# Work experience and employability

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## Engineering areas

**Building Services Engineering** 

Civil Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Electrical & Electronic Engineering

**Telecommunications Engineering** 

Petroleum Engineering

**Chemical Engineering** 

Design and Manufacturing Management

Product Design / Engineering Product Design

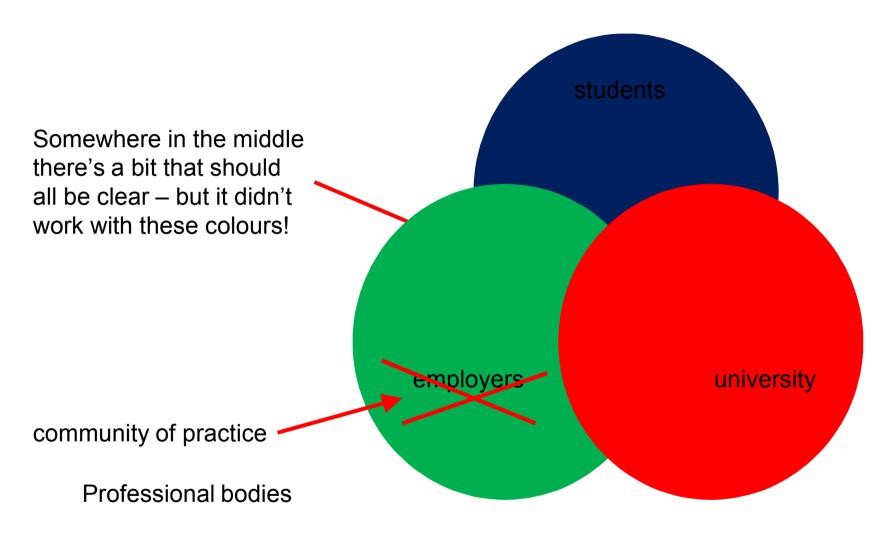
Architecture

Surveying

Construction

Sports science

Forensic science



A simplistic model – useful but has problems

NB sizes of the circles change

### Problems with the model

A multiplicity of models.

Each student has a different perception.

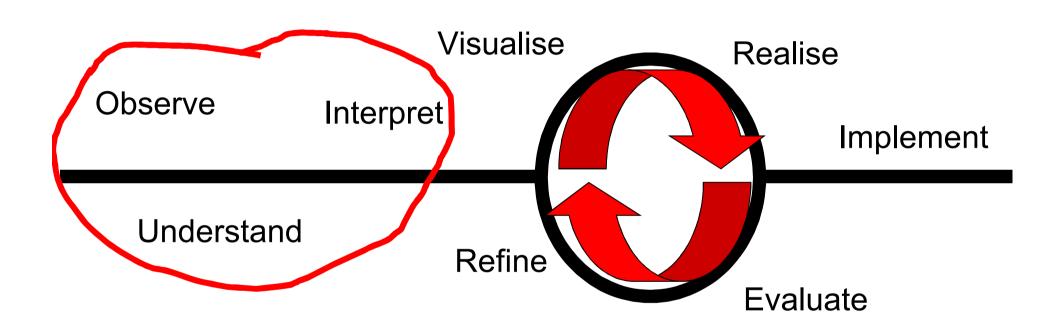
Each member of staff has a different perception.

Each employer has a different perception.

What is understood is tacit and no-one says it clearly.

There is a systems problem...

## like any Design Process



#### comments

find out how the **community of practice** works what skills are those that are needed to gain entry?

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seek to become part of the **community** ourselves

if you can't become part of the **community** become respected by it understand the systems issues