

The role of Universities as agents of Social Change

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Social Innovation:

- Social innovation
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social enterprise

**Working together towards a
sustainable society**



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The Role of the University

The University as a leader

The University as a role model

The University as an ethical ‘thinker’

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- Transformational leadership styles
- Contribution towards the evidence base
- Developing the graduates for the future

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The University as a leader

➤ Transformational leadership styles

- Inspirational and collaborative leadership styles
- Learning organization (Senge 1990)
- Reflective practitioners (Argyris and Schon 1978, 1992, 1996)
- Dialogue (Bohm 1990, 1991, Pavlovich and Krahne 2012)

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➤ Contribution to evidence base

- Research networks
- Mixed methodologies
e.g Participatory Action Research



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➤ Developing Graduates for the future

Changemaker campus

- Belief in the responsibility to make positive changes in society
- Believe we have the power and resources to make a difference
- Take initiative to bring about innovative change, local and systemic
- Work with others to maximize impact, working in groups and networks
- Know and live authentically according to our values
- Practice empathy, by entering, through a willed use of the imagination, another persons world without judgment

Ashoka U unifying principles

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Ashoka U Change Leader Interview - Tim Curtis, University of Northampton
Developing Graduates for the future

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➤ Developing Graduates for the future

- What does Transformational learning theory look like?
- Changemaker Certificate
- Masters in Social Innovation

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The University as a role model

- **Transforming lives: Inspiring Change**
- **Delivering social impact within a sustainable world**
- **Promoting a fairer society**

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➤ Transforming lives: Inspiring Change

- Faculty development
- Partner development

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➤ Delivering social impact within a sustainable world

- Good Will Solutions
- Uno buses
- First degree facilities
- Hot house
- Healthwatch
- Inspire 2 enterprise
- Balloon Kenya

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The University as a role model

➤ Promoting a fairer society

- Glasgow Caledonian University Grameen School of Nursing and Midwifery

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Glasgow Caledonian University
Small Business Winner, Unilever International

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The University as an ethical 'thinker'

- Reducing social inequalities
- 'Doing no harm'

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➤ Reducing social inequalities

- Improving access to higher education and social impact
- Supporting students from vulnerable and marginalised groups

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The University as an ethical ‘thinker’

➤ ‘Doing no harm’

- Moral awareness: recognition that a situation raises ethical issues
- Moral decision making: determining what course of action is ethically sound
- Moral intent: identifying which values should take priority in the decision
- Moral action: following through on ethical decisions.

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