

Community building in an online learning MSc

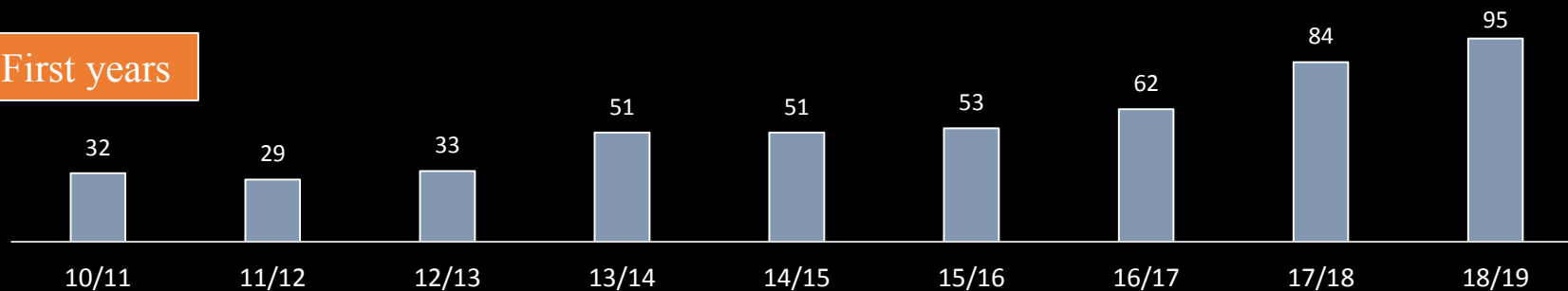
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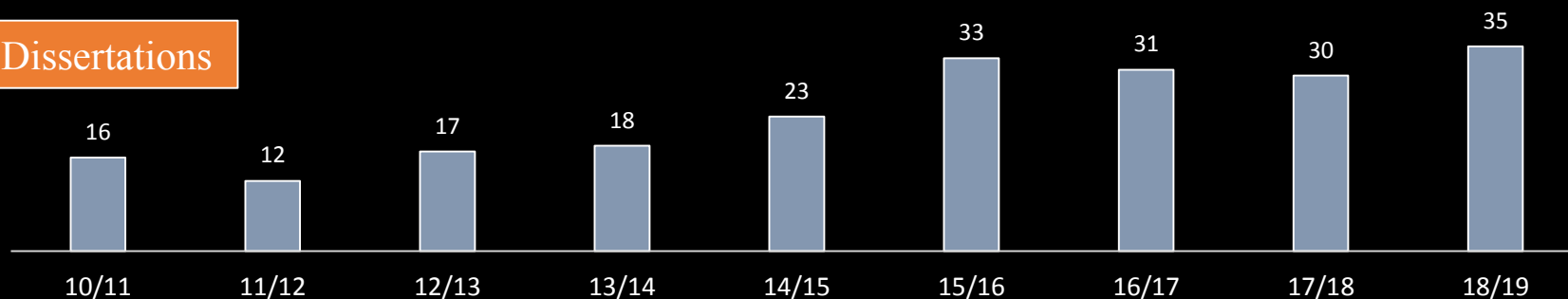


