

# Mature Learners

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Chat Discussion

13:58:42 From Maria-Anna NEON : Welcome everyone, we will be starting at 2pm. Thanks for joining us today!

14:03:10 From Camilla Priede : HI,

14:03:32 From Maria-Anna NEON : Delegate list - <https://www.educationopportunities.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Delegate-list-15.09.20.pdf>

14:03:49 From Camilla Priede : I'm Camilla Priede from Lifelong Learning at Sheffield University, and this is my first time attending, looking forward to finding out more

14:04:07 From Maria-Anna NEON : welcome Camilla!

14:04:46 From Louis Ormston (BU) : Hi Camillia, I am Louis from Bournemouth University and this is also my first time attending

14:05:08 From Fiona Chapel : Hi everyone, I'm Fiona Chapel from the Lifelong Learning Centre at the University of Leeds, my first time attending too.

14:05:27 From Gem Standen : Would be happy to hold for things to be a bit more 'normal'

14:05:47 From Martin Thompson : My first time too - I'm Martin Thompson from one of the mature colleges in the University of Cambridge

14:05:59 From Samar Tantush- Uni of Nottingham : Hi Everyone I'm Samar from Uni of Nottingham, my first time attending too.

14:06:06 From Gabriele Wegner : I agree with Gem

14:06:21 From Teresa : I agree with Gem

14:06:32 From Lucy McMahon : Hi everyone, I'm Lucy from the North East Uni Connect Partnership and this is my first time attending as well.

14:06:40 From Maria-Anna NEON : Hi all, welcome to everyone who is new, you can find out more about previous meetings can be found here: <https://www.educationopportunities.co.uk/programmes/working-groups/access-courses-progression/>

14:07:04 From Katharine Reed : hi I'm Katharine Reed from Uni of Sunderland- I have to leave at 3.00pm for the school run!

14:07:29 From Gem Standen : Hi everyone, I'm Gem from UEA :)

14:07:58 From Gem Standen : It is a great idea though Charlotte

14:19:17 From Gem Standen : We use the access platform for this, I believe

14:22:37 From Martin Thompson : lots more things going on in terms of virtual tours and virtual open days - anyone done anything like that to target mature learners?

14:23:19 From Camilla Priede : we've had a few virtual advice sessions with me (admissions tutor), our welfare manager and some ambassadors

14:23:30 From Gem Standen : We've been hosting online chats as part of the virtual open days where we have a section for mature students, mostly to answer their specific questions and flag them to any programmes relevant to them

14:23:33 From Gabriele Wegner : We are thinking of doing a life chat via UniBody? not sure of exact technology yet

14:25:38 From Gem Standen : We have a new student app called Ryze, which we have hosted microsessions in the form of talks and online discussions through Facebook

14:26:27 From Gem Standen : Also linking up SU virtual welcome events for mature students and commuters so they can start networking and finding feet

14:27:18 From Camilla Priede : we have found that mentimeter (particularly the word cloud feature) is a nice ice breaker for extended induction

14:31:48 From Teresa : what was that you use Fiona?

14:33:30 From Fiona Chapel : It's an app the university's developed - sorry I've forgotten what it's called -I'll have to check . it's a bit like WhatsApp. I can email you if you like.

14:33:45 From Teresa : Thank you

14:34:35 From Teresa : Camilla are you doing all of those small group sessions online?

14:35:29 From Maria-Anna NEON : LinkedIn group:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8921312/>

14:37:27 From ALICE DAVIES : is there a way to access without joining linked in?

14:37:42 From Gem Standen : thats what we are looking at too

14:37:51 From Gem Standen : time taken/method of travel

14:38:18 From Gem Standen : Thank you

14:38:51 From Camilla Priede : we had some students do a GIS masters project a few years ago about travel time and student success. I'm happy to share that if it would be useful (and I can find it)

14:38:52 From Gabriele Wegner : I don't have a linkedin profile so sharing via other channels would be great

14:38:58 From Maria-Anna NEON : I'm afraid you do need to be member

14:39:36 From Gem Standen : Amazing - thank you

14:46:04 From Teresa : ours did Bingo and battleships at Kick Start!

15:00:38 From Camilla Priede : one very simple thing we did was do some postcode mapping (there is free software) to see where our applicants came from. we discovered out of 400 one year

we had 1 from Rotherham (right next to Sheffield). we started an outreach programme there and now that is working really well

- 15:01:40 From Camilla Priede : <https://dataingovernment.blog.gov.uk/2016/03/30/free-tools-to-quickly-show-postcode-data-on-a-map/>
- 15:02:04 From Louis Ormston (BU) : Appreciate all of your help with this :)
- 15:02:58 From Fiona Chapel : No problem, happy to chat further if that would helpful.
- 15:08:02 From Gem Standen : I need to head off now - thank you for the meeting
- 15:10:10 From Caroline Priestley : Good to chat to everyone, thank you for sharing ideas.
- 15:10:15 From Caroline : thank you, really useful
- 15:10:31 From Camilla Priede : thanks for a really useful meeting lovely to meet you all
- 15:10:33 From Martin Thompson : thank you!
- 15:10:40 From Gem Standen : Thanks again as always for hosting, Charlotte. Nice to meet you all :)
- 15:10:41 From Samar Tantush- Uni of Nottingham : Thanks everyone!
- 15:10:46 From Kelly Self : Thank you it's interesting to hear all the ideas and what's happening for mature students
- 15:10:52 From Marc Isherwood : Thank you!
- 15:11:11 From Lucy McMahon : Thanks everyone, it was really interesting to hear ideas and what people have been doing.
- 15:11:12 From Louis Ormston (BU) : Thank you all, it was great to hear of your knowledge, experience and expertise. It has been a wonderful session. Looking forward to going you all again
- 15:11:30 From Maria-Anna NEON : Thank you Charlotte!
- 15:11:42 From Teresa : Thank you
- 15:11:46 From Rebecca Lancett : Thank you!
- 15:11:47 From Fiona Chapel : Thanks everyone, great to hear what everyone's been doing.
- 15:12:01 From Gabriele Wegner : thank you