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## Developing Student Engagement Initiatives for Postgraduate Research Students (PGRs)

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‘There should always be people who teach and people who learn **sitting at the same table**’

Chloe Power @ Regional Learning and Teaching Conference 2021



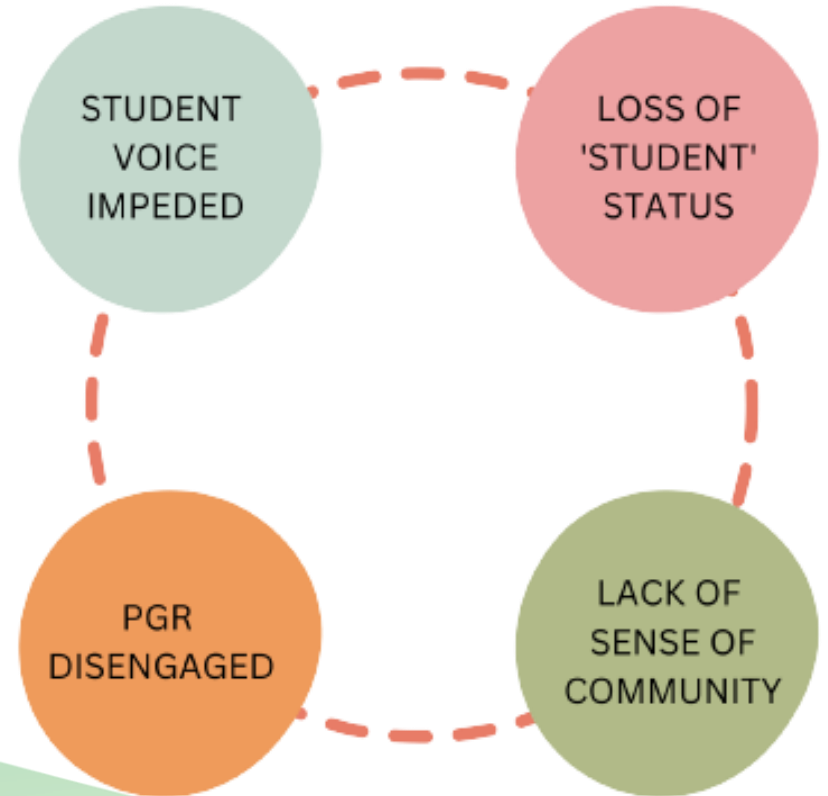
# Developing student engagement initiatives for Postgraduate Research Students (PGRs)

- ▶ Typically a focus on undergraduate student engagement
- ▶ Taught postgraduate student engagement vs research postgraduate student engagement
- ▶ Postgraduate Student Engagement in Decision-Making: Fostering Connected Learning Communities (2021)
- ▶ Comprehensive toolkit – applicable to all involved (students, lecturers, administrators, class reps, senior management, everyone!)
- ▶ Offer recommendations on best practices and sample documents that can be shared to anyone working with students on improving student engagement.

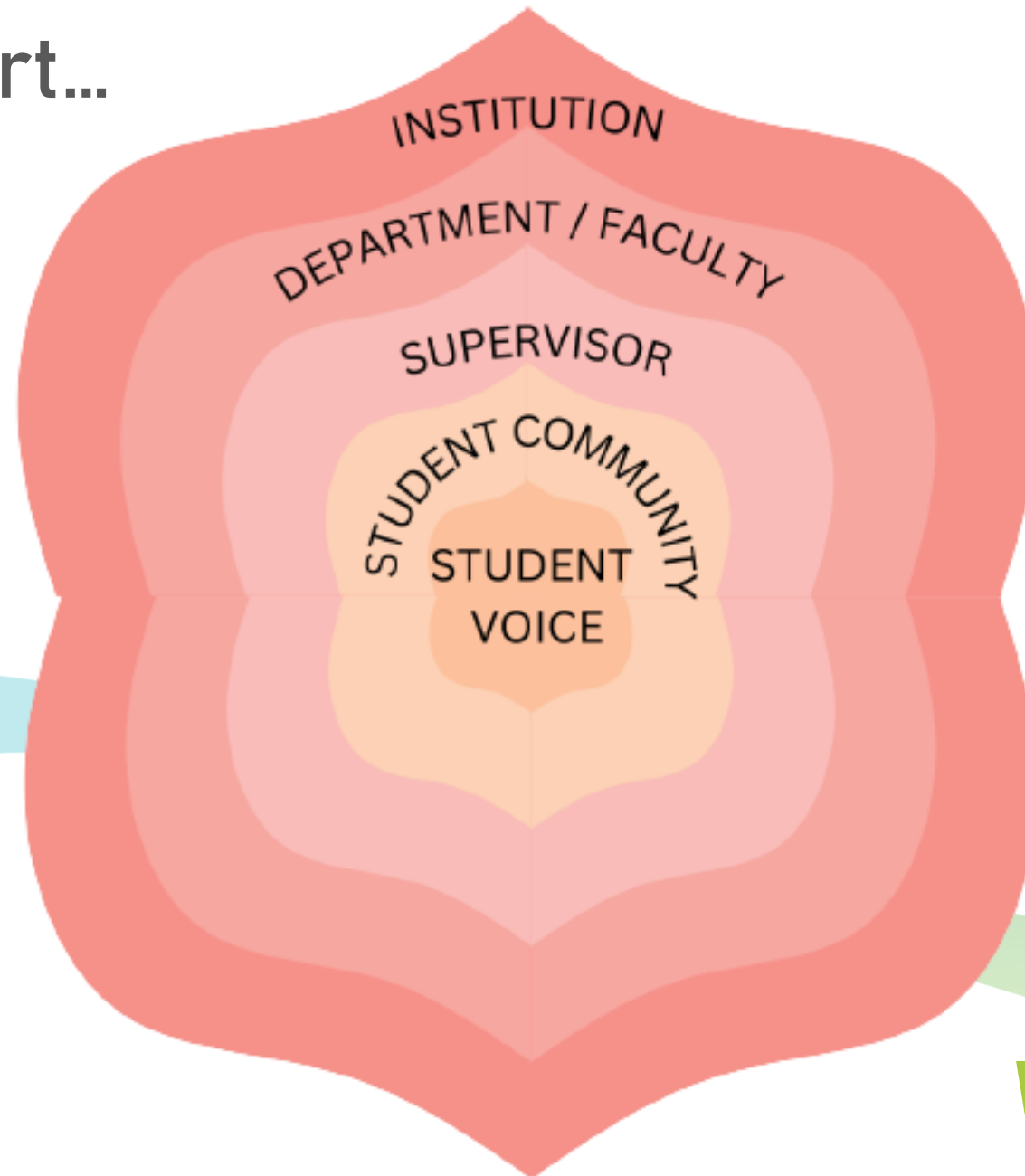


# Are PGRs the 'silent cohort'?

- ▶ PGR's 'student' voice being hindered is one of the most prominent barriers to student engagement



# Where to start...



# Recommendations:

- ▶ Empowering students and reclaiming student voice and sense of belonging
- ▶ In depth induction for postgraduate students
- ▶ Training for PG supervisors – to include student engagement best practices
- ▶ Access to resources that promote student engagement
- ▶ Requirement for PG representation and appropriate selection processes



Thanks!

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Any questions?

