



**Engaged Futures Catalysts
Briefing Webinar**

15th January 2025

This Session

- What is Engaged Futures?
- Our timeline
- Q & A
- How you can get involved
- Upcoming events
- Communicating with us

What are we trying to do?

NCCPE Vision

A higher education sector which purposefully engages with, and is inclusive of, the communities and society it serves, in a context of major social and environmental challenges and change.

Engaged Futures' Aim

To effect change in how universities and research organisations support inclusive knowledge creation and use. We will do this by exploring viable futures, identify existing promising practice and developing and enacting an action plan to take us towards these futures.

How will we do it?

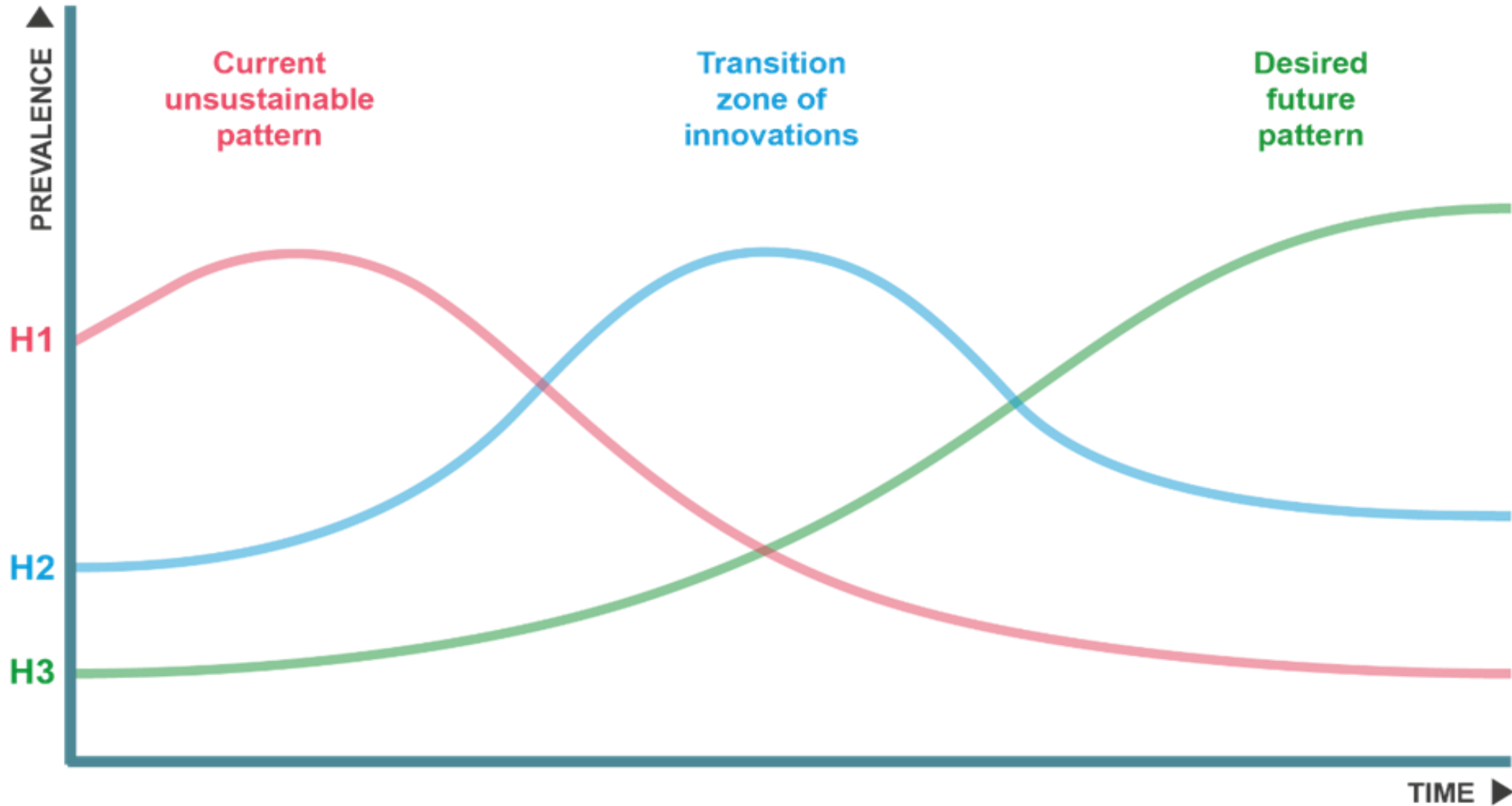
Using a 'Three Horizons' methodology.

