



STUDENTS AS ..  
**CHANGE**  
AGENTS .....



# Students as Change Agents

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# What is SACHA?

Challenge programme empowering students to become lifelong change agents

- Interdisciplinary
- Experiential
- Based around design thinking
- Data informed
- Contributes to Sustainable Development Goals



# HOW DID SACHA DEVELOP?



Initial collaboration between Careers Service and student enterprise team



Seed funding from Data Driven Innovation Programme



Strong desire from **students** to apply their learning and create positive social impact



Interest from **organisations** to get to know our students, innovate with them



# PARTNERS



- **Identify partners**
- **Negotiate challenge question**
- **Restrict time commitment**
- **~200 hours of research**
  - **Ideas - videos, reports**
- **Gateway to the university**



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# HOW CAN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY IN A POST-COVID SCOTLAND CREATE JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH?

Partner: Scottish Music Industry Association (SMIA)

The Scottish Music Industry Association (SMIA) is a membership organisation and innovation agency which exists to represent and develop Scotland's music industry

**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



**13** CLIMATE  
ACTION





***“I genuinely think that especially at a time like just now, when there are just so many challenges for the music industry, that having such insightful and really well articulated ideas has really given us a lot of food for thought, and it will totally inform our strategy so, please recognise the importance of this work”***

Robert Kilpatrick, Scottish Music industry Association, Host 2021



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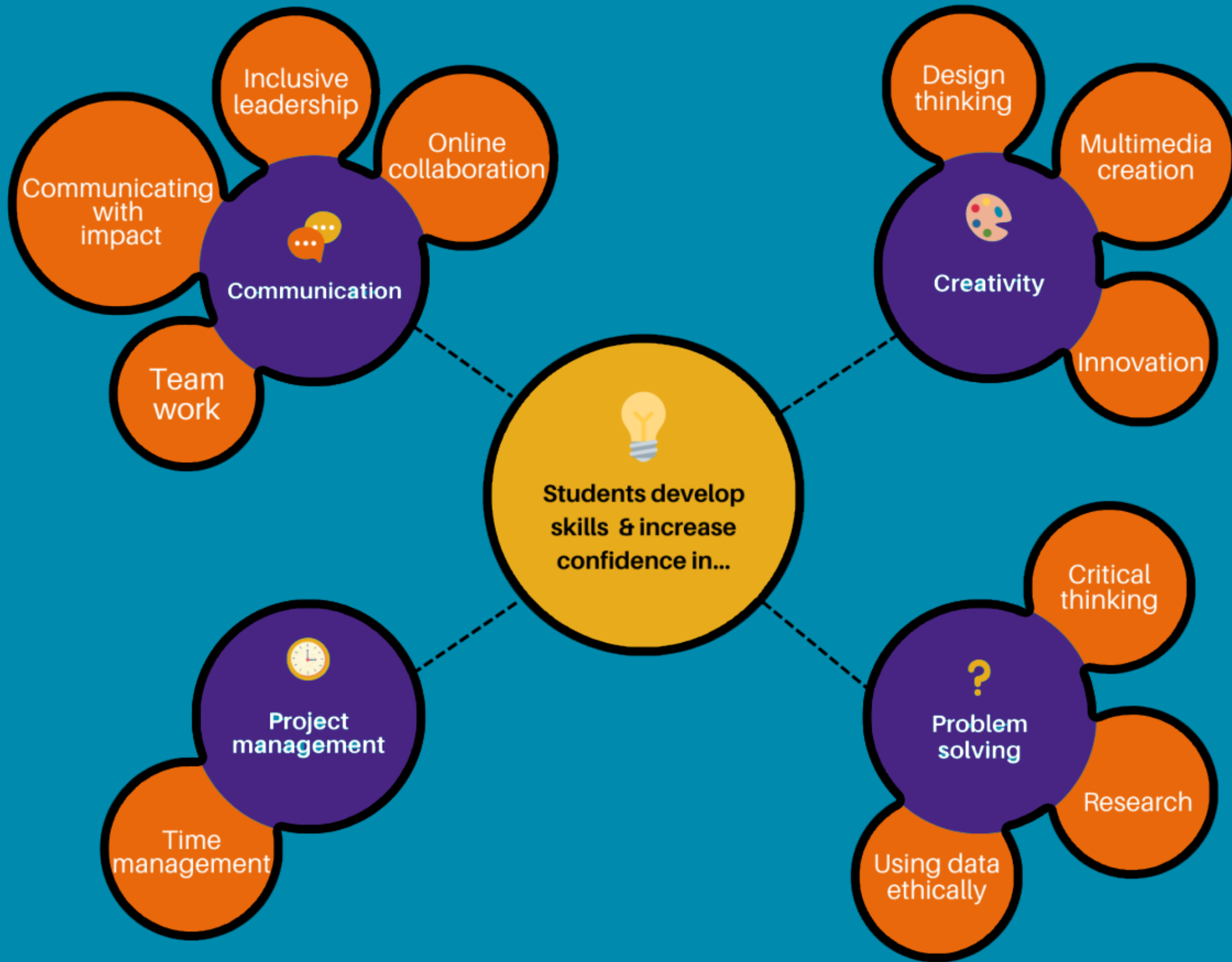
# STUDENTS



