



Being an

**ACTIVE
STUDENT!**



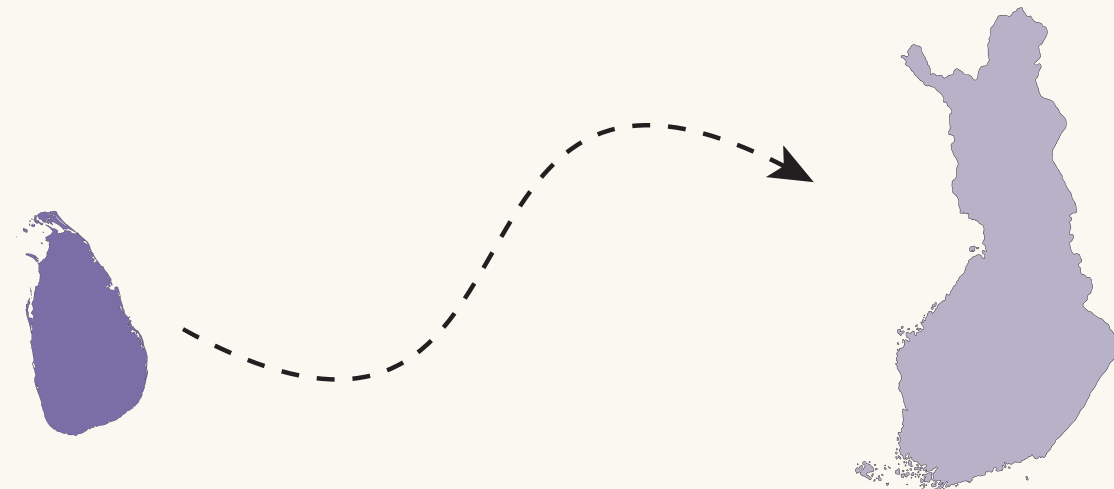


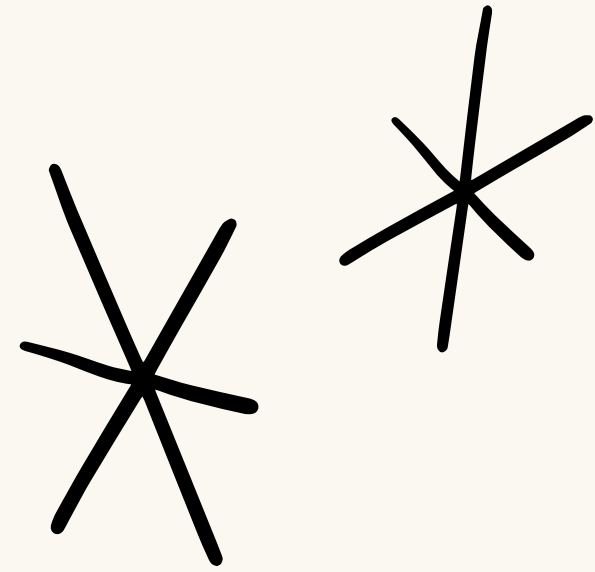
Hey, I'm Shavi!

Shavindya Kariyawasam

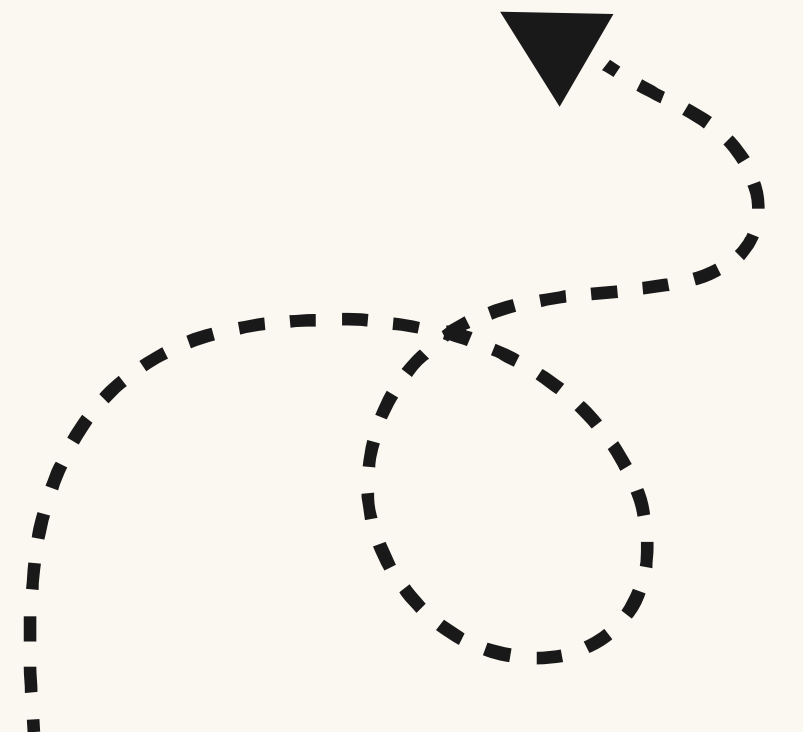
MDP in ICT: Software Engineering

- Lead UTUAmbassador (2024-2025)
- Active member of the University of Turku choir
- Marketing Intern at Admission Services
- Communication Manager at ESN Åbo Akademi





**What does
“Being an Active Student” mean?**





It means, different things
to different people!

