



Nottingham Students' Partnership

The first year of
partnership, the
things we love and the
things
we could have done
differently



Session Schedule

- 1. Formation & Background**
- 2. Day to day operation, activity & oversight**
- 3. What we think works**
- 4. Challenges**
- 5. Future learning**

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Formation & Background

There's a lot of students in Nottingham

**Personal relations between officers has formed
collaboration in the past**

**The Universities for Nottingham Civic Agreement
exists**

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A photograph of a social gathering, likely a party or event, with a teal and orange gradient overlay. The scene is filled with people in a dimly lit room. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair and a white hair clip is seen from the back, holding a glass. To her right, another woman with long dark hair is also seen from the back. In the center, a man in a dark suit and a light-colored hat is looking towards the left. To his right, a man in a dark suit is holding a glass. The background shows other people and a whiteboard or poster on the wall. The overall atmosphere is social and festive.

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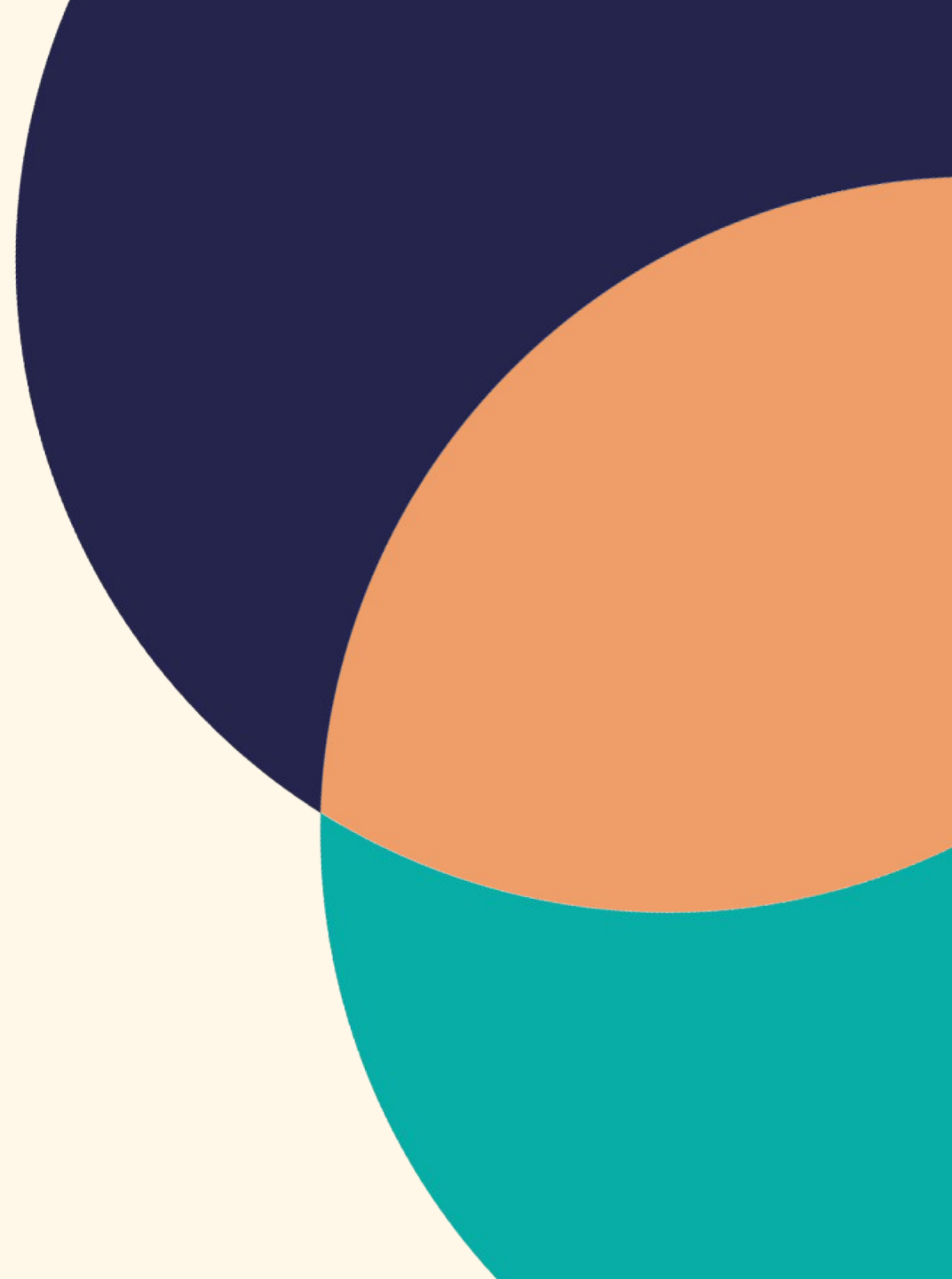
A.K.A. Formal WORK? arrangements

One Lead Partner (UoNSU) holding the budget and employing a joint staff member to coordinate the partnership.

