

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

AMS RESOURCE GROUP

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Disabilities United Collective
Incorporating accessibility into all aspects of UBC

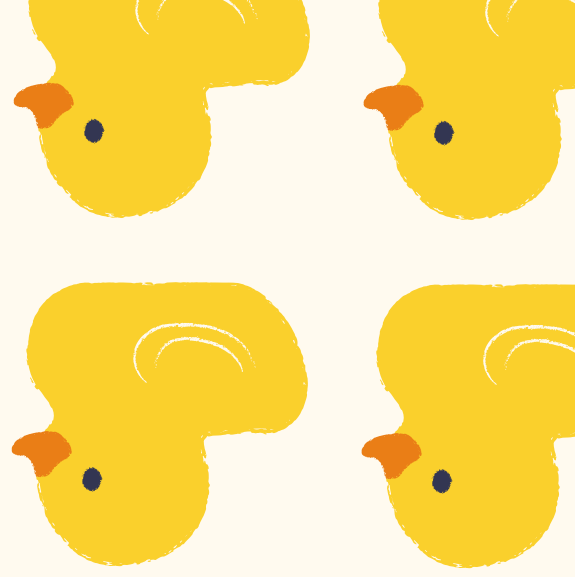


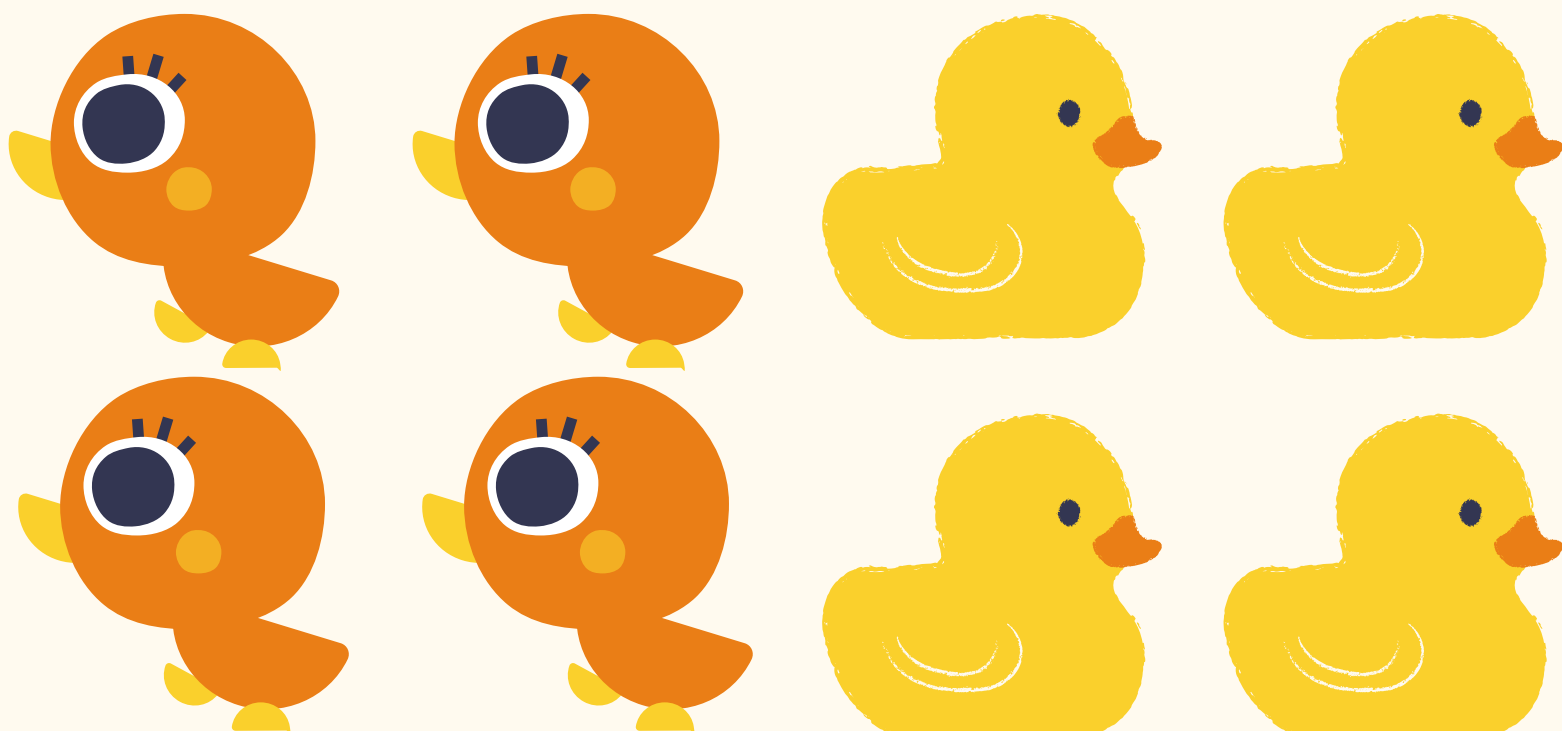
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WELCOME MESSAGE