Being part of
student
organisations



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For you?

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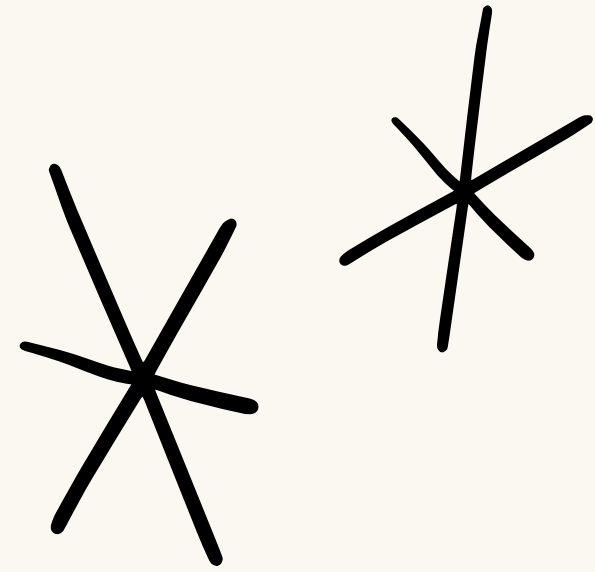


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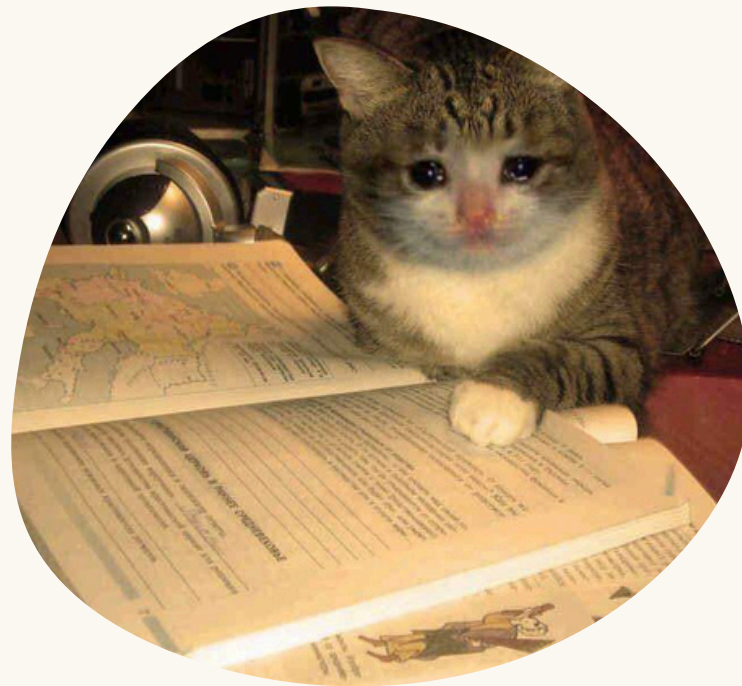


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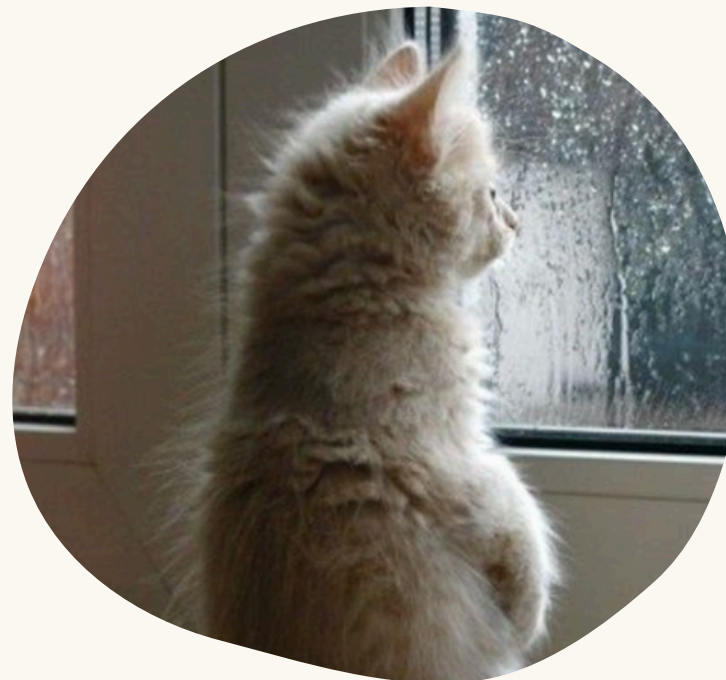




