buddy do?

A buddy is a volunteer who chooses to support a refugee in their journey of personal growth and integration for free. This means helping them solve everyday problems, offering support to make the best choices as well as in terms of study or work, sharing friendship and leisure time, and encouraging them to fulfill their potential.

As a buddy, you can, for example:

- help them discover the area and get to know places and people
- invite them to events as well as organise trips in the area and other social activities
- help them to learn Italian
- help them with socio-economic integration (finding a home and a job, preparing for exams and/or getting a driving license)
- provide support with bureaucratic procedures.