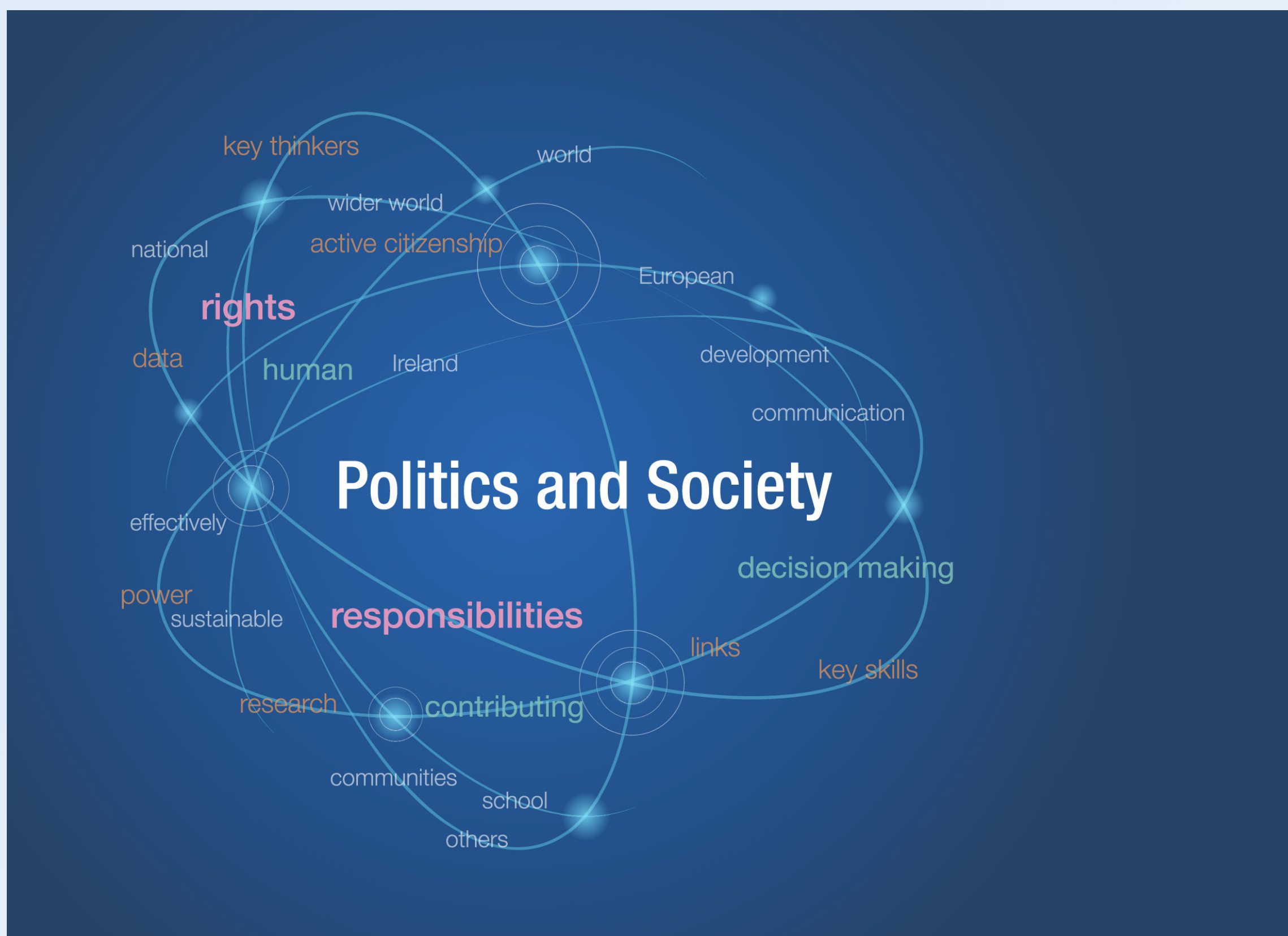


# Politics and Society

## Reflections on the introduction of Leaving Certificate Politics and Society



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# Webinar Reflection Questions

## Introduction

Please introduce yourself and tell us how you became involved in teaching Politics and Society?