We are a student-run advocacy and support resource group for disabled students at UBC. Our aim is to increase accessibility on campus and provide a safe and empowering space for neurodivergent and physically disabled students. We achieve this by providing financial, emotional, and practical support.

DUC Welcomes You!

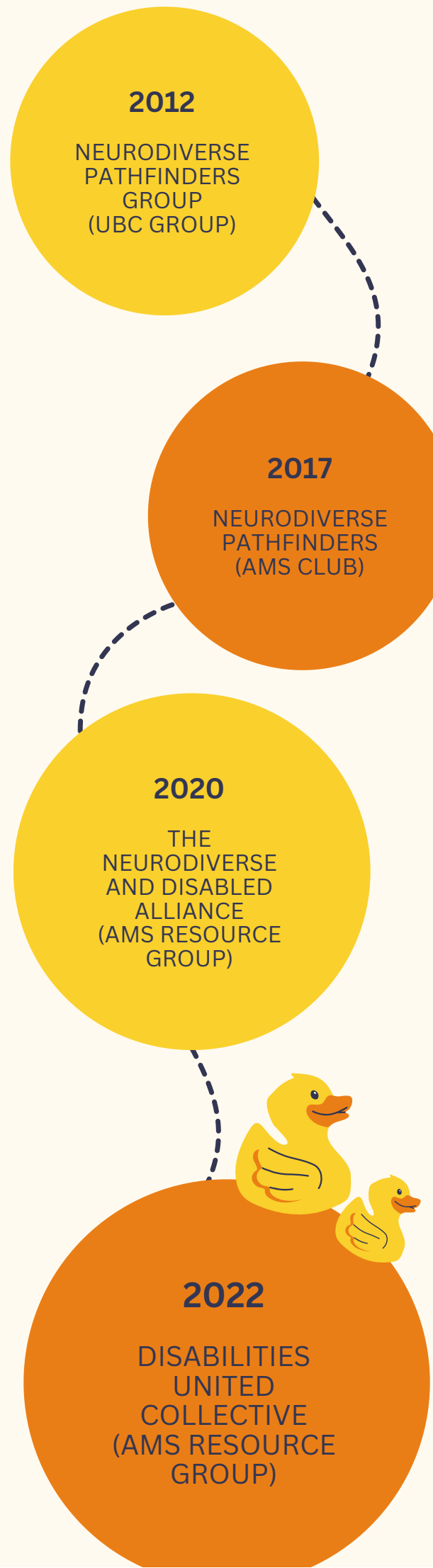


ABOUT US

When DUC was first founded, the group was named the **Neurodiverse Pathfinders** group, founded by undergraduate student Adrian Cheng in 2012. At the time, the group specifically focused on neurodevelopmental disorders and creating a community for neurodiverse students and neurotypical allies.

In 2017, the group was constituted as an AMS club. Three years later, the club officially became a resource group under the name "**Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance**".

In 2021, Oliver MacDonald reformed this group into the **Disabilities United Club (DUC)**. With a name change in 2022 to **Disabilities United Collective**, DUC has now become the resource group aimed at accessibility on campus it is today.