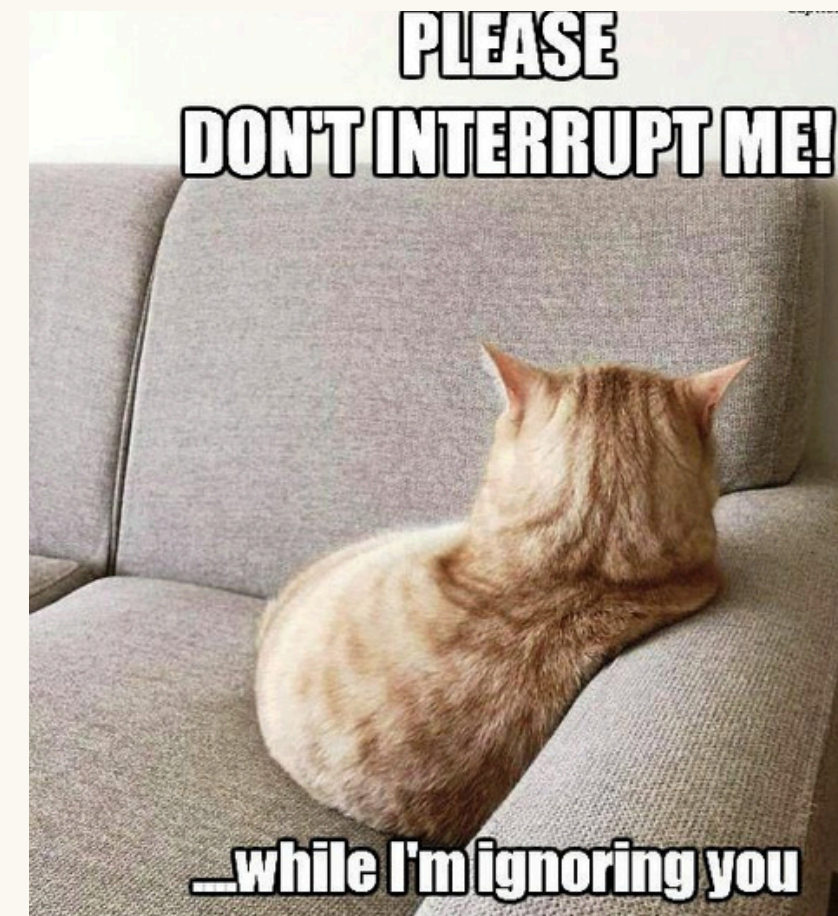
What it is NOT...



