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Careers Service

Welcome from the Careers Service

Making the most of your final year:
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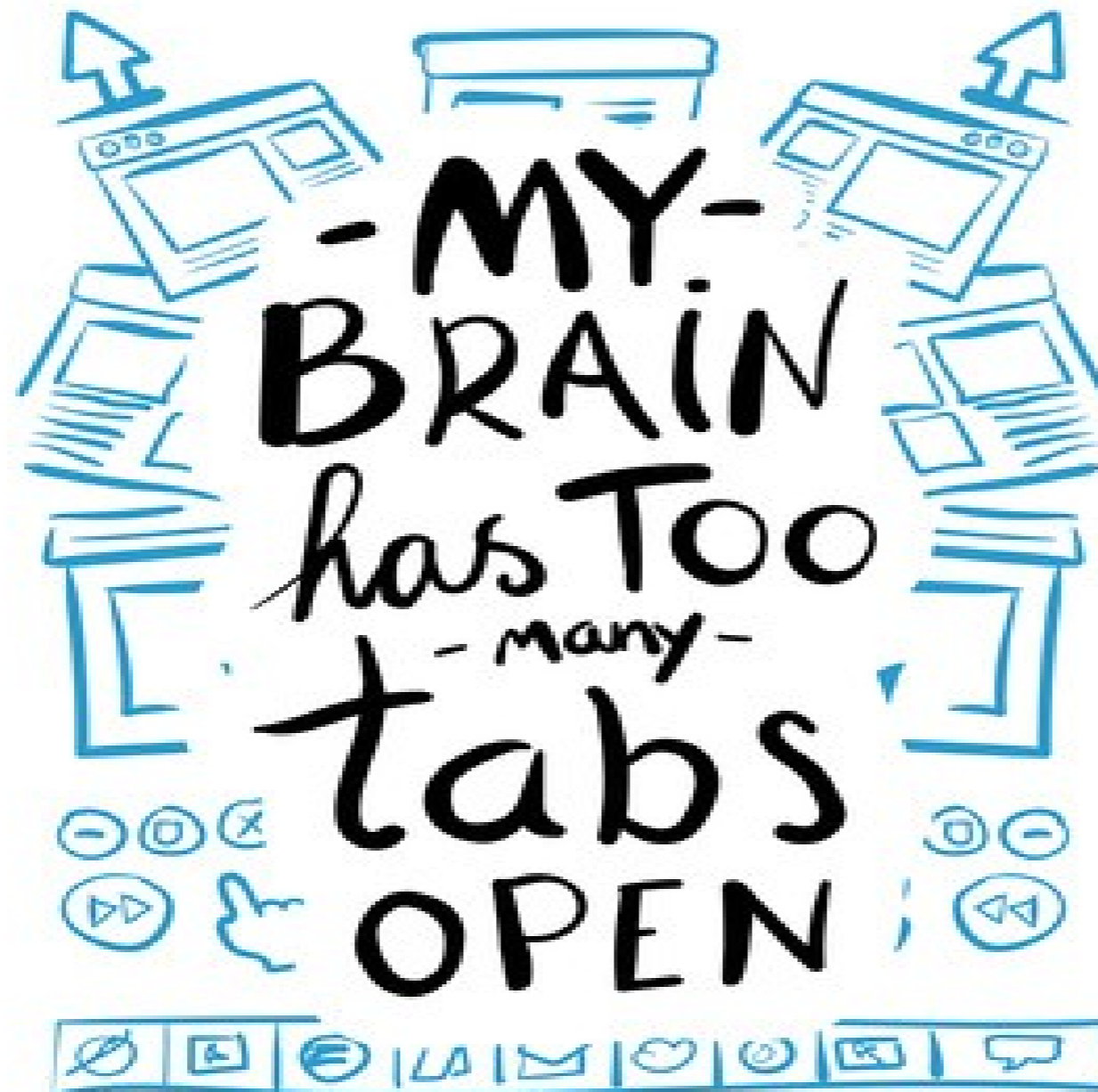
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You might be feeling a bit like this....