## Professional Practice

1. From your experience, what have been the successes of being involved, as a pioneering teacher, in the introduction of Politics and Society in your school?

2. What has been the impact of Politics and Society on your professional practice and approaches to the teaching and learning of the subject?

3. How has your practice changed and what lessons have you learned?

## Students and School Community

1. How has Politics and Society as a subject impacted upon your students? Can you tell us more about this; what evidence do you have to support this?

2. How has using a learning outcome and non-linear based approach influenced your teaching? What impact has this had on your students and their experience of the subject?

3. How have the senior cycle key skills been developed in your Politics and Society classroom?

4. How has Politics and Society as a subject impacted your school community? Can you tell us more about this; what evidence do you have to support this?

## Looking Forward

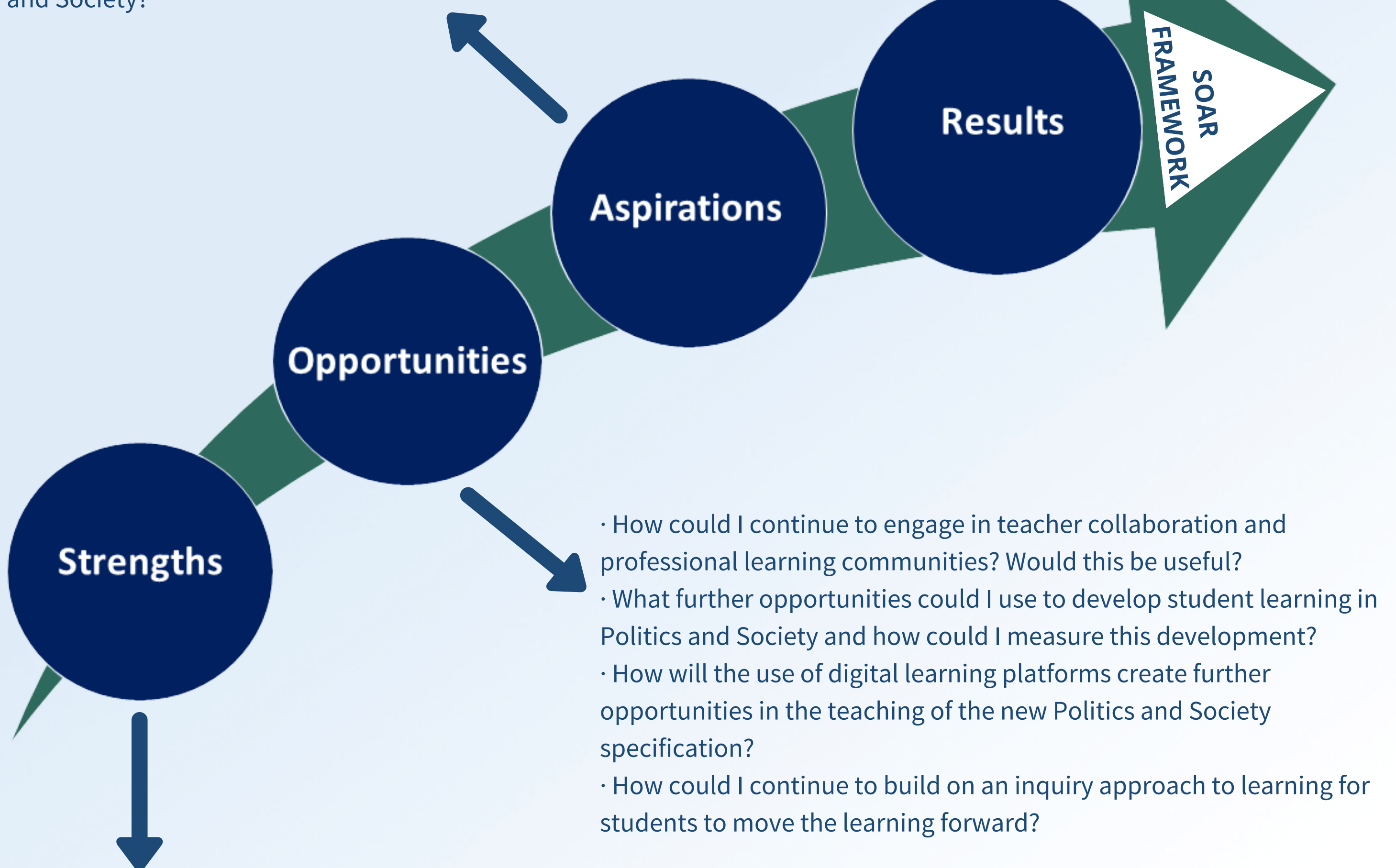
1. From your perspective as an educator, what has been the impact of the introduction of Politics and Society on Irish education?

