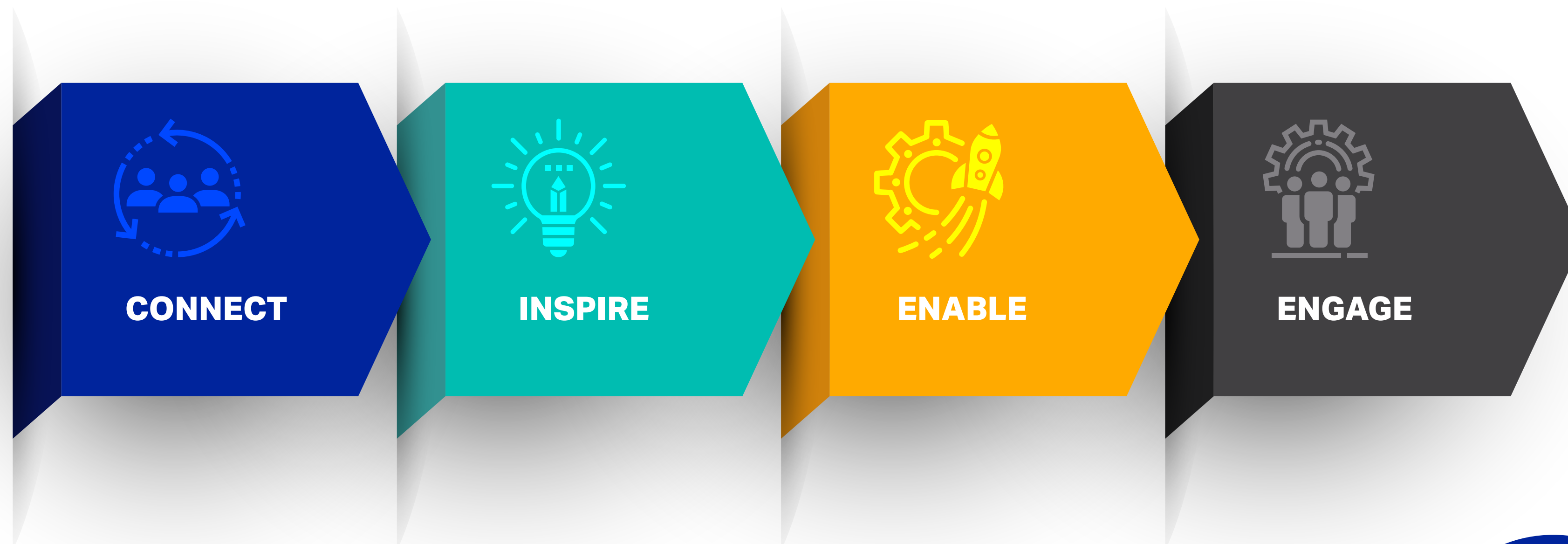


HCT Libraries' e-Volunteering Program

Connect, Inspire, Enable & Engage in Uncertain Times

The Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT) is the UAE's largest applied higher education institution, educating approximately 23,000 students. As an integral learning tool for students, libraries are located at all 16 HCT campuses, across the UAE.



