

The North Bay Connector Program

»» Connecting Opportunity

What is the Connector Program?

- The Connector Program is a volunteer referral process that puts newcomers in touch with business owners and operators, managers, volunteers, community leaders...
- People who can make a valuable difference socially and professionally, to someone new to North Bay and area

Why is it important?

The North Bay Connector Program:

- Connects local internationally trained and skilled newcomers with professionals in the community
- Helps newcomers gain the opportunity to use their talents and offer international expertise to local organizations
- Supports the integration of newcomers into the community and the retention of talent and diversity in North Bay and area

Who are Connectors?

- Connectors are people in North Bay and area with vast networks in the community and are used to introducing people.
- Connectors are personable, open-minded, and are in contact with people from different professional, social, and cultural backgrounds.

Who are Newcomers?

The North Bay Connector Program qualifies newcomers as anyone new to North Bay and area. Including people who have relocated from another country and those who are here from other parts of Canada.

How does it work?

Connection

- Connectors and Newcomers register in the program roster
- An e-mail will be sent to both parties when a suggested match has been made

Meeting

- Meetings are short and informal (i.e. meet for coffee)
- Connector then determines two introductions based on the Newcomer's interests, background, and/or experience

Referral

- The Connector introduces the Newcomer to two of their contacts
- Both parties complete the program feedback form

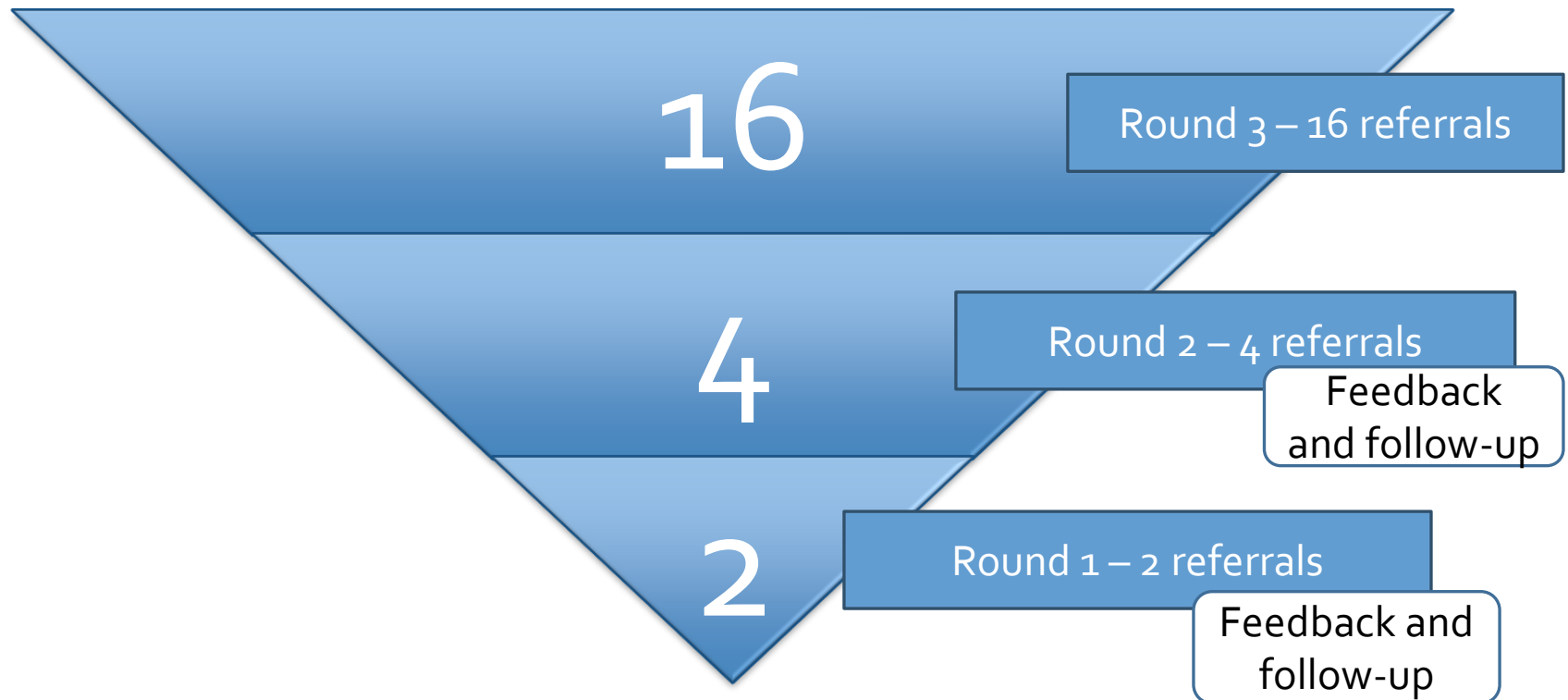
What does it involve?

- Connections are meant to be short and informal meetings that may take around 30 minutes in a time and place that is convenient for you.
- Connectors are given information about the person they will be meeting with in advance.
- Topics of conversation may include professional backgrounds, social interests, local clubs and organizations, or potential employment opportunities.

Who can I refer?

- Referrals are anyone within the Connector's professional or social network who would be appropriate to meet with someone new to the community.
- Referrals will be tracked for the first two rounds through an e-mail survey or by a follow-up phone call.

The referral process



Become a Connector



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