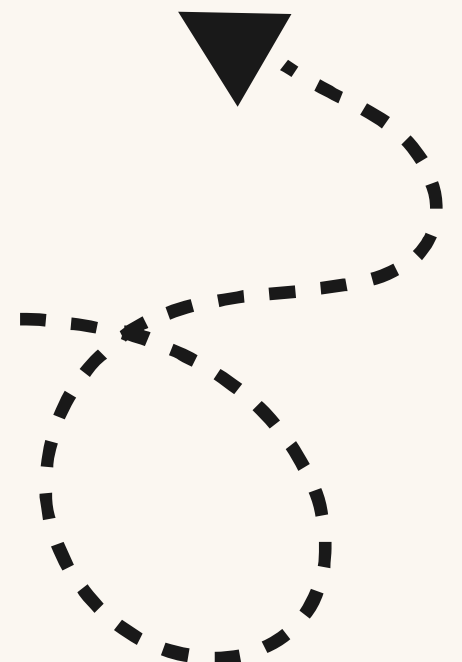
**Just focusing on
studies alone!**

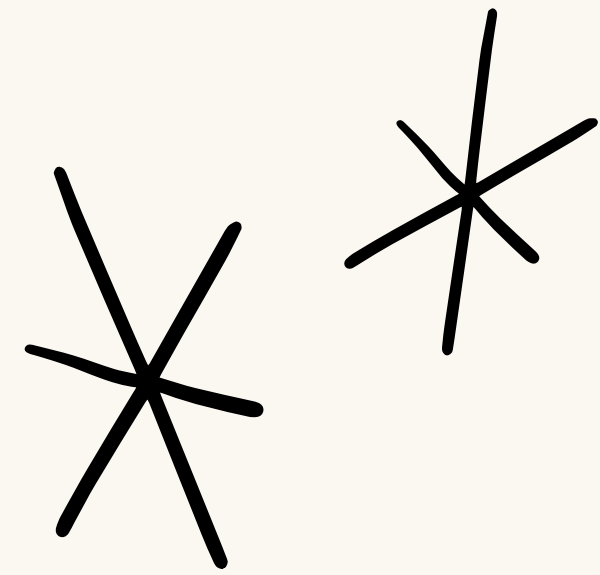


Isolating yourself

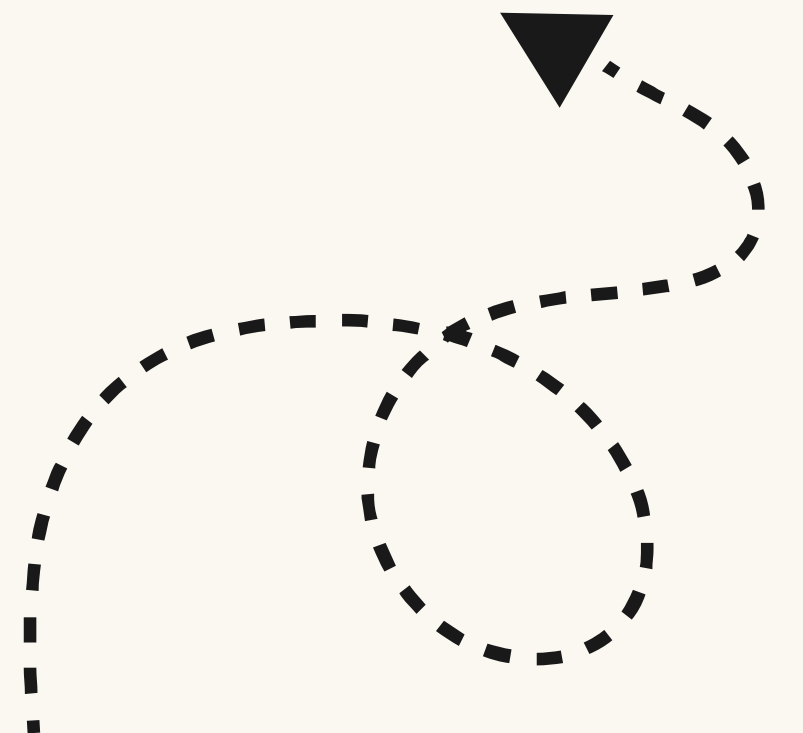


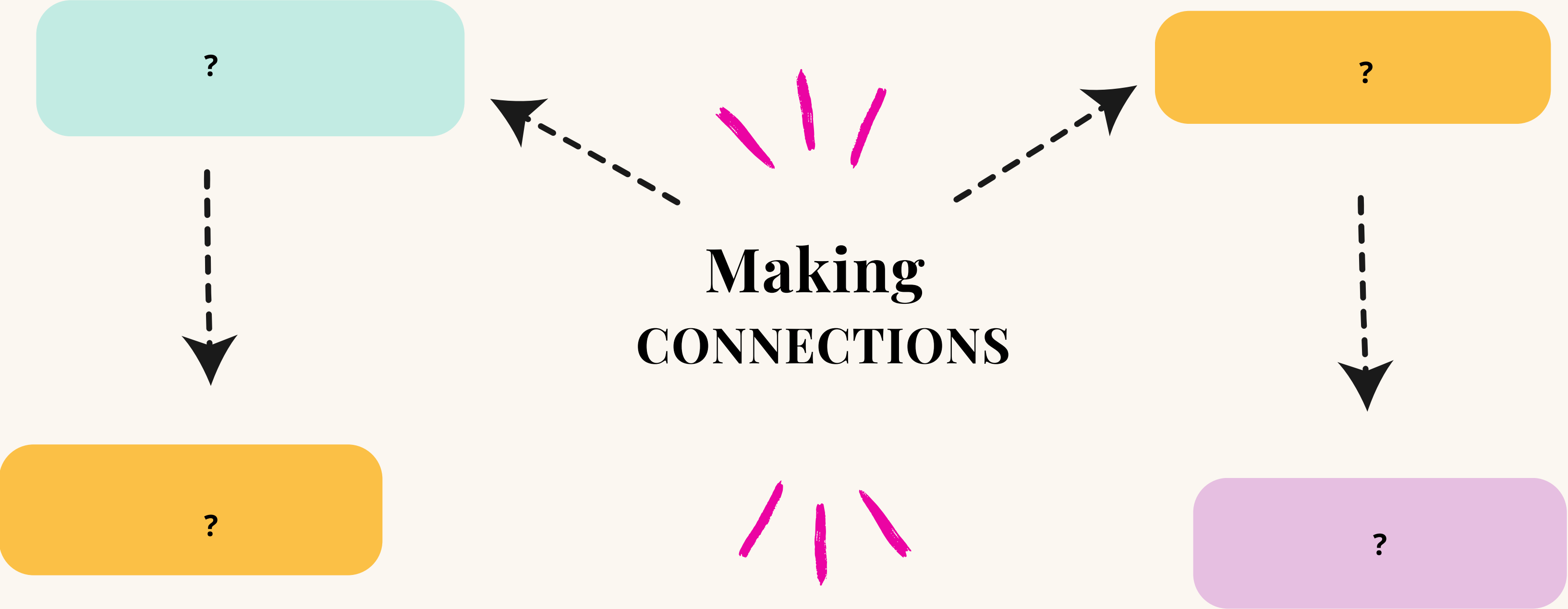
**Ignoring little
opportunities**

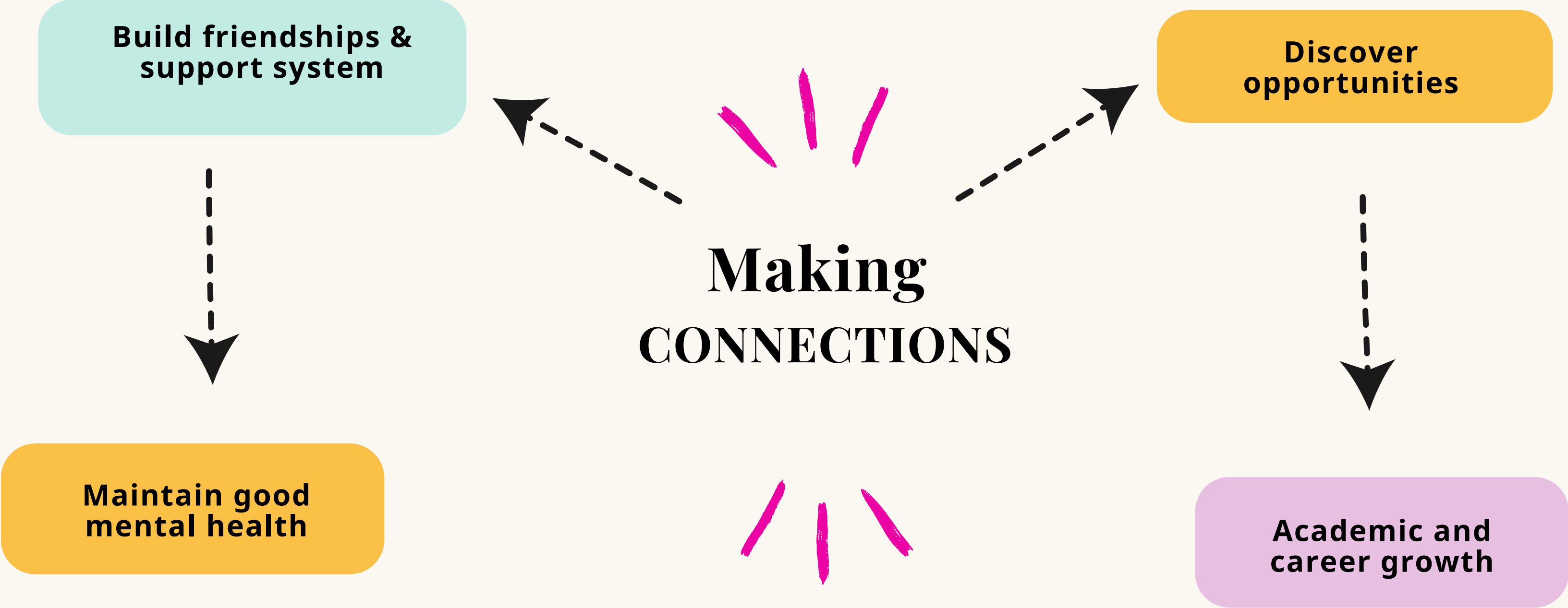




**But why is being active
so important?**







**Build friendships &
support system**

