For more than 800 years Cambridge University has been a centre of academic excellence. Homerton Changemakers builds on what the University does best, equipping students with the skills to flourish and be agents of change in an increasingly complex world.
Changemakers is the first of its kind: a programme which links personal development with social purpose, a programme that empowers its participants to go beyond their degree - equipping them with the skills to meet the pressing challenges of the contemporary world.

Informed by regenerative principles, Changemakers is leading the way in teaching people how to create the stable, healthy and sustainable systems our world needs, to become wise influencers and next-generation-leaders in their chosen sphere.

Changemakers is designed for the times: to meet the aspirations of students who want to get the most out of university, and who want to address real global needs through lasting and positive change.

The programme is modular, co-curricular and tailored to each student, offering a series of intensive events, seminars, mentoring schemes, roundtables, a catalyst fund, and opportunities for volunteering. And it’s totally free and open to all students at Homerton College.
“Changemakers offers many opportunities for students to meet leading thinkers, influencers and visionaries; and to work with changemakers across a variety of sectors reflecting a diversity of perspectives, emotional intelligence, experience and life paths.”
Dr Alison Wood, Founding Academic Director, Homerton Changemakers

“Changemakers is a ‘degree plus’ programme that teaches students to be self-aware, provides real opportunities and encourages them to be advocates of needed change. It delivers the kind of teaching that enables them to apply their academic knowledge to address the challenges of our time. They leave as not only experts in their field, but as entrepreneurs, innovators and creative thinkers who have the business and leadership skills to thrive in the real world.”
Lord Simon Woolley, Principal, Homerton College

“Changemakers amplifies your degree, to enable you to create the change you want to see. It is about providing our students with insight, leadership, knowledge, skills and a powerhouse of cross-disciplinary understanding.”
Dr Soraya Jones, Director of Engagement, Homerton Changemakers
THE CHANGEMAKERS PROGRAMME

Launched in September 2019 Changemakers is a bespoke, co-curricular programme that is built around three domains: self, society, world.

Core Curriculum
A Core Curriculum offers introductions to all three domains via a six-day deep-dive residential, or through three day long workshops which take place at the end of each term.

Self
Compassionate Mindsets; Intrinsic Motivation; Values; Worldviews; Inner Quietude; Emotional Intelligence; Empathy; Resilience

Society
Creativity; Deep Listening; Leadership; Problem-solving & decision-making; Ethical Reasoning; Building Relationships; Financial Awareness; Entrepreneurialism & Innovation; Practical nous (Communications, Pitching, Rhetoric & Public Speaking, Collaboration); Experimentation

World
Power and Influence; Governance; Dialogue across Deep Difference; Diversity & Equality; Systems & Ecological Thinking; Regenerative Design; Levers for Change; Power Flows; Global Citizenship
EXTENDED ELEMENTS

Extended Elements offer students the opportunity to build their knowledge in each zone, and develop skills in practical ways through volunteering, service-learning, setting up their own initiatives, and collaborating with others.

• A Mentoring scheme with experienced Cambridge alumni (two cohorts per year)
• Annual Catalyst Fund supporting start-up initiatives with bespoke mentoring for the student-led initiatives and projects (up to £2k per project)
• Bespoke support and mentoring for student-led initiatives and projects
• Regular seminars and conversation sessions with world-class innovators, CEOs, artists, philanthropists, investors, as well as NGO and charity leaders
• A six-month ‘GameChangers: Regenerative Leadership Programme
• Regular Masterclasses with world-class guests
• Online modules developed in partnership with the AI-led platform OBRIZUM
• Opportunities for service-learning and action-research with partner organisations

The programme is taught by Homerton Fellows and a network of experienced faculty from academia, business, arts, philanthropy, politics and NGOs, and draws on multi-disciplinary research and multi-method techniques. Students can attend all or just some of the programme to suit the demands of their degree.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

‘Every student at Cambridge should be given the option to do this…. it should be part of their ‘integration’ into the Cambridge community.’ BSc, Biology

‘Changemakers changed my perspective on how I can use my expertise and passion to bring wellness to people in their everyday lives. It triggered the desire in me to effect my purpose in life by giving me the skills to change the bigger picture inside my head and translate that outwards into action. It helped me find my voice’ MSt, Consultant Physician and award-winning entrepreneur

‘Changemakers made me realise I want to contribute to wider society, beyond academia.’ PhD, Chemistry and co-founder of a not-for-profit

‘It empowered me with the vocabulary of self-leadership and challenged my preconceived notions about what it means to be a leader. Throughout my time and interactions with the program, I was always left inspired, motivated, and more confident in pursuing my goals.’ BA, English

‘Homerton Changemakers helped me realise how much push for change there currently is - the programme creates a supportive environment to channel it into proper changemaking.’ BSc, Engineering

‘Changemakers has introduced me to a community of wonderful and inspiring people. Each Changemaker event I have attended has left me feeling energised and excited to tackle the big challenges our world is facing today. Having the right values, tools, attitude and people on my side has emboldened me to champion radical positive change.’ BSc, Psychology

“Above all, I feel empowered by the opportunity that Changemakers have given me to deeply connect and exchange ideas with like-minded people of all ages and backgrounds - and a powerful reminder that it is up to our generation, each and every one of us, to make this world a better place to live in.” PhD, Biology
GET INVOLVED

Can you help us to deliver or expand the Changemaker programme? Could you become a mentor?

Are you able to support the programme financially?

Are you a student? Do you want to get involved?

Find out more at homerton.cam.ac.uk/homerton-changemakers