

Benefits & FAQs

What is Changemakers?

Changemakers is an extracurricular, multidisciplinary program that goes above and beyond your degree. The program gives you the insights, skills and connections to know yourself, inspire and influence, in order to make a positive difference. The Changemakers program is based on a core curriculum focusing on the three domains of self, society and world.

What does Changemakers offer me?

The programme, gives you:

Practical skills, including

- Problem-solving
- Communication presentation and pitching,
- Launching and developing new initiatives

Deep insights into:

- Self-awareness
- Compassion and empathy
- Your own values and motivation

Perspectives on some of the most pressing issues of our time, including:

- social justice
- climate change
- post-colonialism

Connections: changemakers offers you the opportunity to network with artists, innovators, politicians, film makers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and activists

What happens?

The Changemakers program is made up of a series of elements including:

- **The Annual Residential**: a series of seminars, events and a field trip that takes place over six days in the week before Michaelmas term. The Annual Residential is an intensive, immersive, multidisciplinary experience, helping you build a toolkit for making positive change: with purpose, courage, knowledge and ambition.
- **Changemaker Conversations**: taking place every Tuesday in term time, Changemaker Conversations are informal seminars addressing big questions. They are an opportunity to network with activists, artists, innovators, scientists, politicians, and film makers.

- **The Mentoring Programme:** matches you with an experienced mentor - often a Homerton alumni - to discuss career options, provide advice on next steps or job applications, and offer a different set of perspectives.
- **Changemakers Catalyst Fund:** offers grants of up to £2000 and mentoring to support initiatives led by Homerton students. The Catalyst fund supports projects promoting progressive change including social enterprise, start-ups, creative projects or campaigns, in any field - from tech to arts, politics or business.
- **Change in the Community Fund:** supports Homerton College students wishing to volunteer with established charities or projects aimed at achieving public good. You can apply for funds to support a specific project, to cover travel expenses, subsistence, materials or any related direct costs.
- **GameChangers: Regenerative Leadership Programme:** a structured six-month programme consisting of monthly seminars focusing on communication, negotiation conflict resolution and leadership skills. The programme leads to a four-day field trip to the Eden Project.

How do I get involved?

Look up our program on the [website](#) and follow us on our socials, especially [Instagram!](#)

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

Changemakers 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 – anyone who has graduated in the last 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?

Changemakers programmes are free to all Homerton 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 the same core programme every year. Some workshop topics, guests, and details of content change each year, but the overall aims and structure of the programme remain.

For more information, you can read Alison Wood's recent [blog post](#).