2. What potential has emerged that could be explored in teaching and learning across the curriculum?

# Reflection Method: SOAR Model

- How can the success of the students be measured in a variety of ways?
- How can classroom culture/climate be measured and improved to bring the learning experience forward?

- What do I see as the core objectives for the future teaching and learning of Politics and Society?
- How has my vision for learning in Politics and Society developed over the course of the two years?
- How would I define success for my students in Politics and Society?



# Reflection Method: SOAR Model

## Vision for future learning

1. Is there a new understanding that I have gained from my experience with the Politics and Society specification and why may this understanding be important for me going forward?

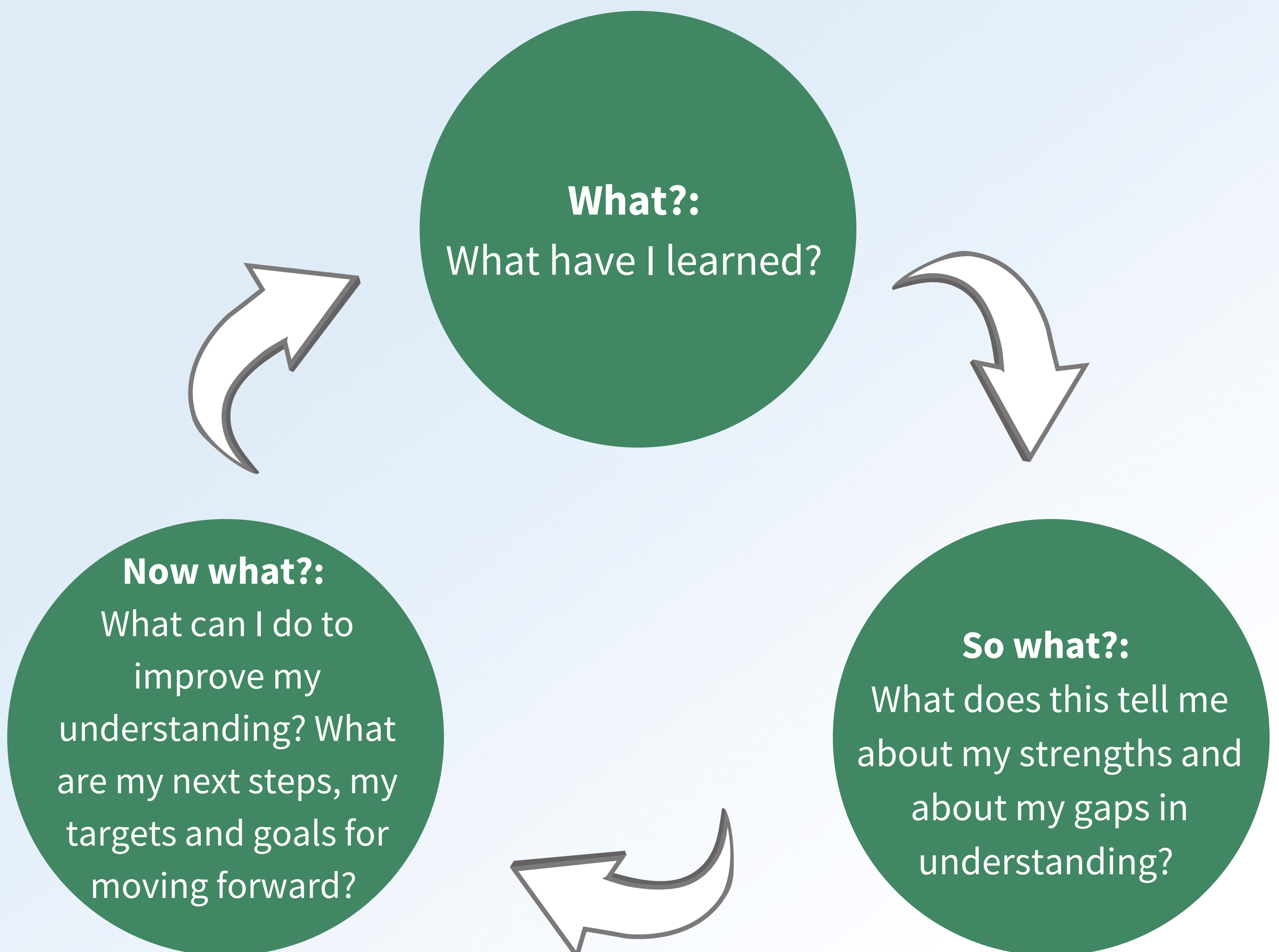
2. Can I identify further opportunities that would assist me and my students to enhance future teaching and learning outcomes in Politics and Society?