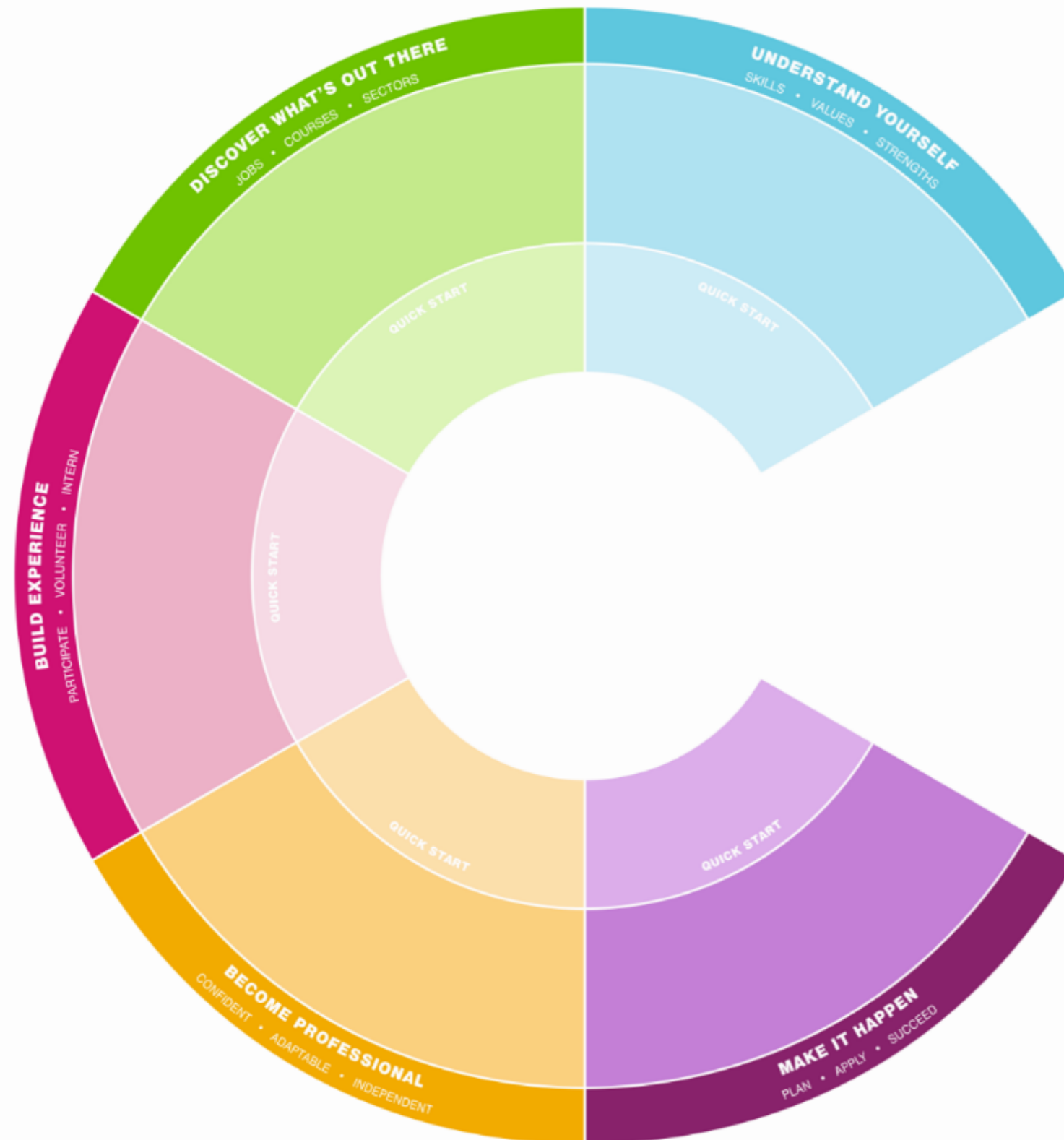


Things to do this year

- Take stock -> what have you accomplished over the past 3/4 years
- Address any skills or knowledge gaps -> you HAVE time!
- (start to...) develop your 'career narrative' -> **what** have you done, **why** have you done it, **what** did you learn, **how** will you sell it?
- If you have a clear aim, work back and define the steps you need to take i.e. recruitment process, timelines
- Explore options -> outside specific vocational pathways, very few careers are linear...you might be suited to/interested in 4/5 different careers