Costs split evenly on a quarterly basis.

Regular update meetings between key contacts at each SU

**Strategic & Operational
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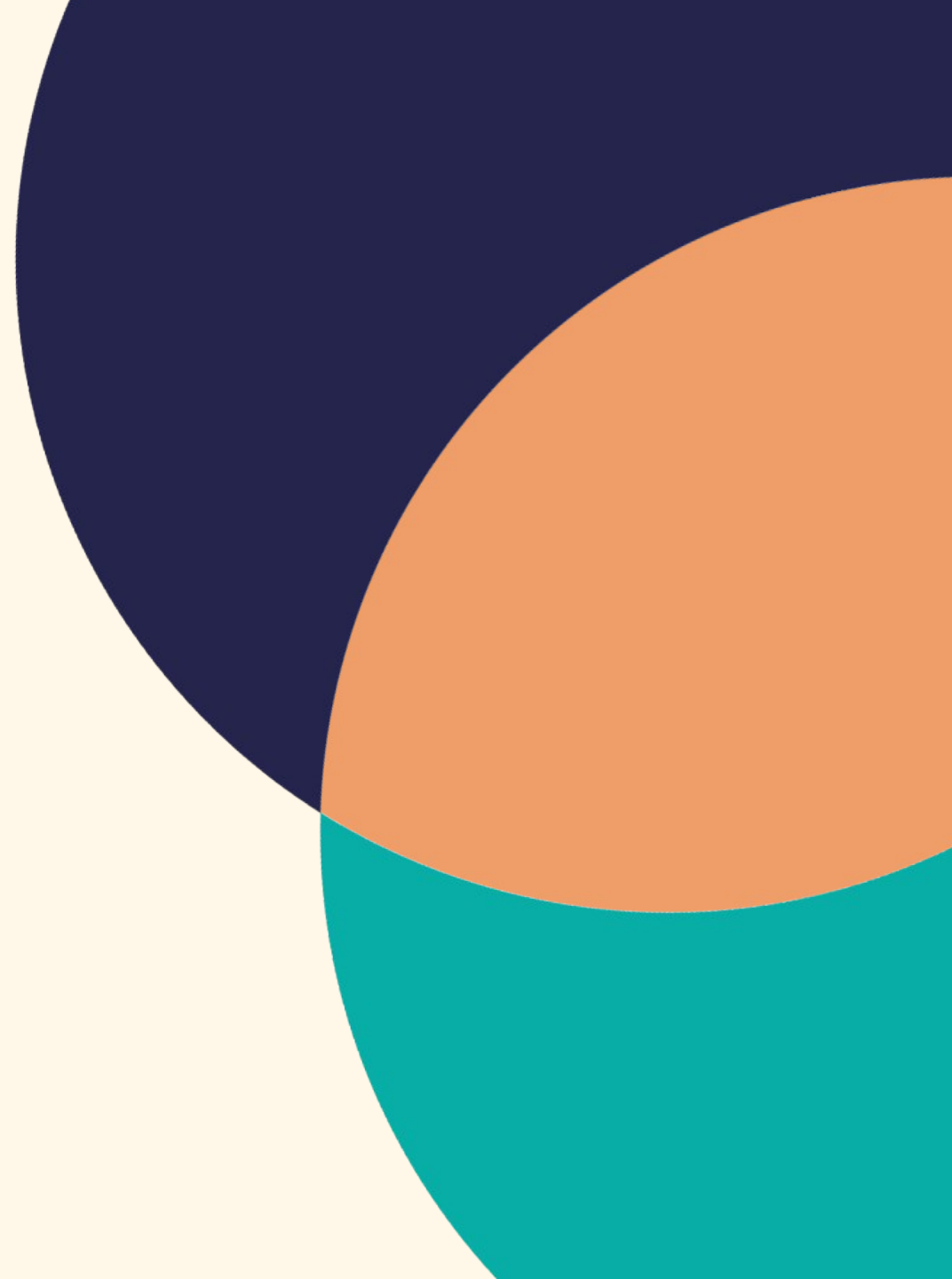
WHAT DOES IT

DO?