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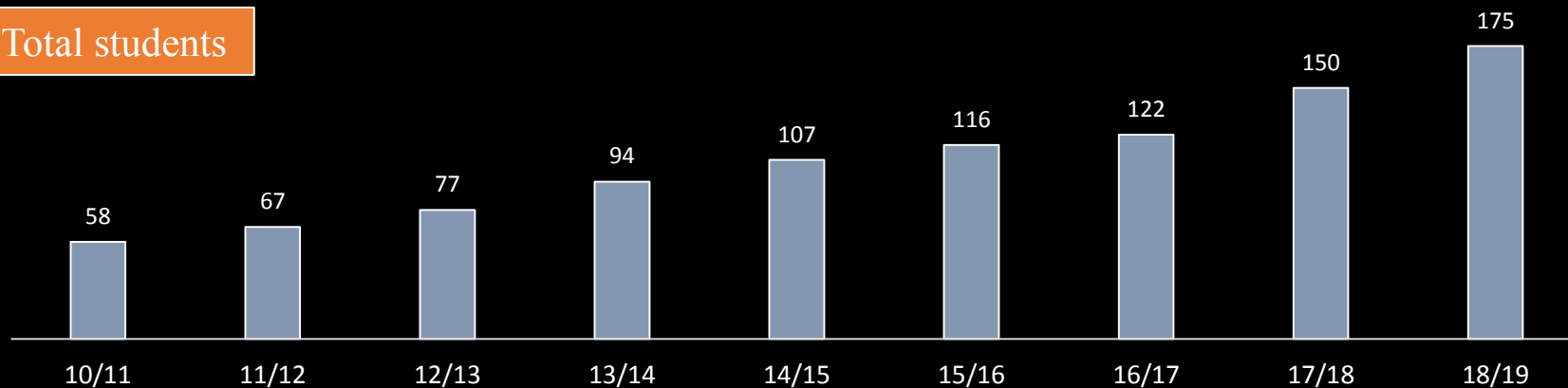
First years



Dissertations



Total students



Aspirations

- Hospitality!
- Collegiality!
- Advocacy!



Hospitality

- Flexibility and adaptability
- Making space for unexpected guests
- Shaping our environment
- Remembering that we don't own the house



Collegiality

- Learning from students
- Power and status
- Common purposes (“we’re all in this together”)



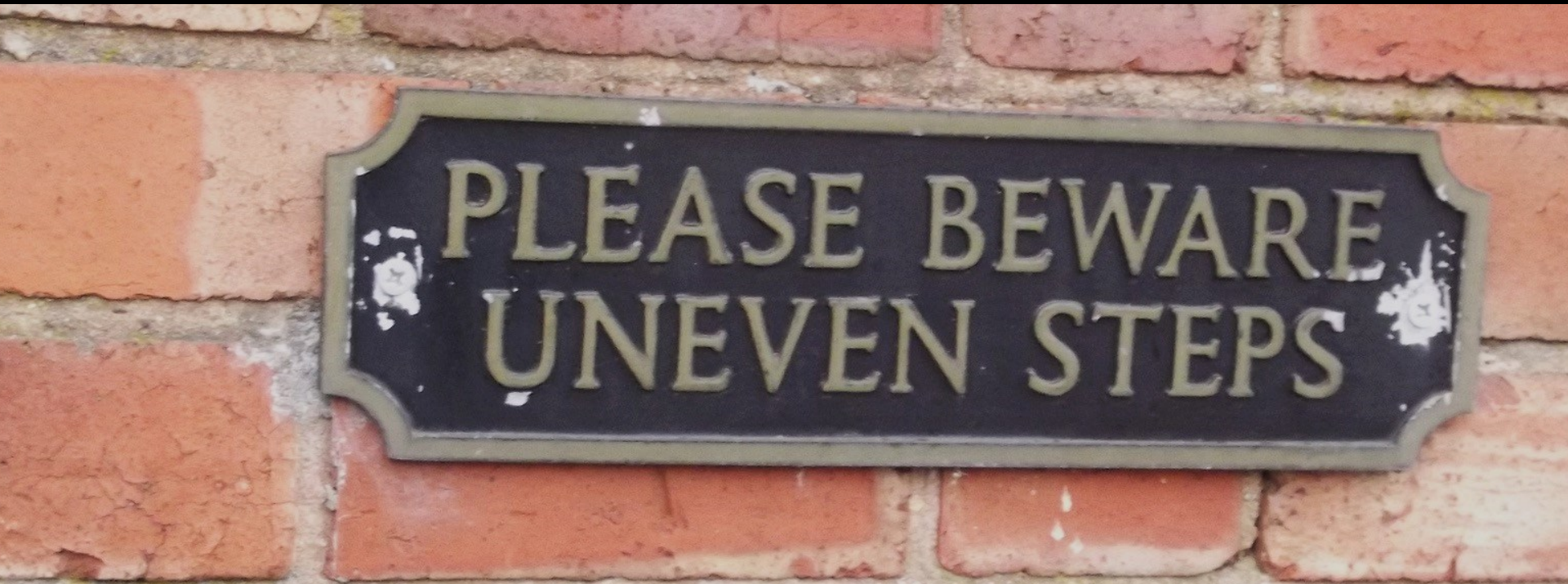
(Online) Collegiality and hospitality in practice

