

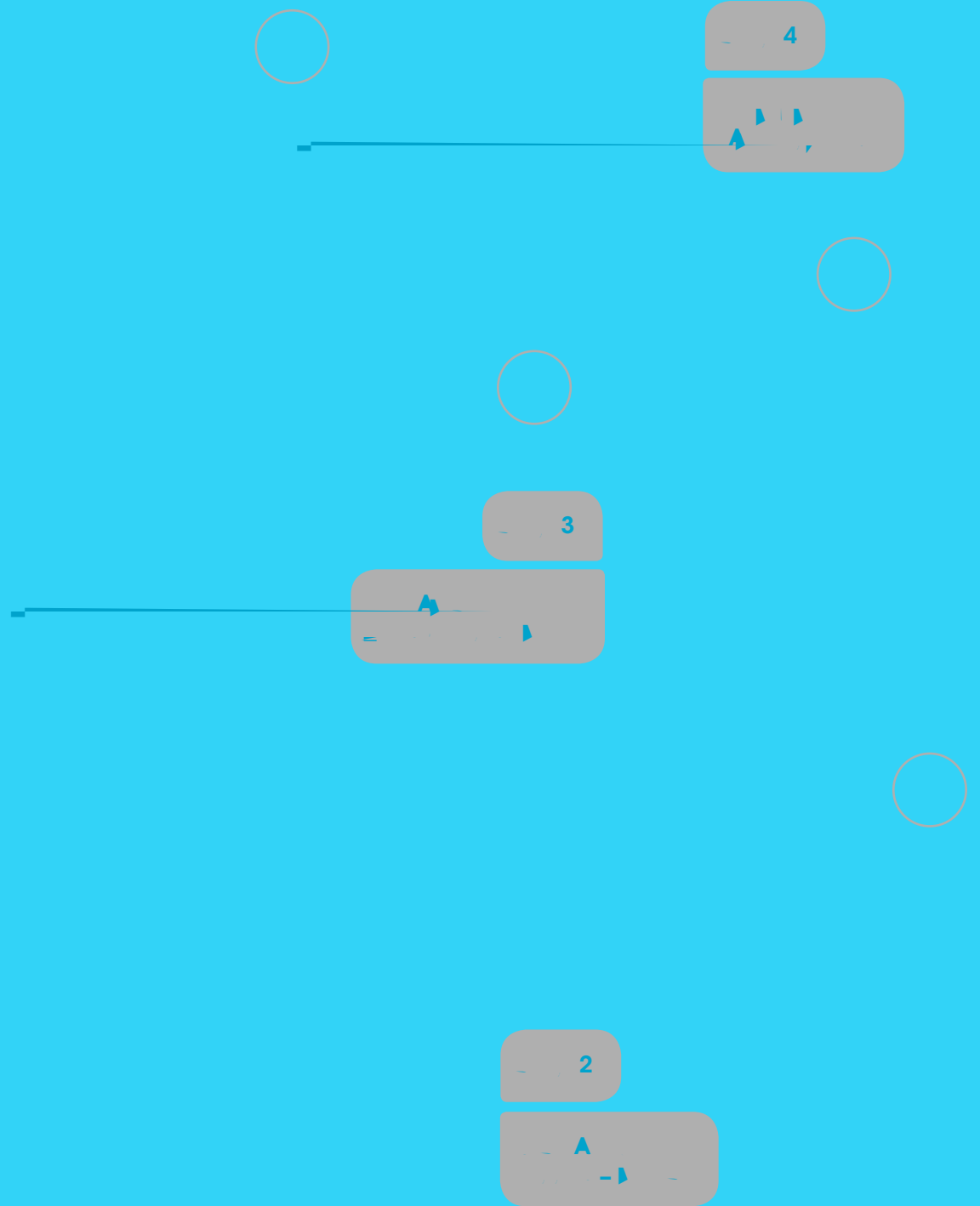
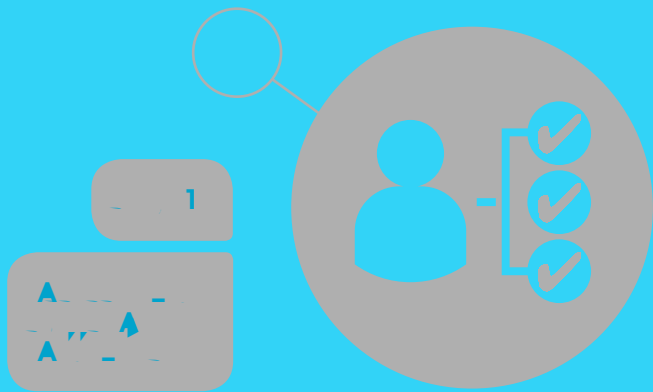
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## YOUR AMBITION



























# LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

During your degree there are many ways you can develop your skills to enhance your chances of joining the Police, but which will also be useful for many careers:

## JOINING THE SPECIALS

€ During your degree, it will be advisable to join the Special Police ... this will show your commitment to joining the Police, and also help you develop the skills and experience required. Many forces will expect this.

€ Special constables (or "Specials") are a type of police officer who work on a part-time basis. They are often used for a variety of tasks, including crowd control, public order, and general policing. They are usually recruited from the local community and are often seen in uniform. They are a valuable part of the police force and can be a great way to gain experience and develop your skills.

€ Independent Custody Visitors - these are members of the public who make regular unannounced visits to check on the standards in which people are held in custody. Visitors play a vital role in raising standards and helping ensure the fair treatment of detainees. Their visits also help to enhance the accountability and transparency of the police among the communities they serve. [icva.org.uk/](http://icva.org.uk/)

€ Pro Bono schemes at the University of Law may also appeal. These allow you to gain valuable experience and develop your skills as well as insight into the challenges being faced by the public.

## STUDENT SOCIETIES

The ability to influence peers is important whether engaging in society activities or running for positions of responsibility within them. Social relationships form which are akin to the development of a more professional network which will be so important as you progress your career. The handover requirements necessitate really important skills that are tested in the workplace and creating a new society shows enterprise and determination.



