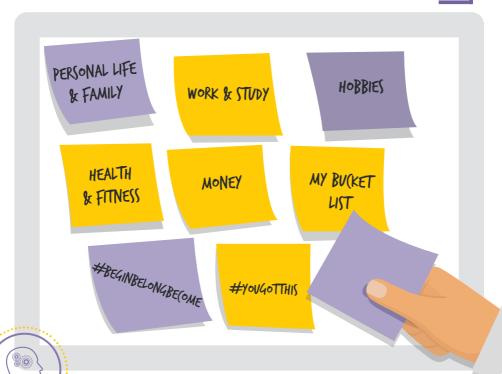
# MY YEAR PLANNER



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Thank you for taking the time to open this little booklet and to find out how it can help you to capture and make sense of the year gone by and plan ahead for the one to come. We hope this tool will help you to uncover and understand your own patterns and to design the best year ahead possible, starting from where you are, right now.

Here at UCC, our students are at the heart of everything we do.

We support you at every stage of your journey, enabling you to live, lead and learn in a co-created future and to **begin, belong** and **become** the person you want to be. Whether you are at the start of your UCC journey or a little further down the track, taking the time to complete the exercises in this booklet will help you to reflect, take stock and regroup. It will help you to build **resilience**, develop **respect** and **compassion** for yourself and others, plan with **ambition** and grow and develop with **integrity**.

It will carve out an opportunity for you to acknowledge and learn from your mistakes, consider the challenges you have faced, celebrate your successes and plot the course for the next stage of your journey.

# #BeginBelongBecome

# MY YEAR PLANNER

- - 1 WHAT IS THIS?

This booklet will help you assess the past year and plan the year ahead of you.

-(2) WHY IS THIS GOOD FOR ME?

Planning your year is a good habit. It can help you become more aware of your successes and challenges and make you realise how much can happen in just a year. By learning from the past, you can take control and plan your future to change aspects of your life that you may not be happy with.

WHAT DO I NEED?

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> VERSION (LONE WOLF VERSION)

- At least three hours of uninterrupted time (to look back)
- At least one hour of uninterrupted time (to look ahead and plan the year to come)
- A calendar of the past year
- A printed or digital version of this workbook. The digital version is fully interactive, just be sure to download!
- If you'd prefer to print this booklet, make sure you have a selection of your favourite pens
- Honesty and openness

#### **2ND VERSION (GROUP VERSION)**

- A group of inspirational people (2-10 people)
- At least four hours of creative time
- A calendar of the past year
- A printed or digital version of this workbook. The digital version is fully interactive, just be sure to download!
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- Honesty and openness

# GET READY

## ARRIVE.

PUT ON SOME RELAXING MUSIC.
POUR YOURSELF A HOT BEVERAGE.

LET GO OF ALL OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

START WHEN READY.



# THE PAST YEAR 202\_

#### **GOING THROUGH YOUR CALENDAR**

Go through last year's calendar week by week. If you don't have a calendar you could look at your social posts or something similar. If you see an important event, family gathering, friendly get-together or a significant project, write it down here.

#### THIS IS WHAT MY LAST YEAR WAS ABOUT

What aspects were the most important to you in the following areas last year\*? Which happenings or events were the most significant? Summarise briefly.

WORK, STUDIES, PROFESSION

PERSONAL LIFE AND FAMILY

BELONGINGS (HOME, OBJECTS)	RELAXATION, HOBBIES, CREATIVITY

<sup>\*</sup> The aspects are defined by what is important to you. We haven't defined this on purpose.

#### THIS IS WHAT MY LAST YEAR WAS ABOUT

FRIENDS, COMMUNITY, MY TRIBE	HEALTH, FITNESS & KEEPING WELL
INTELLECTUAL	EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL
FINANCES	BUCKET LIST**

<sup>\*\*</sup> In case you achieved something this year that you always wanted to achieve.

#### SIX SENTENCES ABOUT MY PAST YEAR

THE WISEST DECISION I MADE
THE BIGGEST LESSON I LEARNED
THE BIGGEST RISK I TOOK
THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF THE YEAR
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I DID FOR OTHERS
THE BIGGEST THING I COMPLETED

#### SIX QUESTIONS ABOUT MY PAST YEAR

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?
WHO ARE THE THREE PEOPLE WHO INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?
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WHO ARE THE THREE PEOPLE YOU INFLUENCED THE MOST?
WHAT WERE YOU NOT ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH?
WHAT IS THE BEST THING YOU HAVE DISCOVERED ABOUT YOURSELF?
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WHAT ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR?