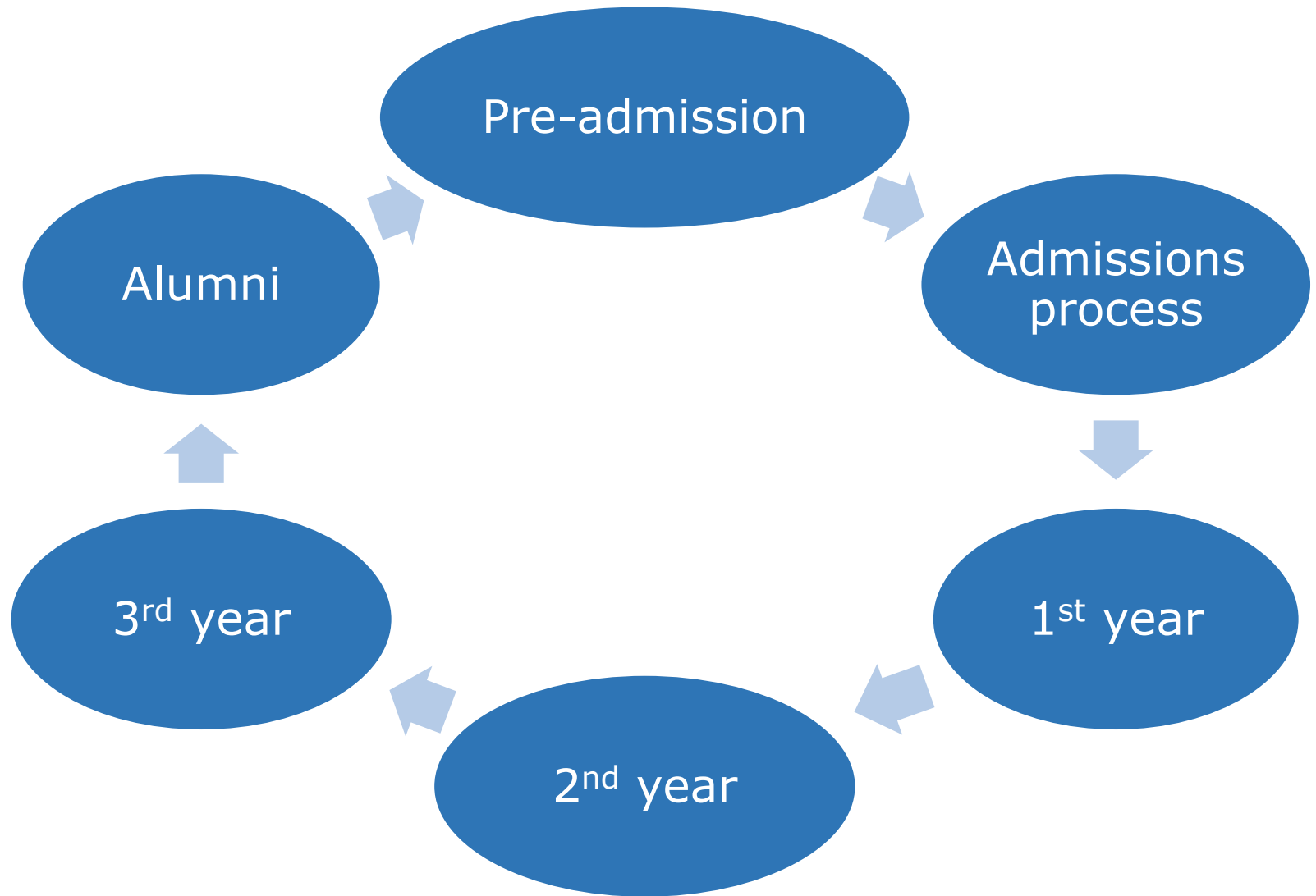
“It was wonderful... to exchange experience and I found that there is no barrier between us. We all share the same profession, the same problems, the same obstacles... whatever the culture backgrounds or the country.”