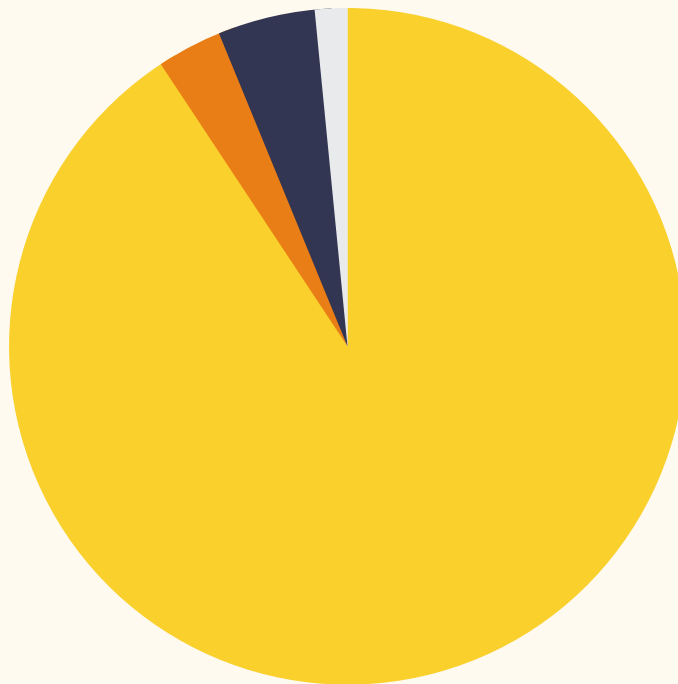
MEMBERSHIP

DUC membership is free of charge. So are all of our services.

In 2022, we proudly served:

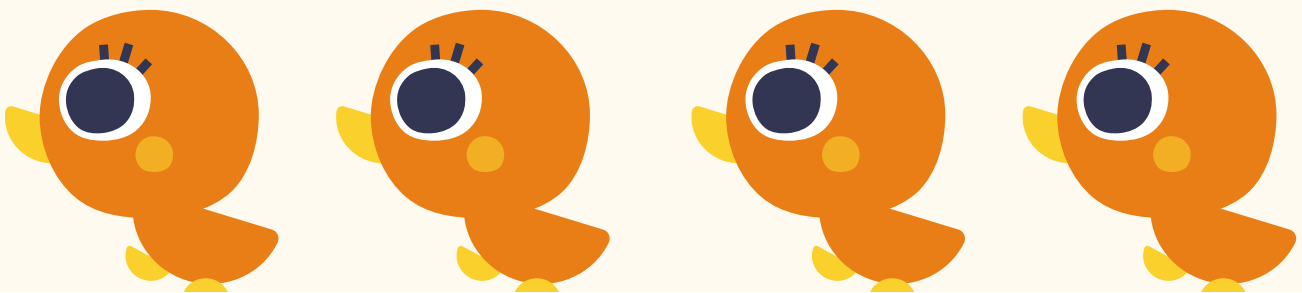
131 MEMBERS

Unsure/Questioning
4.7%

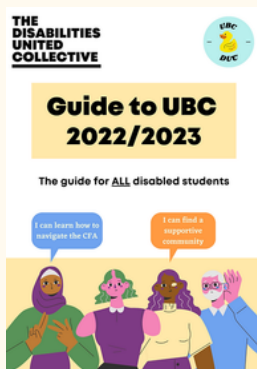


Disabled
90.7%

DISABILITY IDENTITY



PUBLICATIONS



SURVIVAL GUIDE

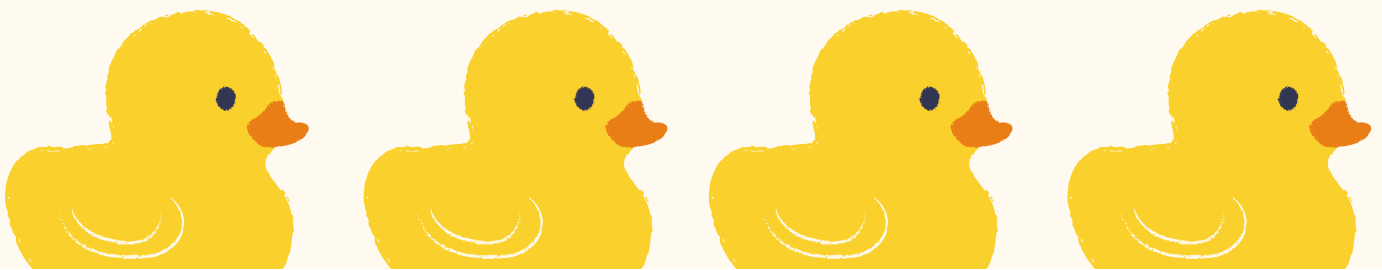
Our first project as a collective was the creation of a survival guide for students with disabilities. We released the guide in Term 1. The guide included student testimonials, advice (such as registering with the CFA), and resources.