This is a futures approach designed to enable transformational systems change.

In this participants will:

- Identify challenges of the current engagement and knowledge production system.
- Explore participants' visions of an engaged knowledge production system
- Contrast the current and future systems to make judgments about the kinds of action most suitable for bringing about system change (rather than the many well-meaning actions that can risk reinforcing a status quo).
- Produce and enact a co-created strategy and delivery plan for effective action.

Three Horizons



Engaged Futures and Catalyst Group

Engaged Futures Group

Small group of people with indepth knowledge of the system to form the initial visioning and action planning. This work will involve three workshops across 2025 and will seed the work of the Catalyst Group.

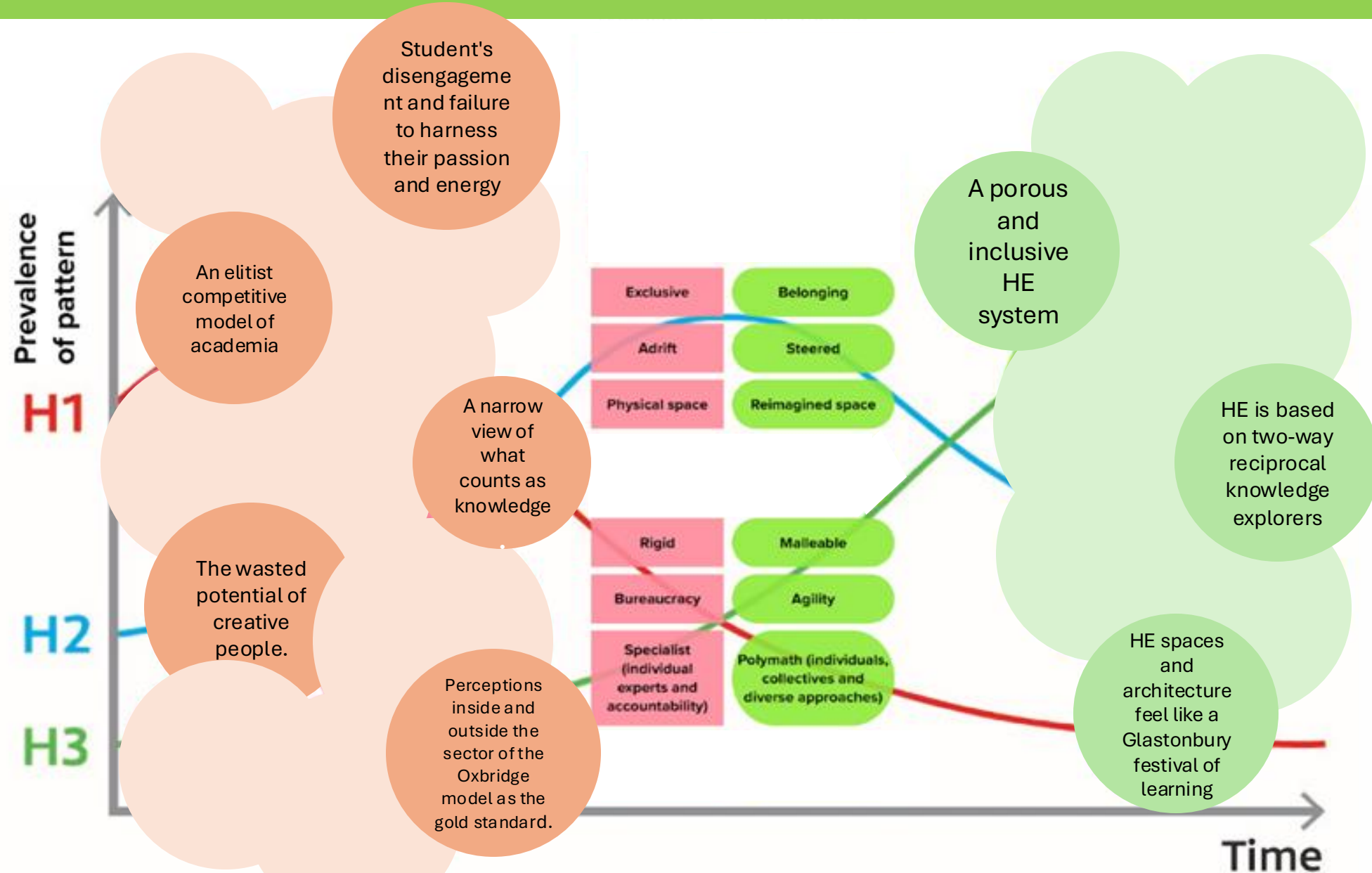
Catalyst Group

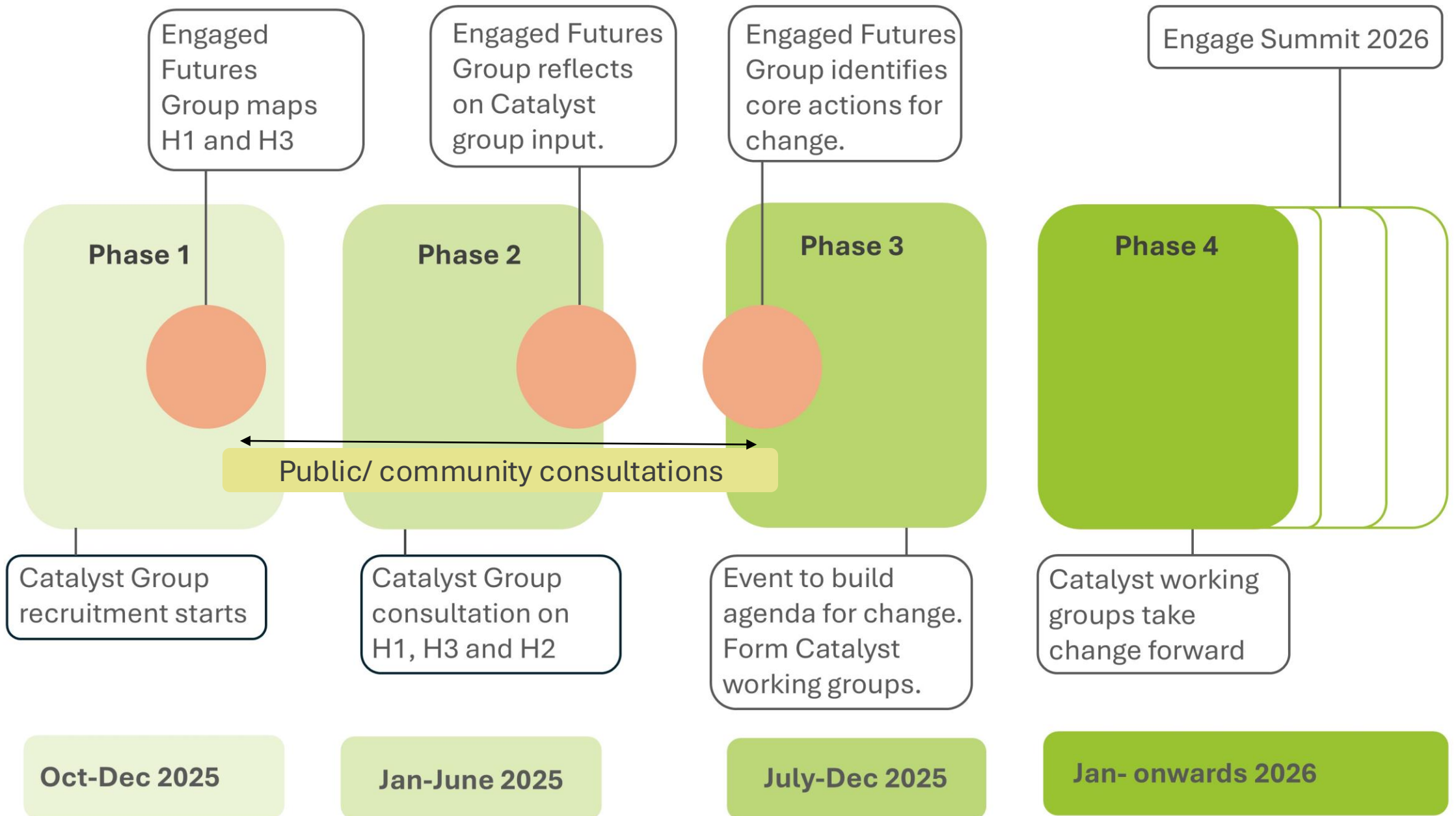
A larger group of critical activist and thinkers to explore challenges and visions for the future and contribute to action. Catalysts will participate in events with the objective of exploring specific themes or targeting specific groups that emerge in Phase 1 and 2.