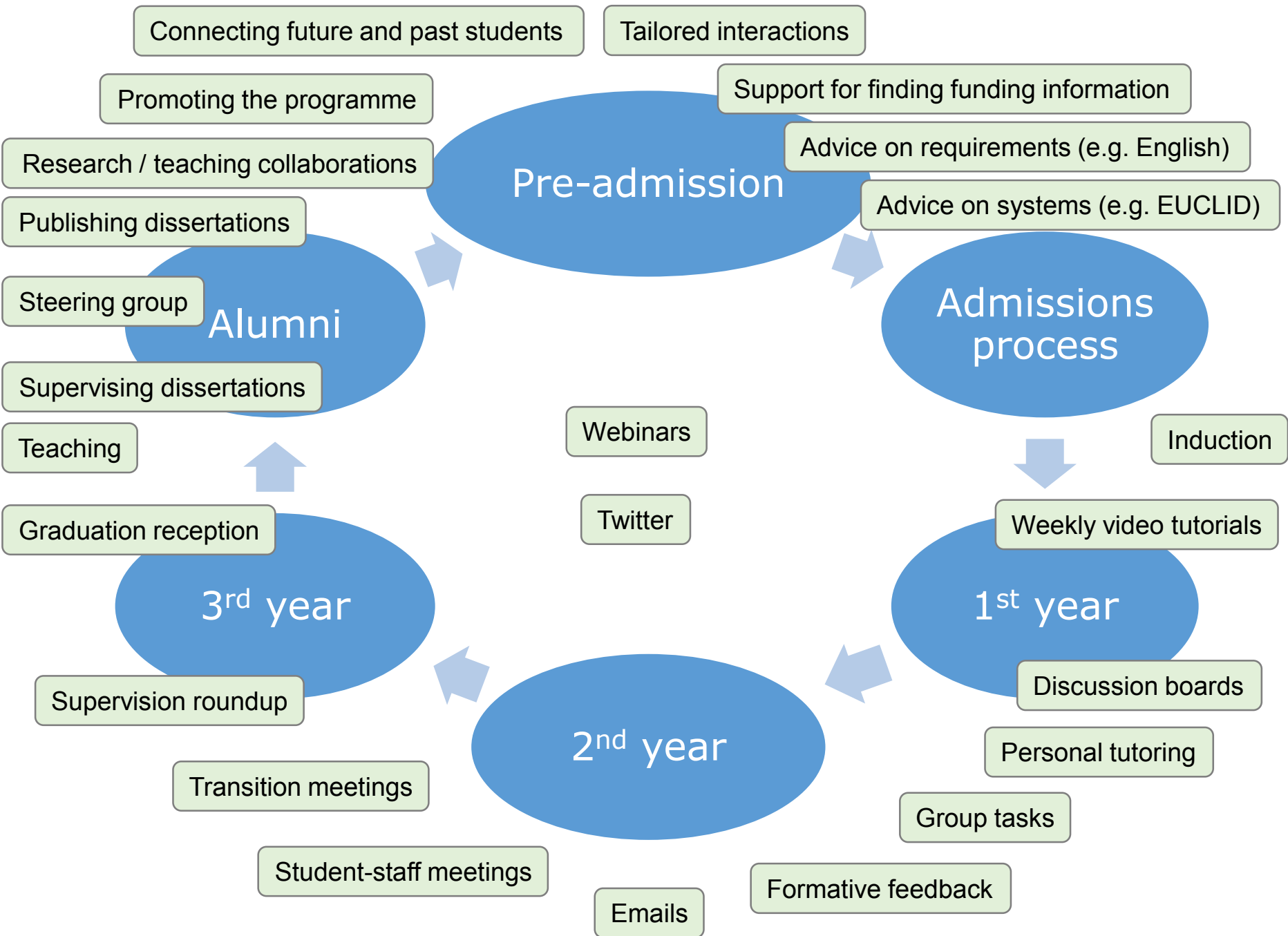
“... we got into discussions and debates and started to get the skills in actually presenting your point of view... Trying to structure that in a way that was not offensive, but actually challenging and generally working with people outside of your sphere and outside of your educational background to answer the same question.”