Careers Compass - make it work for you



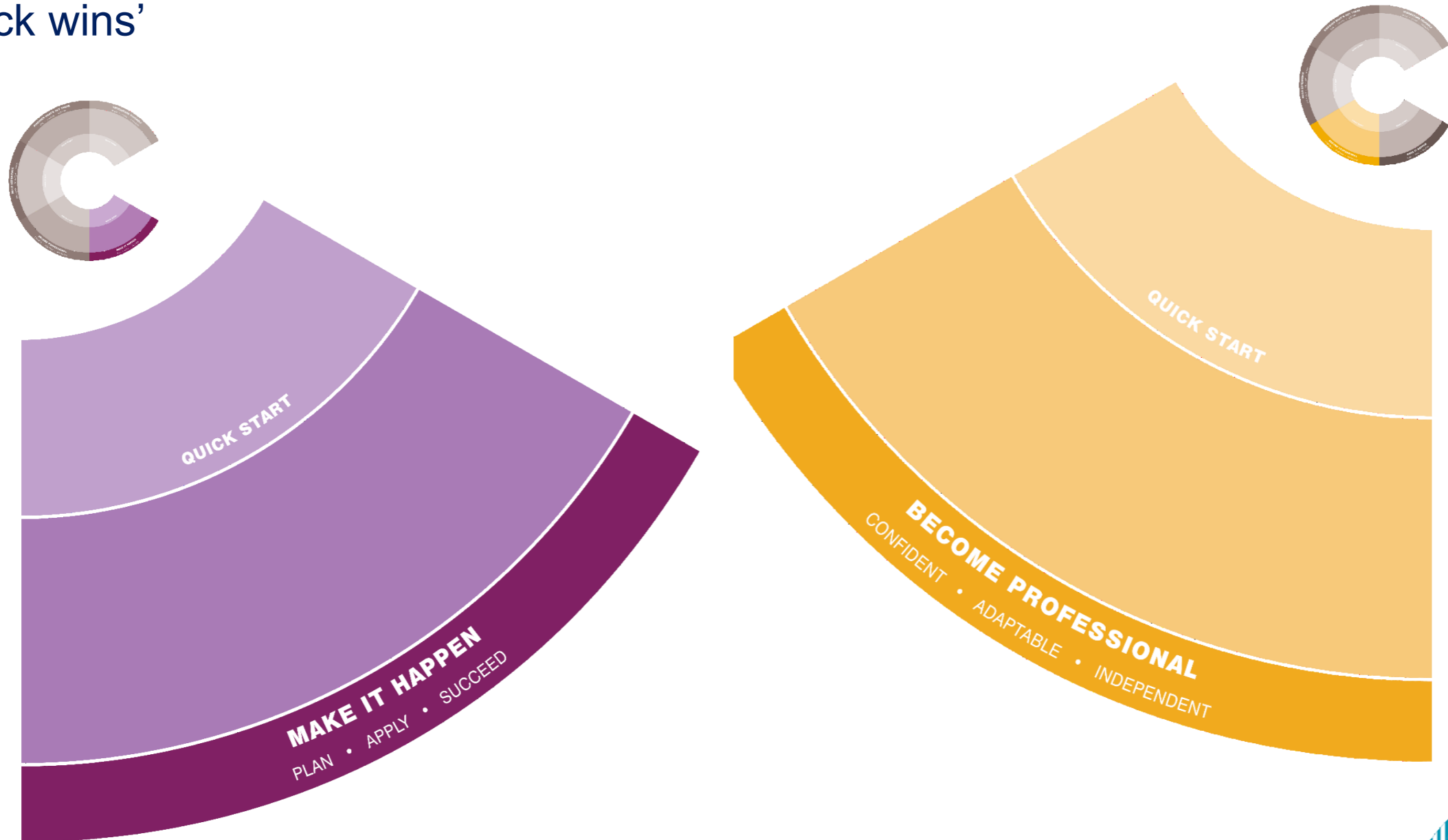
- **Understand yourself** – skills, values, strengths
- **Discover what's out there** – jobs, courses, sectors
- **Build experience** – participate, volunteer, intern
- **Become professional** – confident, adaptable, independent
- **Make it happen** – plan, apply, succeed

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Student Guide - "what to try" (final year)