Day-to-day activity

- Establishing common ground
- Developing mutual understanding
- Briefing and supporting officers
- Building stakeholder relationships
- Responding to emerging agendas
- Identifying opportunities for influence

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Successes

Challenges

**Further
Thoughts**

REFLECTIONS

From the first year of
partnership

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Further Thoughts



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Successes

The things we love

- **Stakeholders repeating our lines**
- **Increase in proactive engagement**
- **Influencing Student Living Strategy**
- **Additional capacity for officer work**
- **Increased collaboration™**



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Successes

**The things we did
right**

- **Consistent, long-term view**
- **Common interest relationships**
- **Providing a strong, joint view**
- **Additional capacity for officer work**
- **Increased collaboration™**

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Challenges

- **Influence of the Uni**
- **Council problems & rigidity (non-participatory system)**
- **Feeling of powerlessness of students & local residence (blame game)**
- **Students not seen by themselves as part of local community, historically reinforced**
- **Not here for stakeholders, so adding value for them is difficult**

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**The things we could
have done differently**

- **Cultural norms and practices of two SUs**
- **Ongoing workloads of two SUs**
- **Impact v action**
- **We are engaged as organisations, but are students?**

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Things to consider

- **Scope**
- **Measuring success**
- **Structure**
- **Culture of collaboration**
- **Impact**
- **Involvement of students**

The image shows a wide-angle view of Nottingham City Hall, a grand neoclassical building with a prominent dome. The scene is overlaid with a gradient that transitions from a warm orange on the left to a cool teal on the right. The text 'Nottingham Students' Partnership' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

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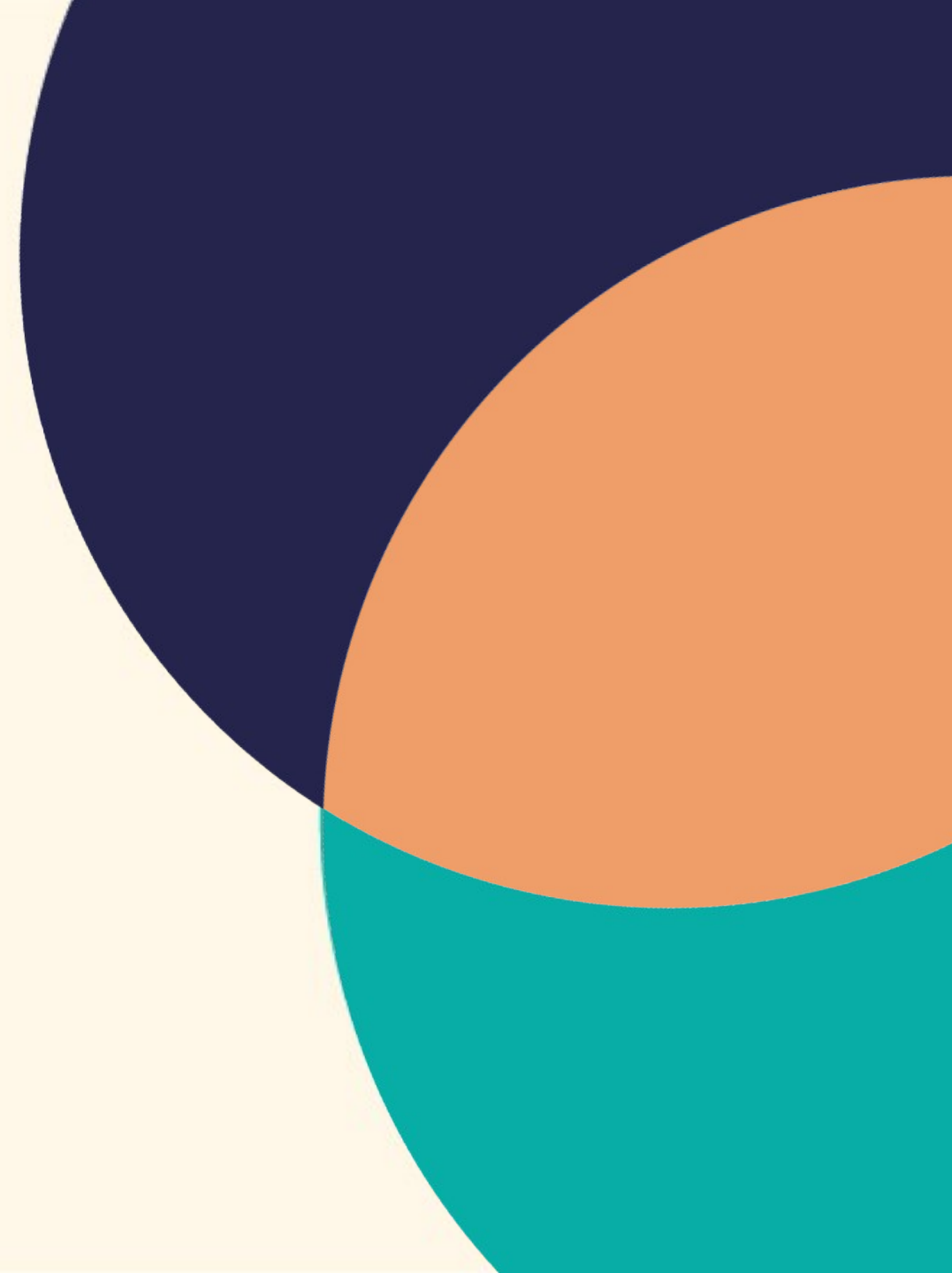
Overall Takeaways