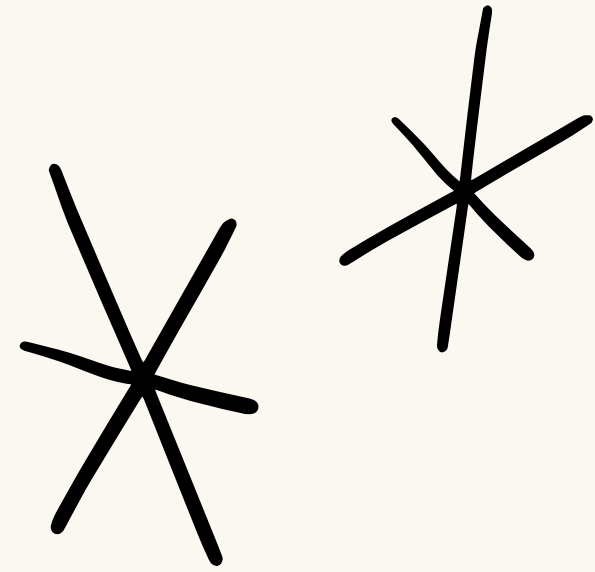
**Discover
opportunities**

**Making
CONNECTIONS**

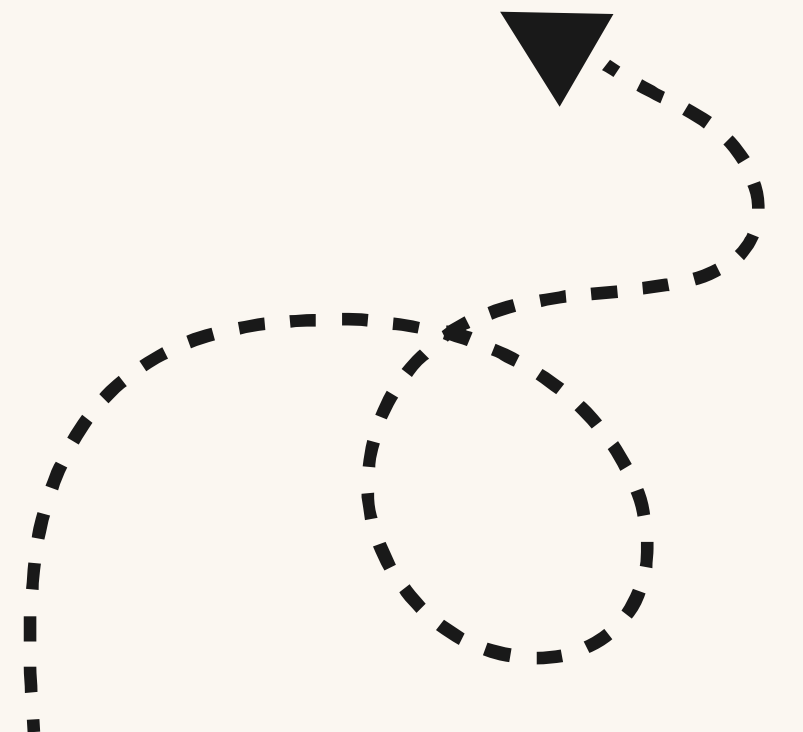
**Maintain good
mental health**

**Academic and
career growth**

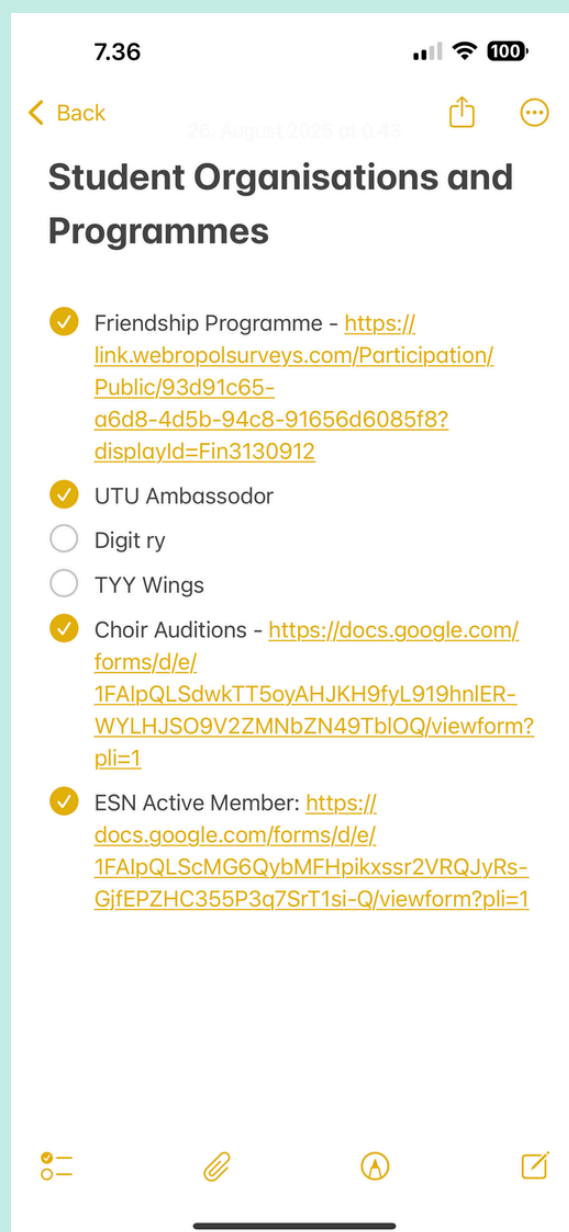




How to be active and make connections?



Make a plan for yourself



A few ways...

- 1 Joining student organisations
- 2 Becoming an UTUAmbassador
- 3 Joining the 'Friendship programme'
- 4 Attending conferences and summer schools
- 5 Talk to tutors to discover events that you can attend!
- 6 Join community channels/groups on WhatsApp and other platforms.

Where to find opportunities?

- 1 The weekly newsletter sent to your UTU email!
- 2 UTU Intranet / Job teaser
- 3 Reaching out to seniors/tutors
- 4 Pay attention to notice boards around the uni or TYS apartments!