In phase 3 the catalysts will also be invited into working groups dedicated to developing resources and taking concerted action towards change within their own spheres of influence.



H1 and H3 from Engaged Futures Workshop 1

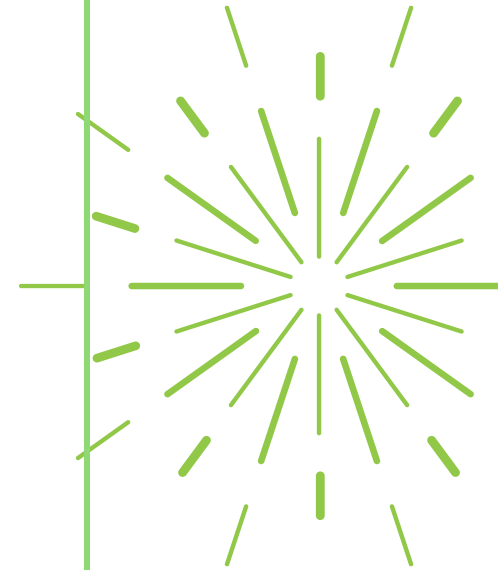




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Who are the Catalysts?

- Diverse and growing group – skills, positions in the sector, lived experiences.
- Situated within, working with or adjacent to HE in some way- likely to be professional role but could be a voluntary role or a specific interest as a member of society.
- Catalysts/activists- critical thinkers but also make things happen.
- A movement- beyond Engaged Futures.
- A network of people who are respectful, supportive and inclusive of one another.