DIAGNOSTIC GUIDE

This guide helps navigate the BC healthcare system and assessment services for adults by providing:

- A directory of over 30 assessment services for adults or adolescents
- An overview of the B.C. healthcare system and how assessments work
- Many pre- and post-assessment tips!



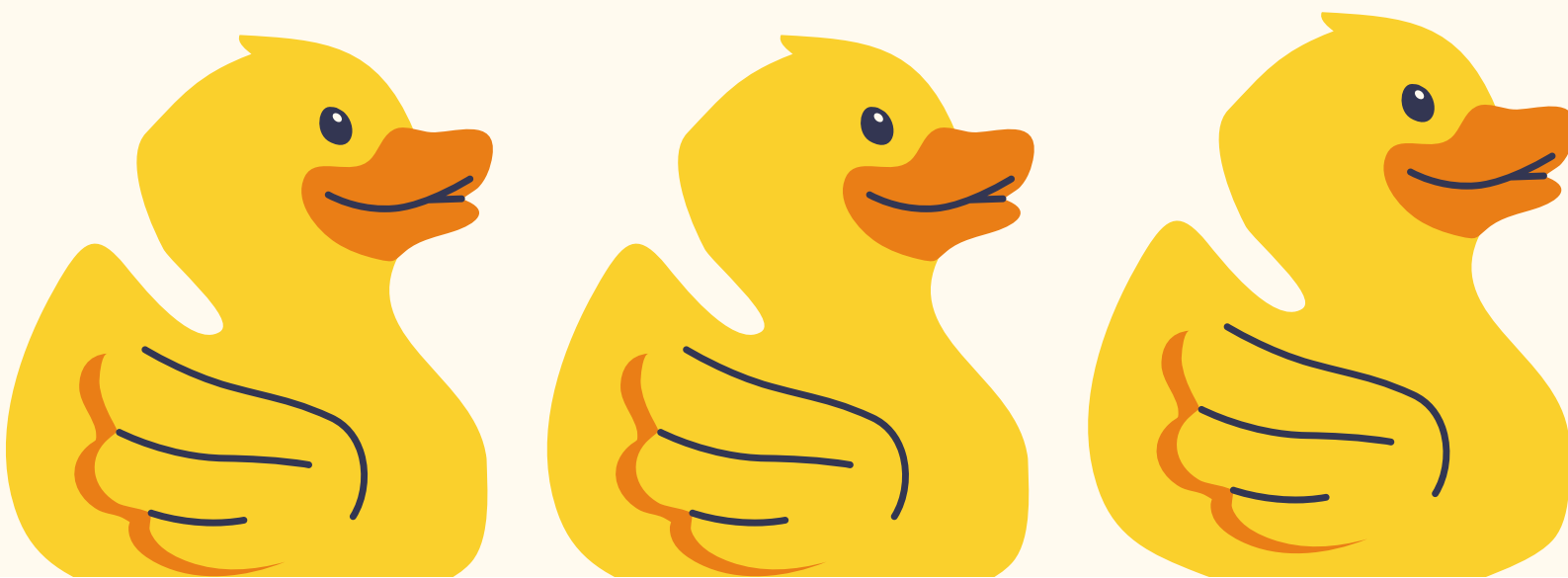
SENSORY ROOM

A new sensory room at UBC opened in September 2022 in the Nest (2nd Floor). Our Co-President Rabiah Dhaliwal helped in the creation of the rooms alongside UBC Engineering student Stephanie Quon.

- Open: 7 days/ week 8 AM- 8 PM
- Book the space in advance

Items in the rooms include:

- Art supplies
- Fidget & stim toys
- Noise cancelling headphones
- Space lights
- Bubble tubes
- Mindfulness and wellness supplies
- Bean bag chairs



