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MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM



# University Values for Success

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- 10 years membership of the Bologna process
- 70 Universities in Kazakhstan signed the MCO
- Details at <http://www.magna-charta.org/magna-charta-universitatum/signatory-universities/signatory-universities/#K>
- Values/principles signed up to
- Changes in society
- Development of Magna Charta 2020
- Welcome to get involved


# The MCU 1988

## Fundamental principles

1. The university is an autonomous institution which produces, examines, appraises and hands down culture by research and teaching.
2. Its research and teaching must be morally and intellectually independent of all political authority and economic power.
3. Teaching and research must be inseparable if tuition is not to lag behind changing needs, the demands of society, and advances in scientific knowledge.

# The MCU 1988

## Fundamental principles 2

3. Freedom in research and training is the fundamental principle of university life, and governments and universities must ensure respect for this fundamental requirement.
4. A university ...should attain universal knowledge; .....transcend geographical and political frontiers, affirms the vital need for different cultures to know and influence each other.
5.  Act with integrity

# Changes since 1988

- Faster pace of change
- Globalisation
- Climate emergency
- US SDGs
- 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Rev
- Univs more important for society (E.g. Covid)
- Greater public interest
- Greater regulation and interference
- More diverse expectations from a
- Wider range of stakeholder
- Erosion of trust in science and experts
- ITC and pedagogy advances
- Social media and speed of communications
- More competition



# Why values/principles are important for universities

- With greater novelty and more uncertainty values provide a time-tested basis for decision making and behaviour
- Based on international experience built up over centuries + MCO Living Values project
- Values guide universities' development and enable creation of the future they want
- Provide a means for engaging staff and students and delivering with integrity
- Give confidence to partners and society

Nothing taken away from MCU 1988

Enquiry, analysis and sound action - still vital

Expressed in terms of Principles, Values and Responsibilities

- Engage and respond to global challenges for sustainability
- Intellectual and moral autonomy – independence should be protected

- Reliable social contract with civil society
- Question dogmas - encourage critical thinking
- T and R ethically, integrity, trustworthy results
- Part of global networks – embedded locally
- Tolerance, inclusivity, equity and fairness
- Education a human right, LLL available to all
- Access to HE – engage diverse perspectives





# How universities can benefit from taking part in MCO

- Public statement of values resulting in
  - Publicity
  - Confidence in integrity and partnerships
- Membership of and support from an international community concerned with fundamental values
  - Webinars, workshops, anniversary conferences
- Keeping commitment fresh through review
- Learning from engagement with Living Values project
- Reputational benefit



# Questions

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