3. Has my engagement with this specification brought about improved student performance and how have I measured this success?

4. What further actions can I take to continue to support students to engage positively with the Politics and Society specification?

# Reflection Method: What? So what? Now what?

Rolfe, Freshwater and Jasper (2001) propose using three simple questions when reflecting on learning: ‘What? So what? Now what?’.





# Websites and Resources

## PDST Resources:

PDST Politics and Society Website

[https://www.pdst.ie/pp/sc/politicsandsociety\\_](https://www.pdst.ie/pp/sc/politicsandsociety_)

Scoilnet - Politics and Society Page

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/go-to-post-primary/pol-soc/>

Post-Primary Literacy Resources for Teachers

<http://www.jcsp.ie/resources/c/10/497/Post%20Primary%20Literacy%20Resource%20for%20Teachers.pdf>

An Integrated Approach to Learning, Teaching & Assessment Post Primary Resource

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/uploads/resources/29422/29158.pdf>

Graphic Organisers in Teaching and Learning Post Primary Resource

<https://pdst.ie/sites/default/files/Graphic%20Organiser.pdf>

Active Learning Methodologies

<https://pdst.ie/sites/default/files/teaching%20toolkit%20booklet%20without%20keyskills.pdf>

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## NCCA Resources:

Politics and Society Specification 2019-2021

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/getmedia/ee597f5d-180a-4531-ba50-2f4c966f2df3/Politics-and-Society-new.pdf>

Politics and Society NCCA Website

<https://ncca.ie/en/senior-cycle/curriculum-developments/politics-and-society>

NCCA Senior Cycle Key Skills Framework

[https://ncca.ie/media/3380/ks\\_framework.pdf](https://ncca.ie/media/3380/ks_framework.pdf)

NCCA Focus on Learning Toolkits

<https://ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle/assessment-and-reporting/focus-on-learning>

## NCSE Resources:

NCSE Website

<https://ncse.ie/>

NCSE Post Primary Resources

<https://ncse.ie/teacher-post-primary-general-support-for-learning>