Viikkoposti / Weekly newsletter 25.8.2025

- Yliopistoyhteisö avaa uuden lukuvuoden 2.9. – ilmoittaudu mukaan avajaisjuhlaan
University community opens new academic year on 2 September – Register for the Op
- Eurooppa muuttuvassa maailmassa – Eurooppa-foorumi 27.–29.8.2025
University of Turku is partner of Turku Pride again this year – join the parade
- Tiedettä ja taidetta yhdistävän Aboapora-tapahtuman teemana on tänä vuonna rauha
University carries out workplace well-being survey on 25 September–15 October
- Työpaikasta toteutetaan työhyvinvointikysely 25.9.–15.10.
UTU International Club Launch Event on 4 September, register by 29 August
- Muistutus työmatkayöryöstä ja kampusyöryöstä
Reminder about commuting by bicycle
- Työpaikasta...



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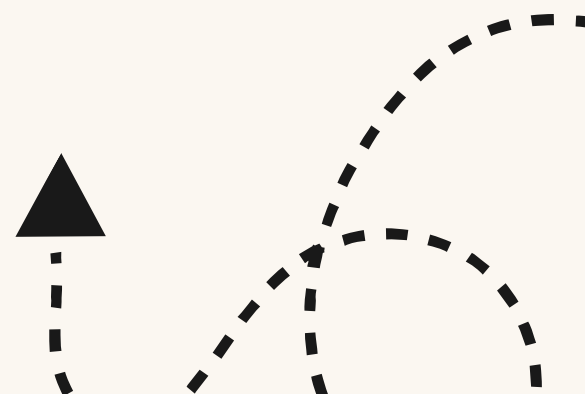
***Start
today!***

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**Welcome fair
is happening
tomorrow!**

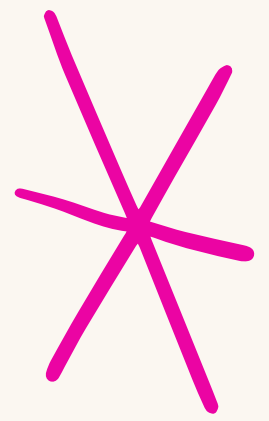
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**The best time to start
connecting is during the
orientation period**





A FEW NOTES...