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Making specific requests

Chasing up

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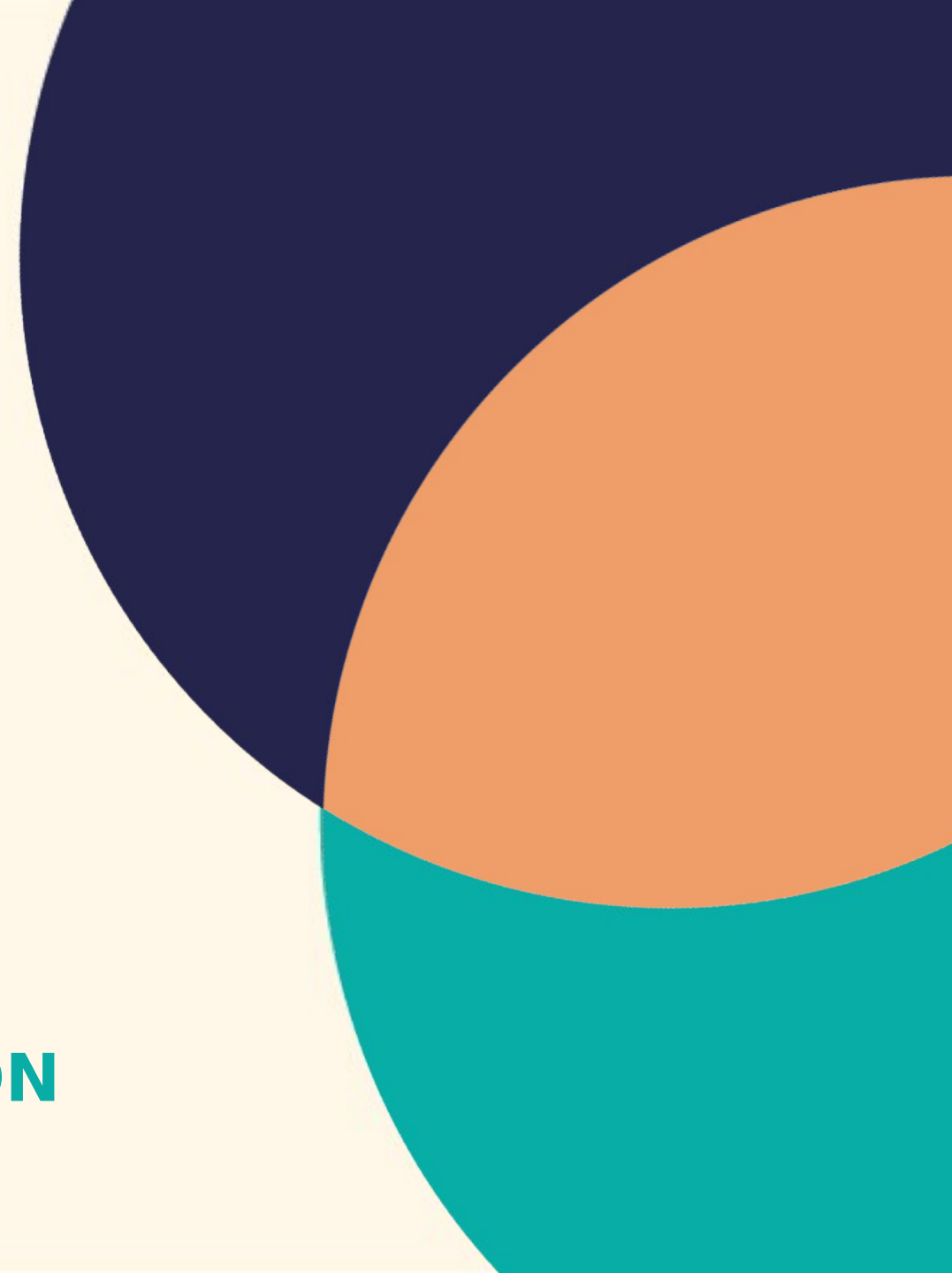
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**CULTURE OF
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Working with the Uni(s) further thoughts

