

# Uncovering partnership working's hidden benefits – collaboration and co-creation with UCL Careers Extra students

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# This session will cover:

- Introduction to UCL Careers Extra;
- The Champions scheme – why and how;
- Hosting an intern;
- ChangeMakers student leadership;
- Outputs and developments;
- Our learning;
- Application elsewhere?

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- Enhanced careers support for UCL undergraduates from under-represented groups.
- Eligible students opt in.
- Approximately 1500 students (around 1250 current).

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# Why the Champions?

- Aim of collaboration and co-creation.
- Importance of lived experience – but every experience is individual.
- Inspired by others (St Mary's Be SMART, Lancaster GROW Your Future).
- Careers Extra students wanting to give back.

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# Champion role

- Five steering groups per year + option of project work.
- First team recruited March 2021.
- Outputs – initiating buddy scheme, alumni network, student society connections, social media, resources.

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Watch this video with Mary Ojo, BSc Human Sciences, who explains more about UCL Careers Extra.

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# Going deeper

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- Hosting intern (Summer 2022).
- ChangeMakers Student/Staff partnership project – expanding buddy scheme pilot.

# The challenges

- Being more than 'a glorified focus group'.
- Building a team.
- Challenges of occasional involvement/flexible projects.
- Student leadership is not a magic wand.
- Implementing ideas - takes more resource (who knew!) and significant support requires significant resource.

# The highlights

The 'hidden benefits':

- Ownership of project;
- Mentorship to build skills – careers panel event;
- Presenting to Education Conference;
- Engagement with UCL Careers;
- Successful job applications!

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# What's next?

- Where are they now?
- Plans for this year.

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# Questions?