#### THE BEST MOMENTS

Describe the greatest and most memorable, joyful moments from last year. Draw them on this sheet. How did you feel? Who was there with you? What were you doing? What kind of smells, sounds or tastes do you remember?

#### THREE OF MY BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LIST YOUR THREE GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM LAST YEAR HERE.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ACHIEVE THESE?
WHO HELPED YOU ACHIEVE THESE SUCCESSES? HOW?
THREE OF MY BIGGEST CHALLENGES LIST YOUR THREE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FROM LAST YEAR HERE.
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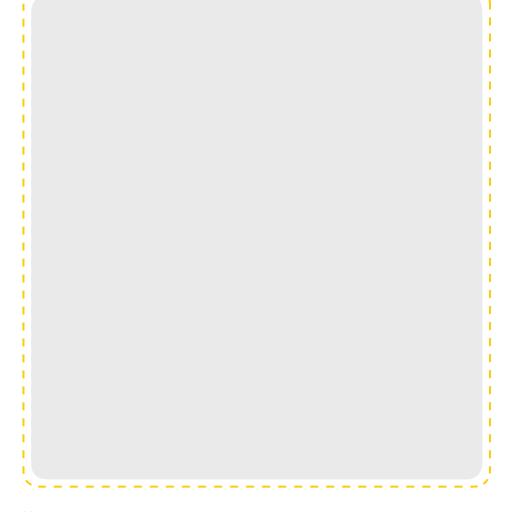
#### **FORGIVENESS**

Did anything happen during the past year that still needs to be forgiven? Deeds or words that made you feel bad? Or are you angry with yourself? Write it down here. Do yourself good by forgiving.\*

\* If you don't feel ready to forgive yet, jot it down anyway. It can work wonders.

#### **LETTING GO**

Is there anything else you need to say? Is there anything you have to let go of before you can start your next year? Draw or write, then think about it and how you could let it all go.



# THE PAST YEAR IN THREE WORDS CHOOSE THREE WORDS TO DEFINE YOUR PAST YEAR. **GOODBYE TO YOUR LAST YEAR** IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE LEFT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO WRITE DOWN, OR THERE IS ANYBODY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY GOODBYE TO, DO IT NOW. WHAT I'M BRINGING FORWARD WHAT WILL YOU EMBRACE AND TAKE FORWARD INTO THE NEXT YEAR? YOU'RE DONE WITH THE PAST YEAR.

YOU HAVE JUST FINISHED THE FIRST PART.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

GET SOME REST.

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#### **DARE TO DREAM BIG**

What does the year ahead of you look like? Why will it be great? What would happen in an ideal world? Write, draw, let go of your expectations and dare to dream. Think about what will you **begin**, how will you **belong** and who will you **become**.

#### THIS IS WHAT MY NEXT YEAR WILL BE ABOUT

Define the most important aspects of next year in the following areas\*. Which events will be the most important? Summarise briefly.

BELONGINGS (HOME, OBJECTS)	RELAXATION, HOBBIES, CREATIVITY

<sup>\*</sup> We still don't have exact definitions, use your own discretion.

#### THIS IS WHAT MY NEXT YEAR WILL BE ABOUT

FRIENDS, COMMUNITY, MY TRIBE	HEALTH, FITNESS & KEEPING WELL
INTELLECTUAL	EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL
FINANCES	BUCKET LIST**

<sup>\*\*</sup> This is where you can list goals you eventually want to achieve.

# THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER I WILL LOVE THESE THREE THINGS ABOUT MYSELF. I AM READY TO LET GO OF THESE THREE THINGS. WANT TO ACHIEVE THESE THREE THINGS THE MOST. THESE THREE PEOPLE WILL BE MY PILLARS DURING ROUGH TIMES. WILL DARE TO DISCOVER THESE THREE THINGS. WILL HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO TO THESE THREE THINGS.

#### THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER

I WILL MAKE MY SURROUNDINGS COSY WITH THESE THREE THINGS.
I WILL DO THESE THREE THINGS EVERY MORNING.
I WILL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF WITH THESE THREE THINGS REGULARLY.
I WILL VISIT THESE THREE PLACES.
I WILL CONNECT WITH MY LOVED ONES IN THESE THREE WAYS.
I WILL REWARD MY SUCCESSES IN THESE THREE WAYS.