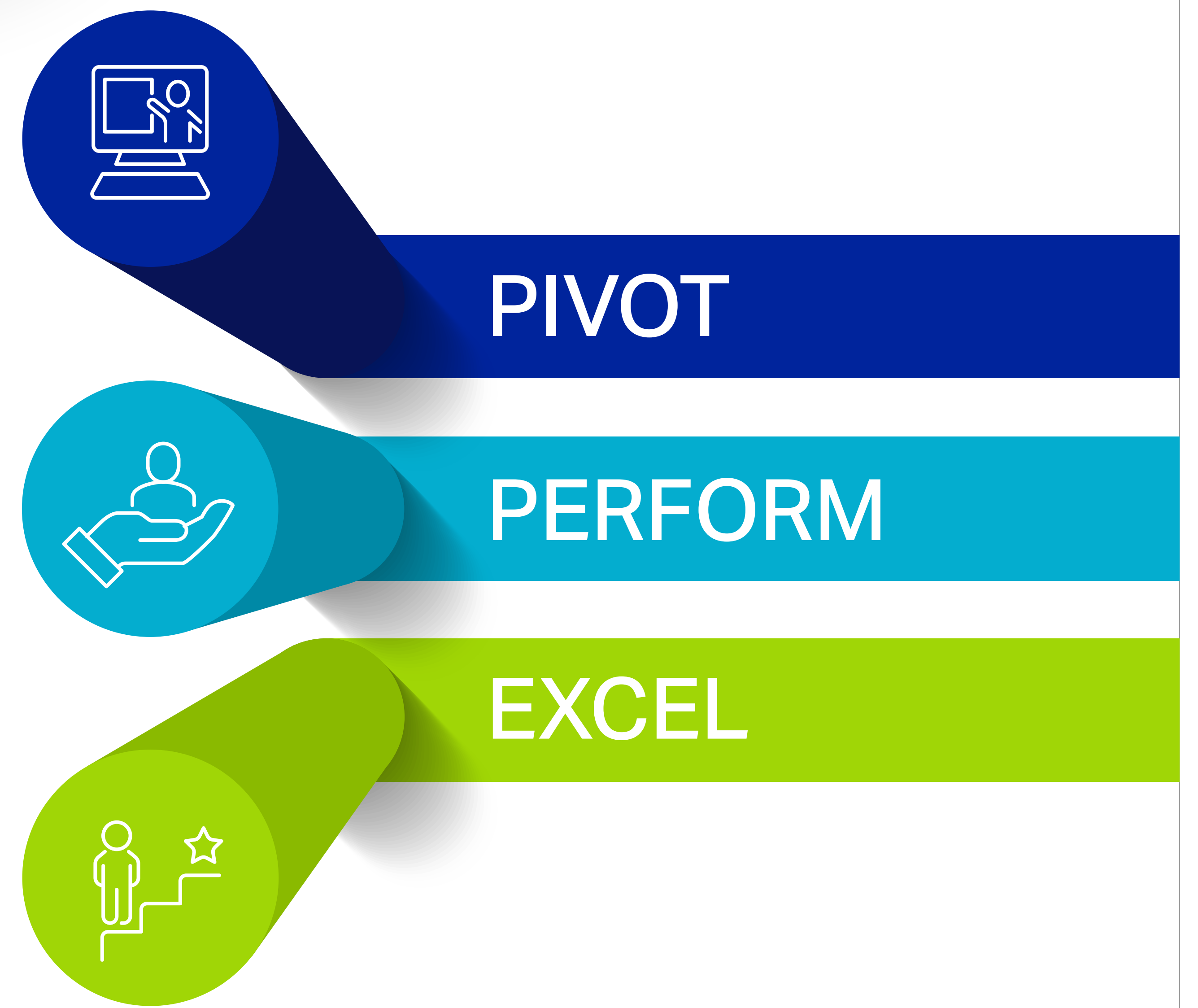
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, physical access to learning resources was severely restricted at HCT's libraries, as well as opportunities for students to perform volunteering activities at the libraries.



The libraries' innovative solution was to continue with their volunteering program and CONNECT with students online through e-Volunteering, leveraging educational technologies.

Pivot - We switched our services to online engagement

Perform - We continued to inspire and do our best, despite the pandemic

Excellence - We rose to the occasion because no pandemic could stop librarians from shining & delivering high quality learning and volunteering opportunities to students.



	
220 e-Volunteers (2020)	797 Volunteering Hours completed
1,282 e-Volunteers (2021)	1,678 Volunteering Hours completed

The e-Volunteering program ENABLED students to complete their mandatory volunteering hours for the 2020 academic year and to develop life-long learning and work-ready skills that will be invaluable in their future careers and endeavors.

Students ENGAGED with a range of online activities, projects and opportunities through the Libraries' e-Volunteering program, which INSPIRED creativity and innovation.

The Program Excelled, growing from 220 e-Volunteers in 2020, completing 797 hours, to 1,282 e-Volunteers in 2021 who completed 1,678 hours.