# Widening access at a research led University:10 years on, is it done yet? 

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## Overview

- Context
- WP at UoE
- OFFA targets
- Progress
- Student Recruitment vs Widening Participation


## Location

- Located in the South West of England
- A member of the Russell Group
- A medium sized university



## Location



## Context

- 59 neighbourhoods within the most deprived $10 \%$ of areas in England - Stonehouse in 1\% most deprived
- Includes 23\% of England's coastal communities - Torridge highest unemployment; with Torbay and North Devon amongst 10 worst for pay
- West Somerset - the worst performing area for social mobility is on our doorstep


## Institutional story

| Access Stats (\% entrants by characteristic) | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | Milestones |
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| POLAR LPN Quintile 1 | 4.1\% | 5.1\% | 5.4\% | 4.6\% | 5.4\% | 5.0\% | 5.6\% | 7.1\% | 5.8\% |
| State School | 66.4\% | 66.7\% | 69.4\% | 67.1\% | 68.0\% | 68.6\% | 69.7\% | 66.3\% | 72\% |
| Low Household Income (from 2014/15 < £42,620, from 2017/18 £42,875) | 34.0\% | 37.0\% | 35.9\% | 35.9\% | 32.6\% | 30.2\% | 28.8\% | 28.3\% | 21\% |
| Mature (21+) | 6.2\% | 6.2\% | 7.1\% | 5.2\% | 6.2\% | 5.7\% | 6.1\% | 6.1\% | n/a |
| Female | 52.7\% | 53.4\% | 54.7\% | 54.3\% | 53.7\% | 54.1\% | 55.5\% | 52.2\% | n/a |
| Disability (self declared - not just those receiving disability support allowance) | n/a | 9.6\% | 9.2\% | 10.5\% | 9.3\% | 11.7\% | 12.4\% | 14.8\% | 12.6\% |
| BAME | 6.4\% | 5.8\% | 8.7\% | 7.6\% | 8.9\% | 9.4\% | 10.4\% | 11.1\% | 9.5\% |



## Institutional story

| Publication Year: | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
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| Good University Guide |  |  |  | 8 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 14 |
| The Times | 12 | 10 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday Times | 17 | 9 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guardian | 14 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 13 |
| Complete University Guide | 23 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 14 |

## Institutional story

- Improving access
- School sponsorship
- Coherent fair access programmes drawing on best practice / evaluation
- Contextualised admissions
- Transition support
- Dedicated resources - academic skills, employability, peer support, welfare


## Widening Access

- Course portfolio
- Degree Apprenticeships
- Entry tariffs
- League table implications
- SR vs WP - either/or?



## Thank you

