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Our Purpose and Values

Who We Are

The representative body for postgraduate education in the UK. UKCGE is an independent membership organisation and a Registered Charity. We believe our mission is best served by a community of practice ethos, captured in our motto: *by the sector, for the sector*. Our values are mutuality, openness, collegiality and joint enterprise.

What We Do

We bring together those responsible for leading, supervising, supporting, researching and shaping postgraduate education across the UK. We create impact through convening, brokerage, evidence and insight, knowledge exchange and capacity building, and collective leadership, advocacy and influence.





Why We Do It

A postgraduate sector that is recognised, prioritised and valued for its contribution to society, the economy, research, innovation and advanced skills: that is our vision. We exist to strengthen postgraduate education through collective leadership, shared knowledge and evidence-informed practice.

Who We Work With

Our impact comes from the collective expertise, relationships, credibility and commitment of our members, trustees, volunteers and partners. We advocate for postgraduate education to funders and policy makers, creating value by leveraging the social capital that exists across the postgraduate community.

How We Do It

Given our size and resources, UKCGE focusses on activities that maximise the value of our networks, credibility and collective expertise: convening, brokerage, evidence synthesis, knowledge exchange and partnership working: creating the conditions through which postgraduate education can flourish.





Strategic Ambition One

Strengthening leadership, knowledge and collective influence across the postgraduate sector

Over the next three years, UKCGE will focus on three strategic themes: making the case for postgraduate education; navigating change; building the future.

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Theme One: Championing Postgraduate Education

Postgraduate education and the people who are part of it are central to research, innovation, advanced skills and workforce development.

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Theme Two: Navigating Change

The postgraduate sector is experiencing significant organisational, financial and policy change.

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Theme Three: Building the Future of Postgraduate Education

Artificial intelligence, wider technological change, evolving learner needs and new forms of collaboration are reshaping postgraduate education.

Strategic Ambition Two

Strengthening UKCGE's sustainability, reach and effectiveness

To support the postgraduate sector effectively, UKCGE must remain a sustainable, resilient and trusted organisation.

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Priority One: Sustaining a Strong Membership Community

Our impact depends on the collective expertise, relationships and commitment of our members, and on the strength of their continued engagement with the Council.

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Priority Two: Ongoing Financial Sustainability

A resilient, diversified income base gives UKCGE the capacity to invest in its strategic priorities, rather than depending on any single source of income.

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Priority Three: Effective Governance and Collective Leadership

Effective governance and strong collective leadership are what allow UKCGE to act, and to be trusted to act, on behalf of the sector.

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Priority Four: Visibility, Partnerships and Influence

UKCGE's influence depends on strong strategic partnerships and on being recognised, across and beyond the sector, as a trusted convenor and source of insight.

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Thank you for your continued support.

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