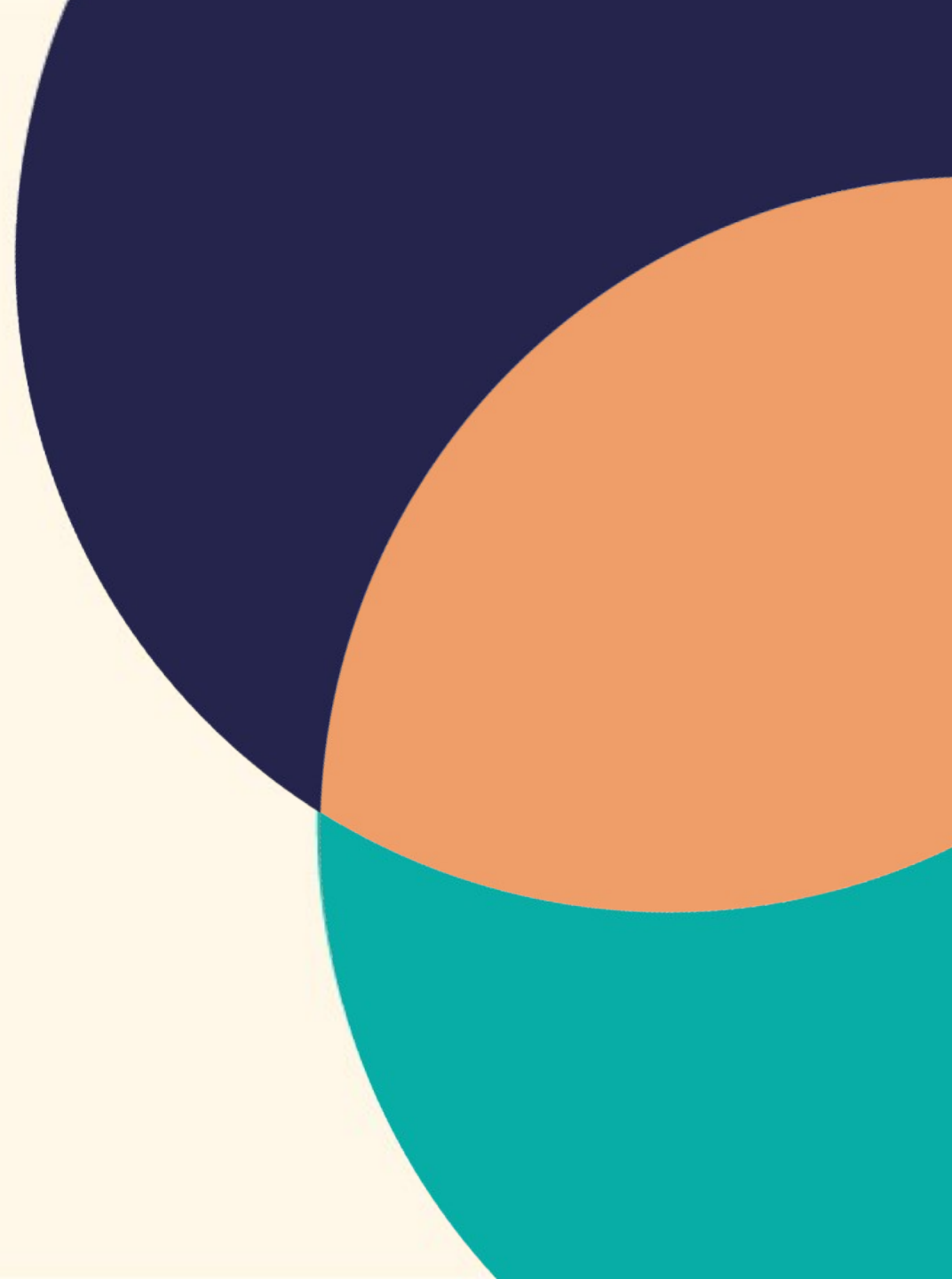
Being useful/ authoritative

Respecting their objectives

Being honest about differences

Using different strengths

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