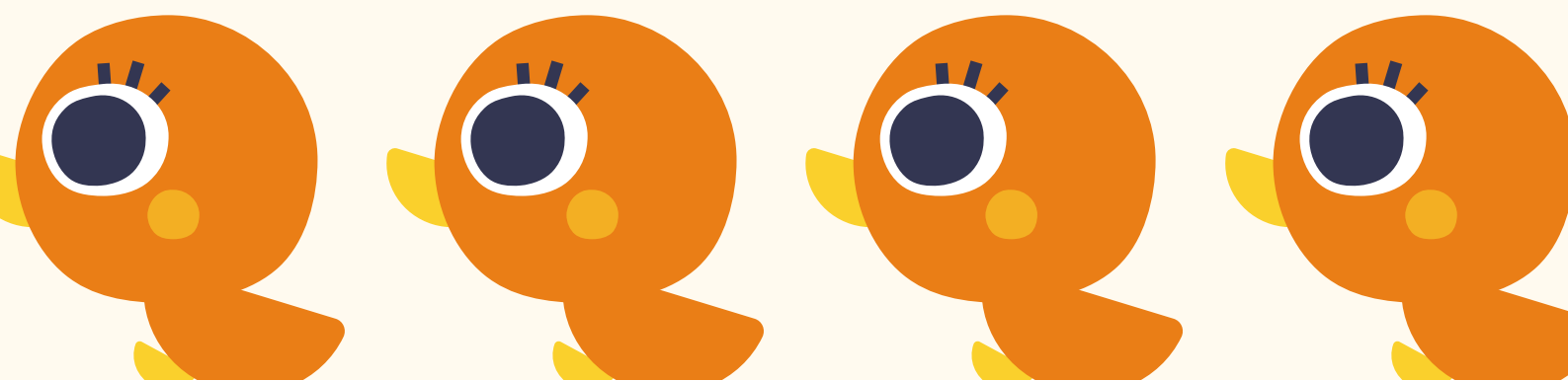
EVENTS

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Halloween social (Oct 29)
- Welcome Back Social (Jan 20)
- Valentine’s day Social (Feb 11)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Perspective & Conversation: Studying and practicing law with a medical condition or disability (March 9)



DISCUSSION GROUPS

ADHD

This was our first discussion group of the year!

QUEER & ND

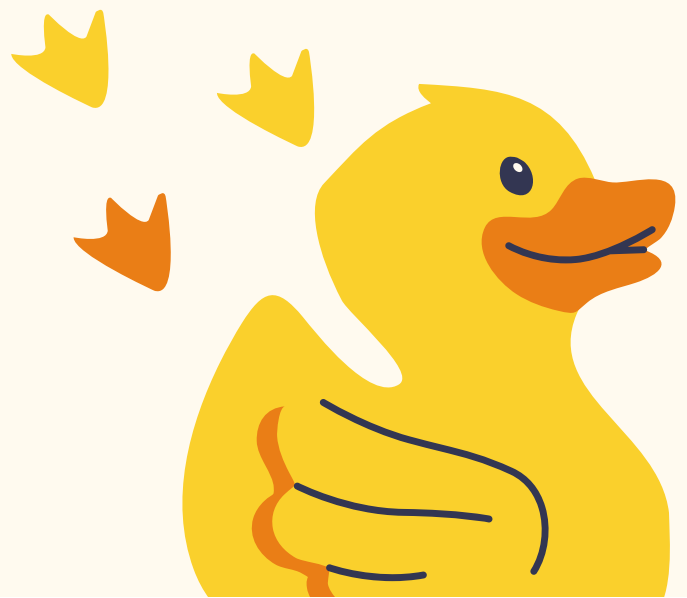
An important discussion group that began in January 2023.

Physical Disabilities

Let us know how we could improve engagement!



**FEEDBACK
FORM**



PARTNERSHIPS



AMS SIGNS @ UBC

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UBC Club

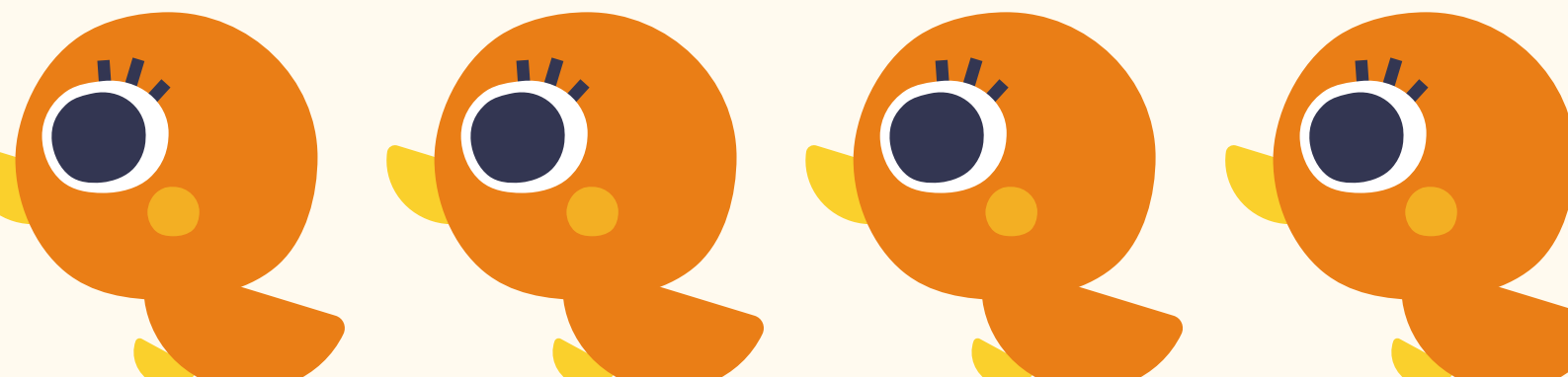
DUC offered free weekly ASL lessons to DUC members through a partnership with AMS Signs.