#### SIX SENTENCES ABOUT MY NEXT YEAR

THIS YEAR I WILL NOT PROCRASTINATE ANY MORE OVER
THIS YEAR I WILL DRAW THE MOST ENERGY FROM
THIS YEAR, I WILL BE BRAVEST WHEN
THIS YEAR I WILL SAY YES WHEN
THIS YEAR I ADVISE MYSELF TO
THIS YEAR WILL BE SPECIAL FOR ME BECAUSE

#### MY WORD FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

i	Pick a word to symbolise and define the year ahead. You can look at this word if you need some extra energy, so you remember not to give up your dreams.
	SECRET WISH
	Unleash your mind. What is your secret wish for the next year?
	FINISH THESE SENTENCES:
	This year, I will <b>begin</b>
	This year, I will <b>belong</b>
	This year, I will <b>become</b>

# YOU ARE NOW DONE WITH PLANNING YOUR YEAR! WHOOP WHOOP!

# I BELIEVE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR.

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DATE: SIGNATURE:

#### FURTHER RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR YEAR PLANNING

#### **Student Support Tree**

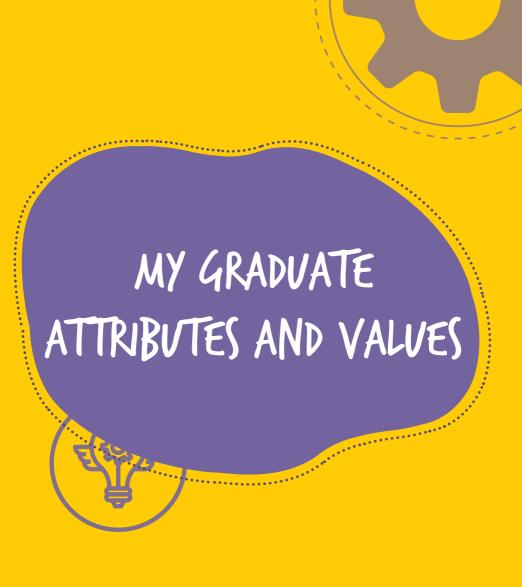
The "Acorn to Mighty Oak" has come to symbolise students' academic, personal and professional development journey throughout their time at UCC. In alignment with this rich metaphor, the support services available to students are presented in the form of a Support Tree. This tree depicts the support services currently available to students and provides links to further information about each service.



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#### **Skills Centre**

The Skills Centre, a very popular resource, provides a tap root to the tree. Here you can avail of academic study coaching and opportunities to explore your planning to maximise your success. You can connect with them through ucc.ie/skillscentre, email on skillscentre@ucc.ie or pop into them in the Q-1 of the Boole Library. Why not bring this planner with you to *unlock your potential* today?



## MY GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES AND VALUES

UCC **core values** and **graduate attributes** are the bedrock of our student experience.

Graduate attributes refer to the skills, knowledge and abilities of our graduates beyond disciplinary knowledge, that are applicable in a range of contexts in their lives.

As a UCC student and graduate, you will be recognised for your distinct **core values** and **graduate attributes**.

As a well-rounded, curious, self-aware individual, you will be known for your appetite to continually learn new skills, embrace new ideas and make things happen.

The Graduate Attributes Programme (GAP) is currently developing a self-assessment tool (GAP Compass) which will create a space for reflection on your ongoing development of your graduate attributes and values. The GAP Compass is currently being finalised and will be another fantastic way for you to learn and grow. Watch this space!

## MY GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES AND VALUES

## **ATTRIBUTES**



CREATORS, EVALUATORS
AND COMMUNICATORS
OF KNOWLEDGE



INDEPENDENT AND CREATIVE THINKERS



EFFECTIVE, GLOBAL
CITIZENS WHO RECOGNISE
AND CHALLENGE INEQUALITY



SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE



DIGITALLY FLUENT

### **VALUES**



RESPECT:

For self, others and the environment



RESILIENCE:
Perseveres, shows capacity
for problem-solving and
personal well-being



**AMBITION:** 

Aims high, displays exemplary work ethic and strives to succeed



INTEGRITY:

Trustworthy, ethical and dependable



**COMPASSION:** 

Empathetic, demonstrates care for self and others

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