- **Confidence**
- **Networks**
- **Impact**
- **Skills...**



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***"The SACHA programme showed me that I'm capable of so much more than I thought."***

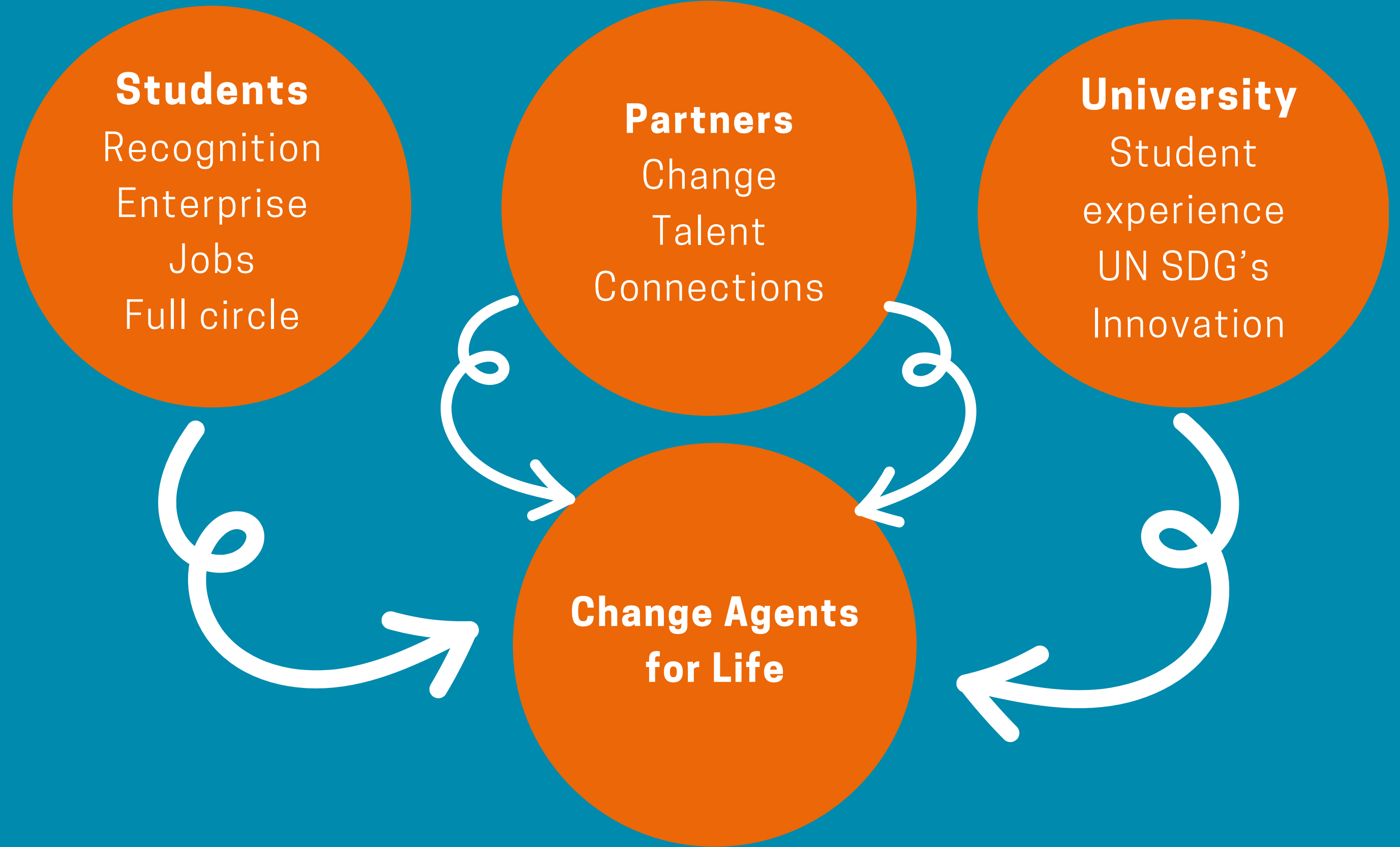
***"SACHA simply means realising the impact one can make and that having a position of authority is not the only way to effect change in this world."***

*Student Change Agents*



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# OUTCOMES



# Where next?

- Continue in the co-curriculum, diversify partner base
- Elective course for 1st and 2nd year students in Edinburgh Futures Institute
- Cross-university experiential learning option for 3rd/4th year in new curriculum



# FIND OUT MORE

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