Phase 2 Catalyst Opportunities

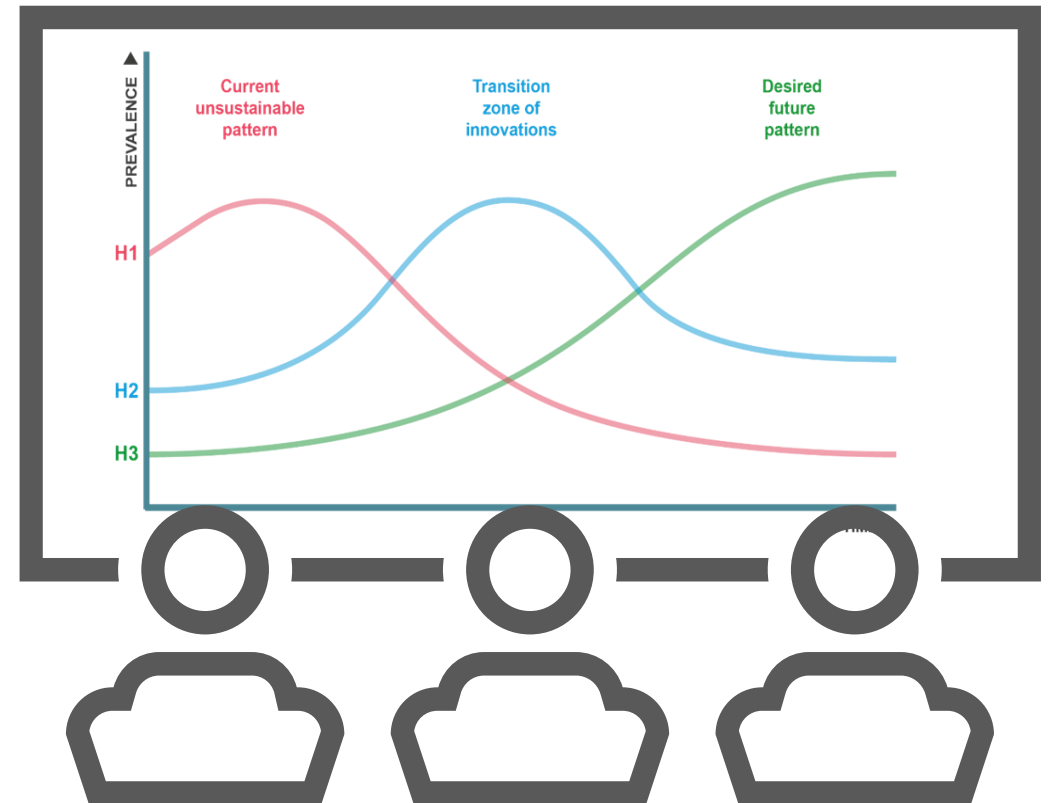
1- Catalyst Three Horizon Sessions

Options

- Wednesday 5TH Feb – 2-5 pm
- Thursday 6TH Feb – 10-1pm

Anyone that joins us up to the end of Jan 2025

will receive an email containing a poll. Please select which date and time you are able to attend. You will then receive an Outlook invite with meeting link.



Phase 2 Catalyst Opportunities

2- Thematic conversations- Online events hosted by NCCPE staff

Dates are:

Topic 1- 26th Feb 2-5pm

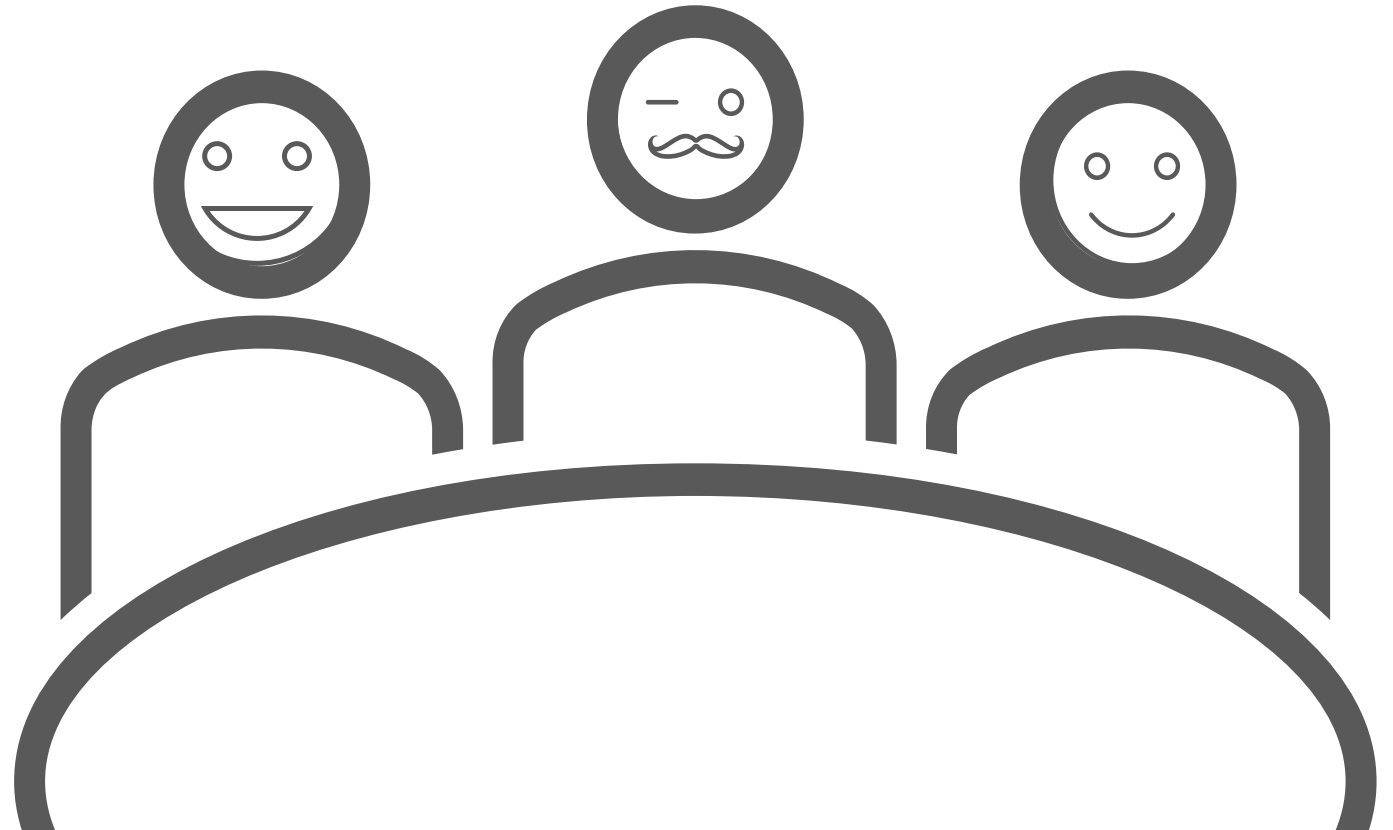
Topic 2- 13th March 9-1pm

Topic 3- 25th March 9-1pm

Topic 4- 9th April 2-5pm

Topic 5- 7th May 2-5pm

Topic 6- 12th June 2-5pm



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3- Catalyst led conversations

Small Conversation support up to £1500

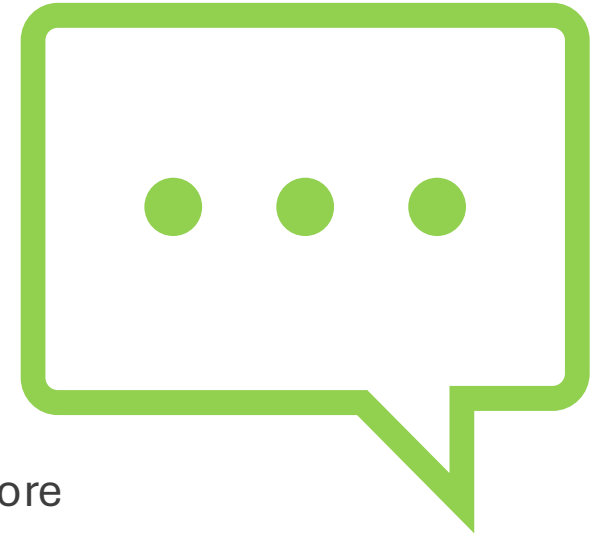
These might be to conduct 3 Horizon mapping exercise and/ or identifying promising practice with a certain group or theme.

- We will provide material including slide decks and suggested facilitation guides to help you structure these.
- Light touch proposal and approval process.
- Proposals for conversations will need to meet an existing gap in our Engaged Futures consultation either by targeting a particular group of people, region of the UK or unexamined topic.
- Quick online and downloadable form.
- Simple but crucial reporting requirement.

Larger Conversation support

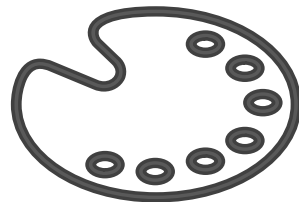
Awards for deeper consultation e.g., working groups with people or themes that require more attention.

More information about this funding will follow February 6th Session.



Future Catalyst Opportunities (Phase 3)

- Host/join a working group: Identify actions and conceive and design resources to support change making.
- Test and disseminate these tools/resources.
- Invite in newly relevant people and groups.
<https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/engaged-futures-catalyst-group>



Any Questions?

Communicating with you

- Catalyst group web pages- links to event recordings, reports, opportunities etc [Engaged Futures Catalyst Group: Welcome | NCCPE](#)
- Email: nccpecatalysts@uwe.ac.uk
- Separate groups within the consultation may use platform such as Basecamp.

Questions from today

Email the Catalyst inbox (address above) or for questions that would be of general interest then please post them on this Padlet board.

[Engaged Futures Catalyst Questions](#) [Anonymous posting and answer within 3 working days]



Thank you!