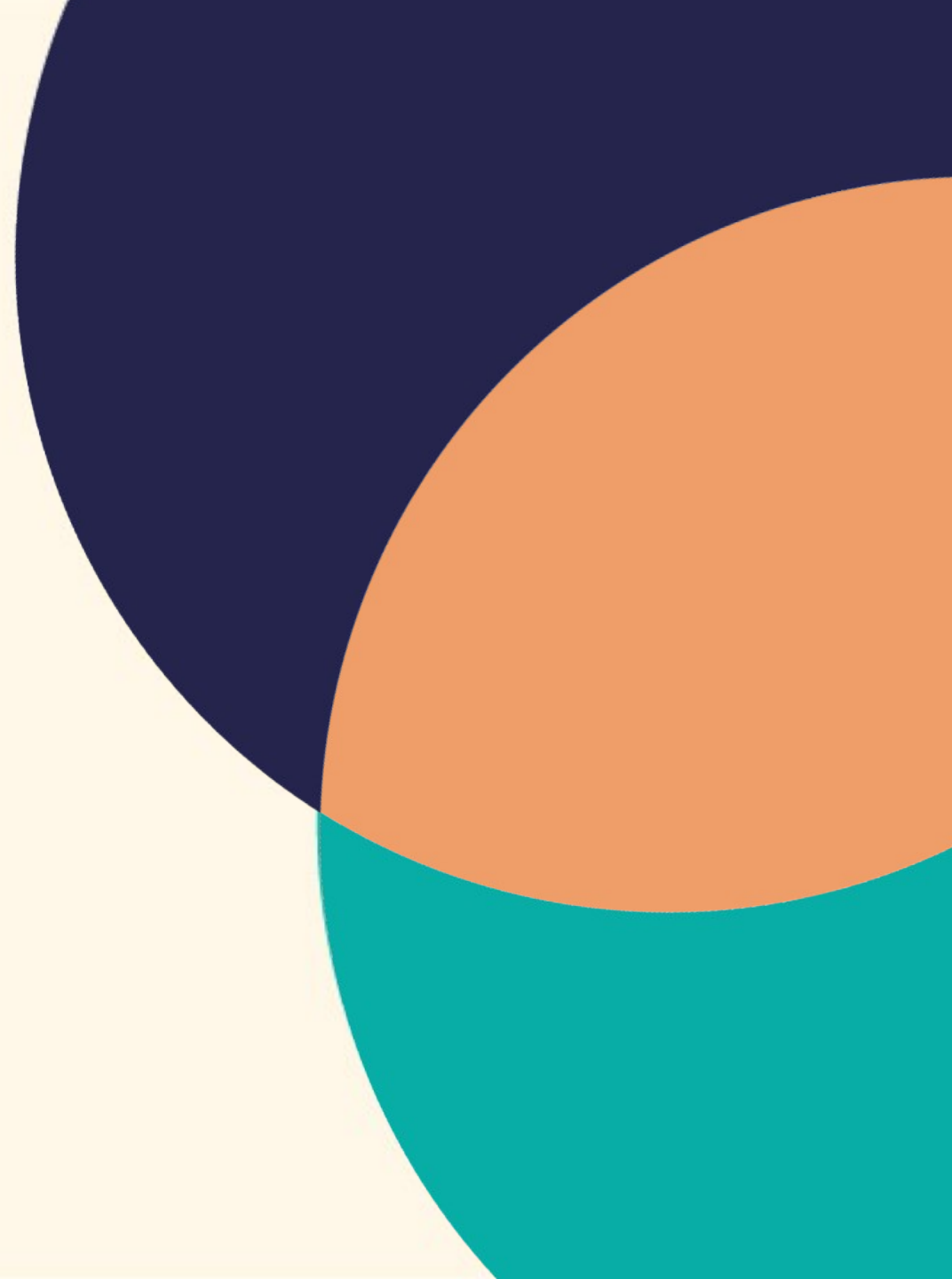
How do we

communicate?
Distinct branding?

Understanding strengths & busy bits

Taking advantage of having two teams

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