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Student e-Mental Health Project

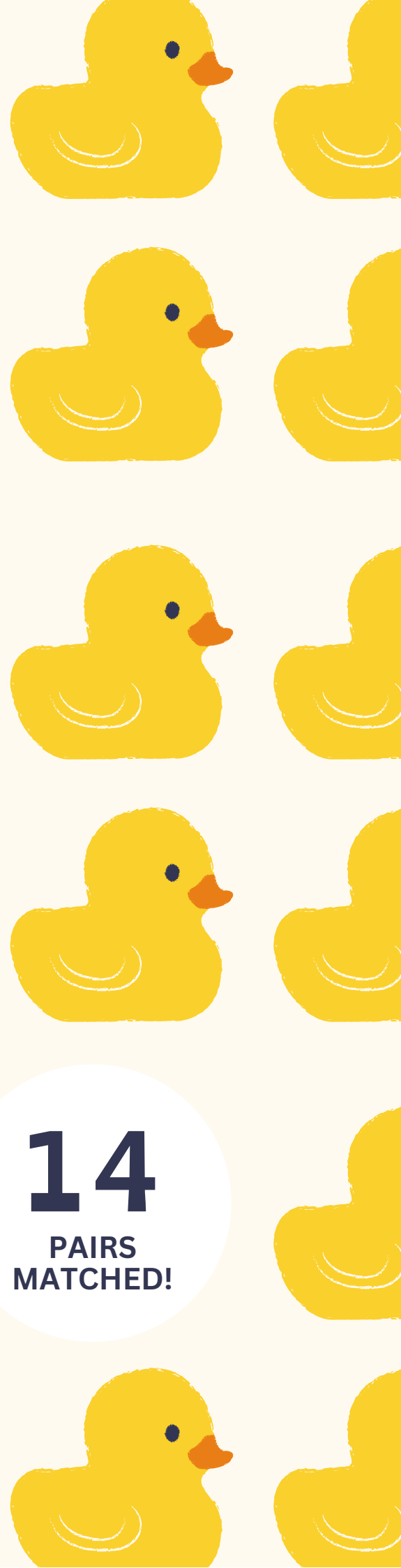
DUC voiced our community's needs and experiences with BC healthcare services by joining the Student Advisory Committee for this government-funded project.



MENTOR -SHIP PROGRAM

This program provided support, advice, and networking opportunities to aid students who self-identify as having a disability(s) in their professional and personal development.

Mentees are matched with a mentor who is at a further stage of their academic or career journey (a senior undergrad student [year 3+], graduate student, professor/instructor, or UBC alum) who also identifies as having a disability. The mentor serves as a teacher, role model and resource to the mentee for the duration of the program.



ADVOCACY

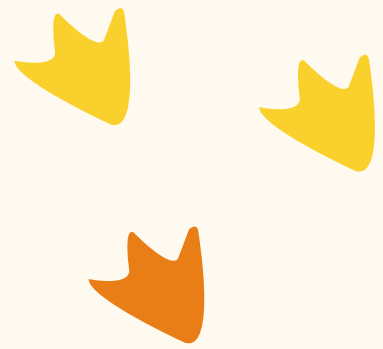
**Hybrid / Recorded Lecture /
Universal Design for Learning Campaign**

CFA Reforming Campaign

Provincial Alliance Consultation

More to come!





JOIN US / OUR COMMITTEES!



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Nest Room 2107 (Resource Groups Area)



<https://discord.gg/PB5wCgpNvX>

JOIN THE DISCORD OR EMAIL US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!