Advocacy

- Recognition of tensions of structure and agency
- “You knew what you were signing up for”
- Equity/equality and non-level playing fields

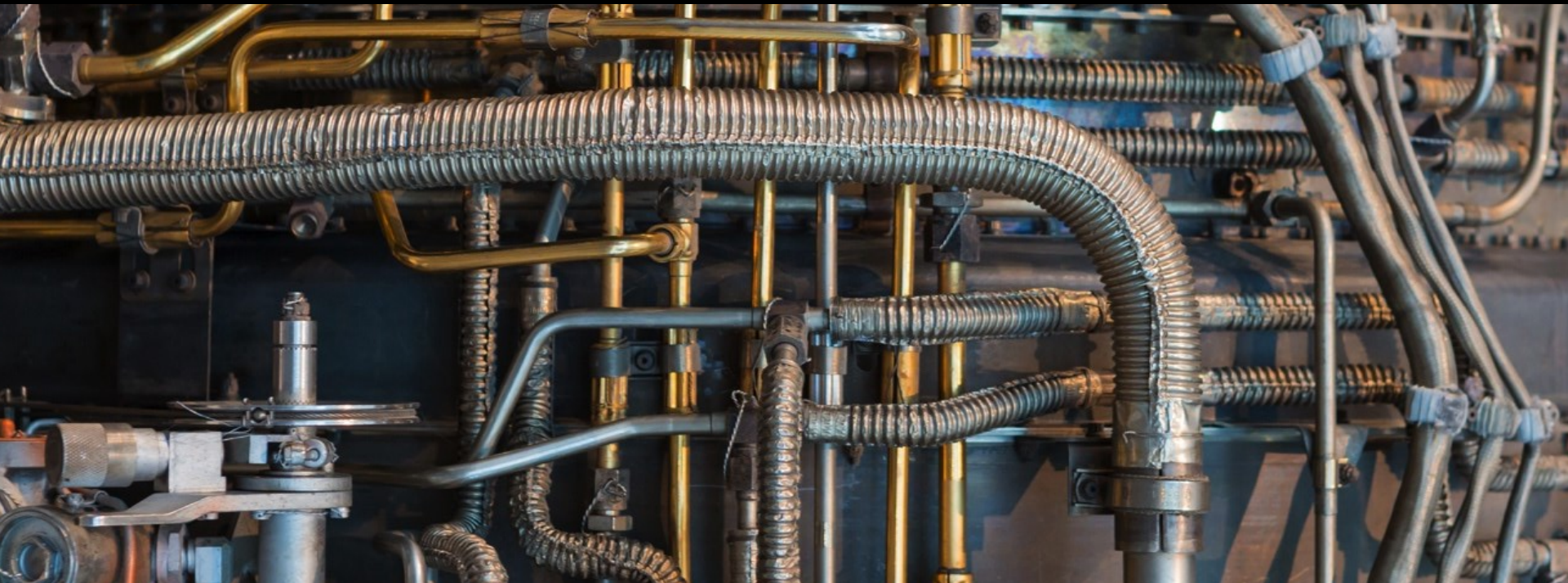




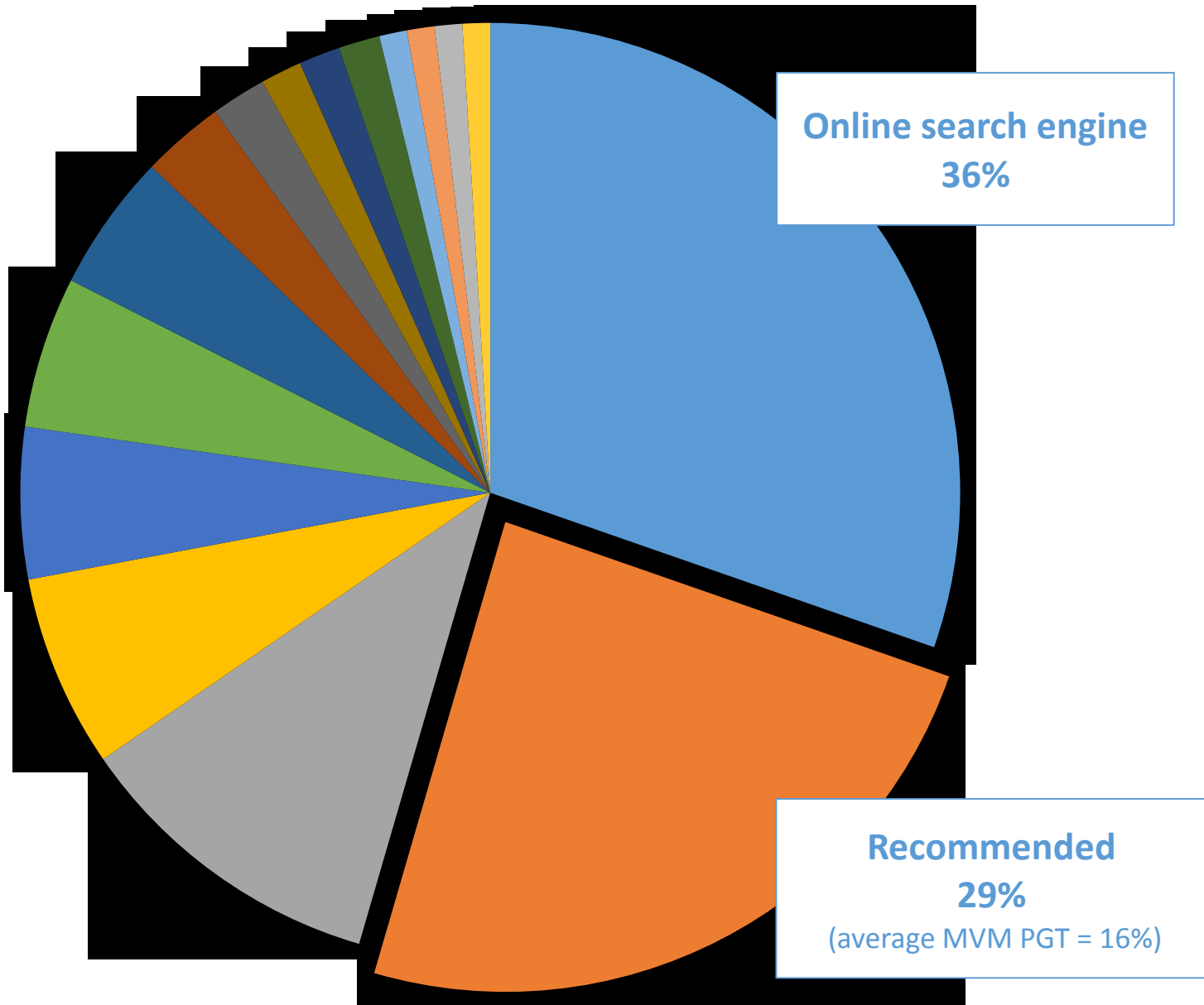


Channels of engagement

- Allowances for different models of engagement
- Discussion board, workbooks and asynchronicity
- Adobe Connect and hierarchies



“Where did you hear about our programme?”



Shared philosophy

- Thinking, talking, researching about our practice
- Shared philosophy behind growth and decisions
- Expanding networks and collaborations



Questions?

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