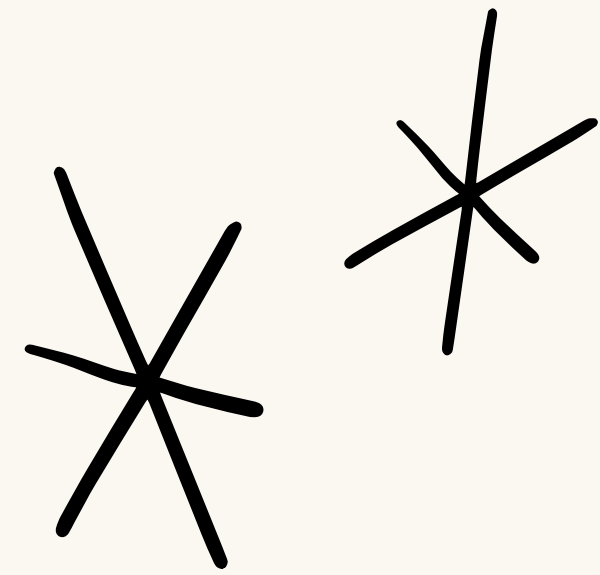


**IT'S OKAY TO DO
THINGS AT YOUR
OWN PACE :')**

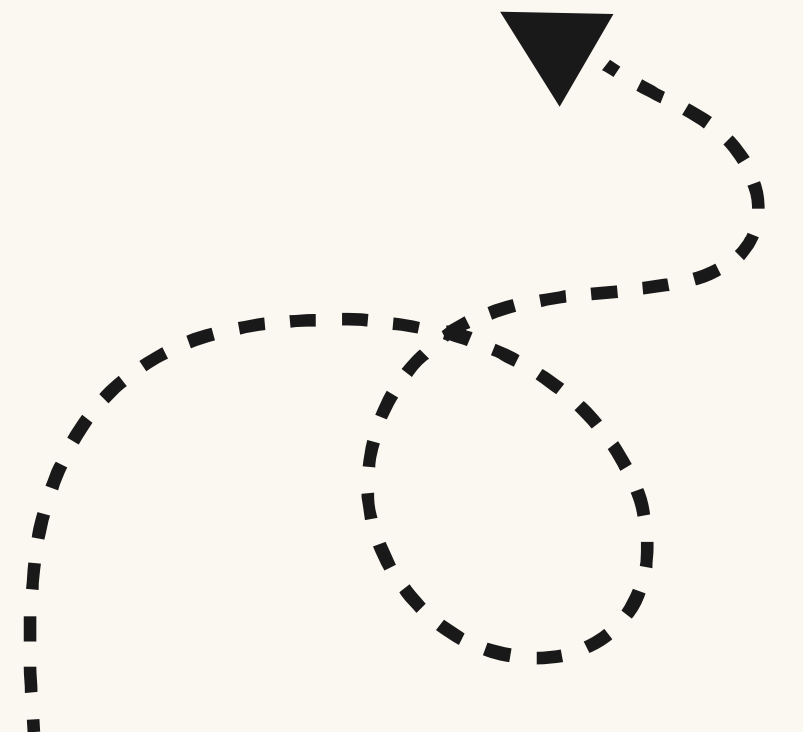
**STAY
POSTIVE!**

**DON'T THINK OF
MAKING FRIENDS AS
A WHOLE NEW TASK.**

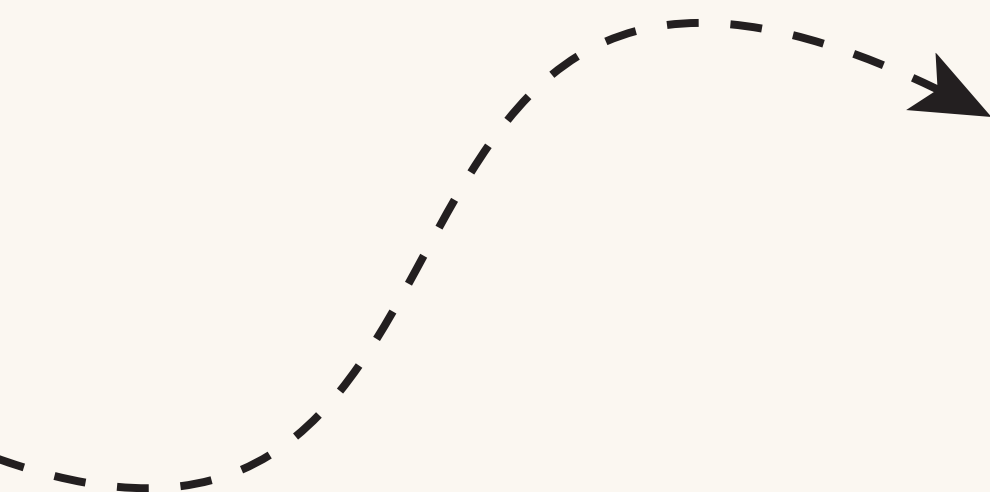
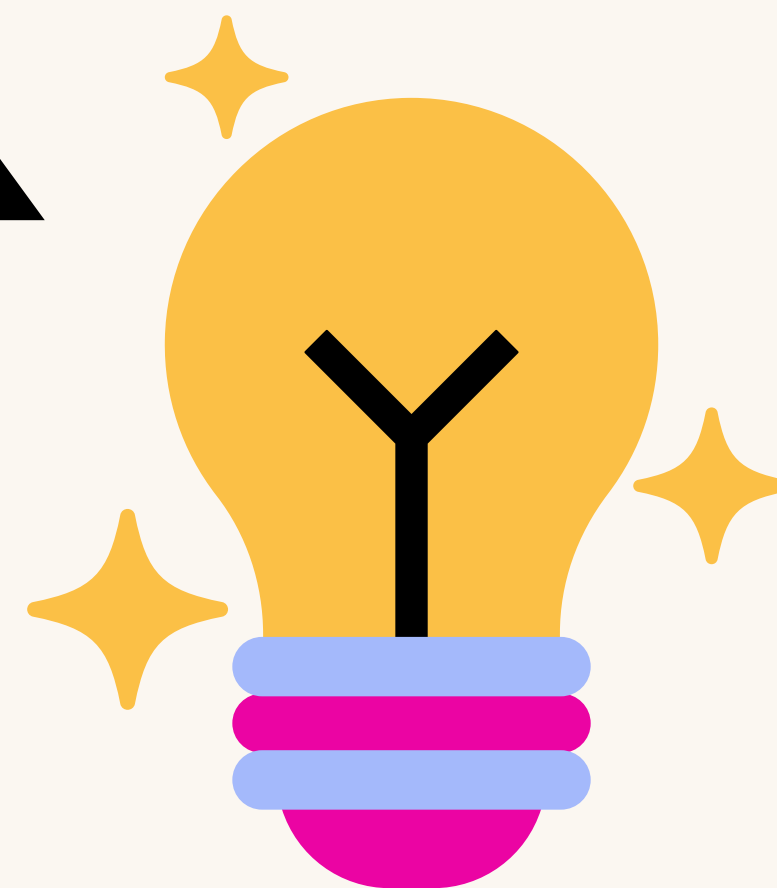
**DON'T HESITATE TO
ASK FOR HELP
CAUSE...**



You are never alone here!



**THANK
YOU!**



STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

