

# Benefits & FAQs

## What does Changemakers offer me?

- Changemaker programmes are practical: the skills & leadership you develop will help you become an employee of choice/be ready to build your own initiative/become an effective intrapreneur in NGOs, civic leadership, arts...
- You'll adopt an entrepreneurial approach to problem solving, a frame of mind essential for thriving in work, system-change, and in life
- You'll deepen your capacity for building equality, diversity and justice now and in the future
- You'll grow and develop the attributes of compassion, empathy and self-awareness, attributes crucial for your own thriving and for whole-system survival
- You'll gain excellent leadership skills & perspectives above and beyond the academic excellence you're already building
- You'll find the space to reflect on yourself, becoming more self-aware and more aware of your relationship to what is happening in the world
- You'll develop your well-being mindset and see how that can lead to profound social change too
- You'll acquire practical skills to be future ready: mentoring, pitching, communicating, leadership, collaboration, digital reputation, problem-solving, influencing, systems-thinking, green finance
- You'll develop and expand your networks across different disciplines as you interact with Changemakers students from different backgrounds, levels and subject expertise; and meet interesting people - business leaders, artists, philanthropists, civic leaders, funders (eg: in the virtual residentials, or mentoring scheme)
- You'll be more aware of the real world of 'job searching' and business networks outside your academic group
- You'll receive support and mentoring for 'changemaking' projects you want to initiate or lead

## What happens?

We host a suite of events - workshops, mini-virtual residentials, a 6-day Residential School, mentoring schemes, field-trips, support for projects, weekly conversations (Griffin Bar, Tuesdays, 5.15pm!) - and online resources\*. You also get access to the Changemakers network (and events) after you graduate.

\*Online modules will launch April 2022

### **When & Where does it happen?**

Changemaker events happen during term time and just before/after, with both online and face to face events in College.

### **How do I get involved?**

Sign up to an event, join the mailing list, drop in on a Tuesday conversation in term (5.15, Griffin Bar)!

### **Do I have to come to all the events? Is there a programme I have to commit to?**

Changemaker is entirely modular. You can come to as little or as much as you like and with a few exceptions (such as becoming a Student Ambassador) there are no minimum requirements.

### **Who can be involved?**

Any current Homerton Student or recent alumni (<5 years)

### **Who teaches and facilitates Changemaker programmes?**

Guests from within the University and beyond – civic leaders, philanthropists, business people, entrepreneurs, artists, journalists, writers, coaches, Olympians, funders. All curated by the Changemakers Team.

### **Are there grades or exams?**

No. Never. Changemakers is about your journey both now and in the longer term: it's non-competitive and an invitation to develop your full self without external assessment.

### **What does it cost?**

Changemaker programmes are free to all students.

### **Can I get a certificate?**

At this stage we don't offer a certificate but it's something we hope to do soon. For now, we offer a 2-line description of Changemakers for your CV/LinkedIn profile etc.

### **Is it the same programme every year?**

We run similar programmes every year, and over two years offer deep-dives into each of the four Changemaker Areas: Being (self awareness); Thinking/Feeling (mindsets, strategies); Perspective (long term view, reality 101) & Action (practical nous).