

# Inclusive spaces don't happen over night

Accessibility, representation, and belonging require intentional design, ongoing reflection, and a willingness to listen to those who have historically been excluded.

From adaptive skateboarding to queer-inclusive spaces and access to equipment, the most impactful projects actively remove barriers rather than expecting people to overcome them alone.



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# Trust comes before participation

Before people engage, they need to feel safe, respected, and welcomed. Whether working with young people, refugees, women and girls, Indigenous communities, or queer and trans+ skaters, meaningful participation starts with building relationships and trust.

When people feel seen, heard, and valued, skateboarding becomes much more than an activity, it becomes a space for connection, growth, and belonging.



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# Get going with what you have

Many of today's most inspiring social skate projects didn't begin with major funding or perfect facilities.

They started with one skateboard, a handful of participants, and someone willing to show up consistently.

Impact doesn't always begin with resources – it begins with commitment, creativity, and a belief that something meaningful can grow from small starts.



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# Community is the foundation of sustainability

Funding matters, but people are what keep projects thriving. Strong relationships, trusted partnerships, dedicated volunteers, and shared ownership create the foundations for long-term impact.

The most sustainable projects aren't built by individuals alone, they're led by communities that support one another, share opportunities, and grow together.



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