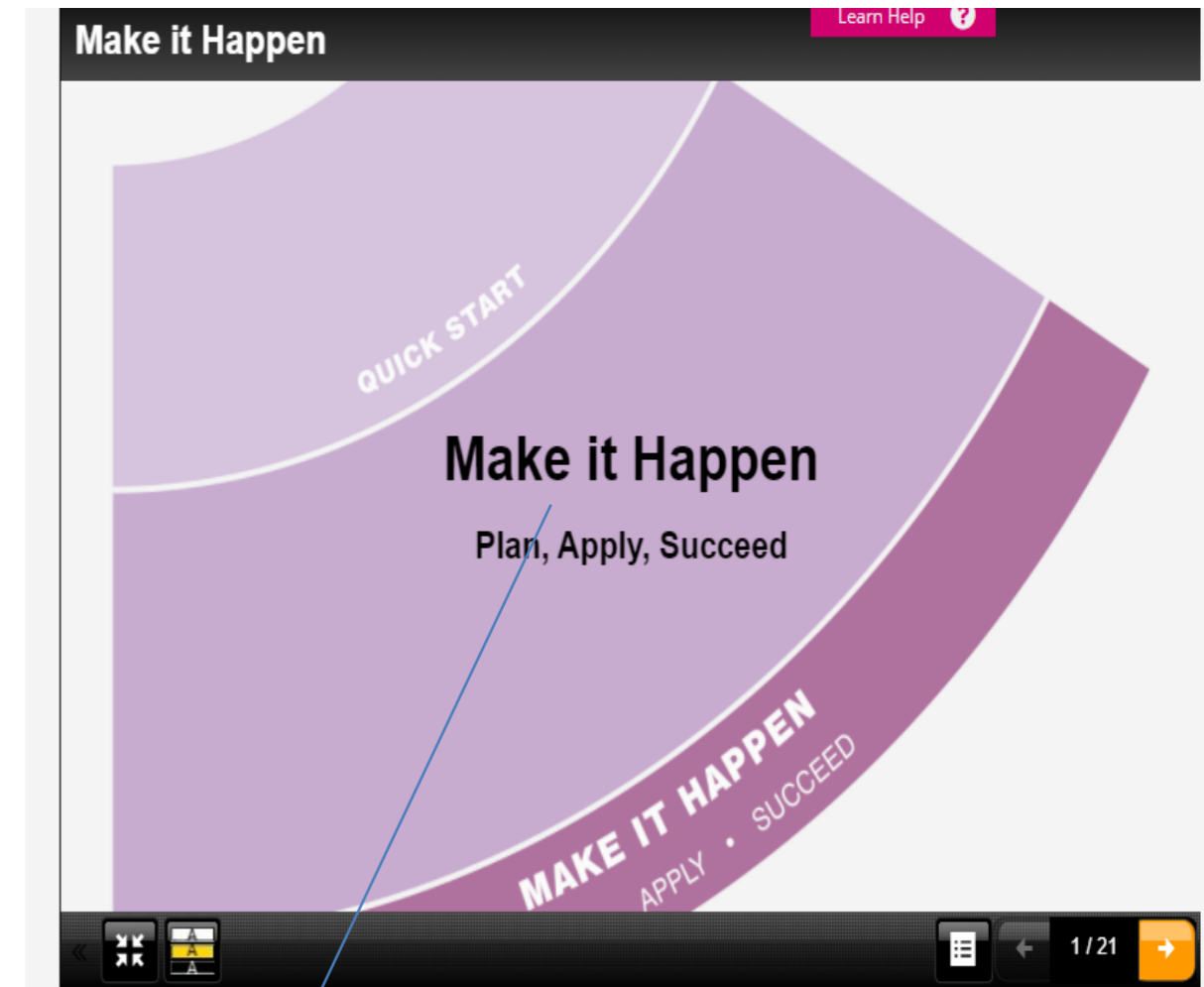
- The Student Guide can be used to help you record what you've done and plan what comes next www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass
- Each of the 5 segments has prompts for things to try/do/explore -> think of these as 'quick wins'



Careers Service 'toolkits' www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass

- Online, interactive, self-guided resources
- Go at your own pace -> dip in & out
- Lots of hints, tips & clips!

