

What should be the aims of  
undergraduate psychology  
education?

The Society's perspective

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dedicated to advancing the  
discipline and profession of  
psychology for the benefit of  
our members and the  
communities they serve**

# Serving our members

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- Clearly the APS is a member society our responsibility is to advocate first and foremost for our membership
- However as the custodian of the discipline, we need to take a wider view
- Advancing psychology includes the fact that the general public becomes more psychologically literate

# How do we achieve this end?

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- I am a great advocate for inclusion of psychology within the national curriculum
- I am also a great believer in the benefit of psychology in producing the well rounded citizen
- Increasingly we will be held accountable for the fact that we are spending a lot of time in our undergraduate degree educating people to a set of skills which have “no use”

# The more you give, the more you get!

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- I believe that in the future, we will need to be able to demonstrate that giving our students skills that will help them in getting a job, in being effective employees and in being effective human beings, even if these are not all labelled directly as psychology, is a worthwhile aim
- We need to structure our curriculum in such a way that every student at every level and every exit point walks away with useful and applicable psychological knowledge