

# Use recommended approaches to support social interaction

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Key areas to support' from the Guide: Low vision and learning

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## Ideas to support social interaction

Gary Veenstra describes how he works with teenagers and young people to develop communication and social interaction skills.



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## **Model social inclusion**

One of the critical components of social inclusion is that all students see themselves and others as full participants in the classroom, the school and the community. Respect, value and interact with your student with low vision as you do with all other students in class. All the students will model their behaviour on yours.

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# Get peers to help

Student leaders helped a new student with low vision to confidently use playground equipment. (Starts at 1:24)



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## **Useful resources**



#### Social interaction skills

Social interaction skills

Publisher: Family Connect, American Printing House for the Blind

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### EPIC Youth NZ Facebook group

The EPIC Youth group represents the Youth Engagement Strategy that has been co-created by youth and the Blind Foundation. The latest information about events aimed at Blind and vision impaired/low vision youth will be posted here.

Publisher: EPIC Youth NZ

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