I want a job:	Important	Not important	Not sure
In a well-known organisation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Where I can be an expert using my specialist knowledge or skills	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Where I am challenged	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
In a competitive environment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Make it happen TK if are you ready to take action

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Understand myself TK if you are starting to think about your career now

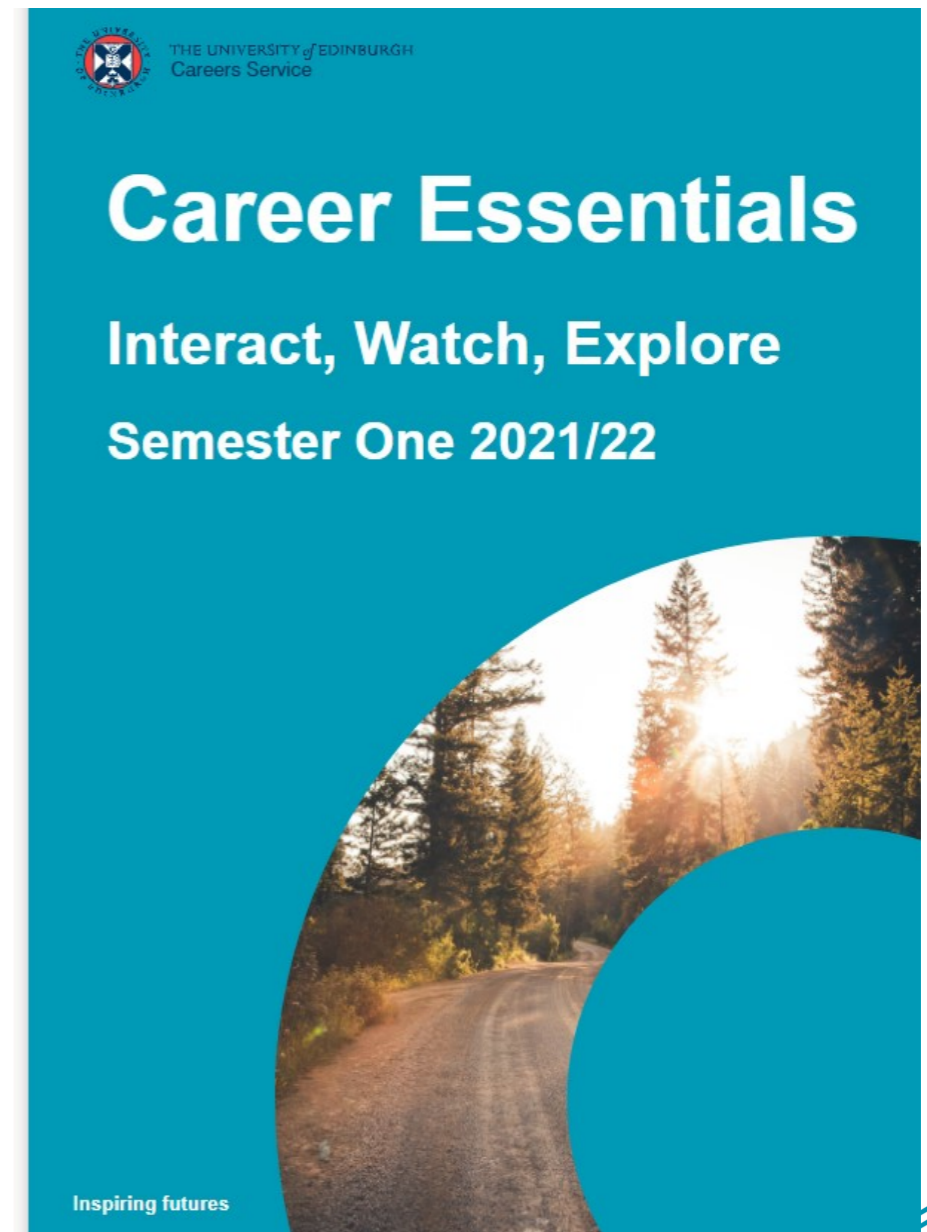


Careers Essentials: Interact, Watch, Explore

- e-brochure outlining the live sessions we are running centrally this semester
- points you to relevant videos on Media Hopper and other resources that can help you

These include:

- webinars and workshops
- Top Tips series: Applications, CVs, Interviews, Psychometric Tests
- Information on our PGT, PGR & Graduate programmes of support
- Careers week/ flagship events info



<https://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/essentials>

A few reminders:

- Focus on the **positive** things you have done over the past year -> build this into your personal story
- Don't let fear & panic overwhelm you – we can help!
- Remember: the 'graduate' job market is much more diverse & differentiated than it seems
- Yes, Covid has had an impact but the job market IS improving
- If you want to apply **this year** check our deadlines (for jobs & PG study)



We are here to help

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