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Our work with Mature Learners

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- 17,000 students from 135 countries across the world

Over 70% of students are mature students

- Based in three superbly equipped campuses: Stratford, our ancestral home, University Square Stratford, close to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, and Docklands, near Royal Albert Dock.
- We believe in civic engagement, social innovation, and community engagement.

Current examples of work with mature learners

- **UEL has a dedicated impartial Information Advice and Guidance service**
- **2 short pre-entry programmes for mature learners (New Beginnings and Introduction to Law and Criminology)**
- **Standard work:** outreach at various organisations and events (EG supporting Personal statement work with students on Access courses at FE colleges) attending UCAS He fairs, education and training event.
- **Develop and maintain:** close working links with organisations such as Learn Direct who support mature learners to gain GCSE equivalents.
- **Subscribe to and participate in various networks:** such as CICP (Centre for Inclusion and Collaborative Partnerships OU), Linking London, Access HE, NEON - for the purposes of continued service improvement and understanding and sharing of good practice.

Supporting Mature learners

Impartial IAG Service

- 2,538 One to one impartial Information, Advice and Guidance interviews given in 2015/16
- Drop in service Mon-Fri
- E guidance and telephone guidance
- 5 Advisers

Pre-Entry courses

- 1. New Beginnings: short course to prepare learners to progress to UEL degree courses mainly in humanities – equivalent to level 3 course.
**courses are also offered as intensive 5 weeks and 1 week.
- Programme achieved an 82% pass rate last year (302 started, 250 completed, 205 passed – 5 cohorts).
- 2. Introduction to Law and Criminology – short 10 wk part time evening course(6.30-8.30), 1 Intake May.

Case studies progression from New Beginnings

- Bernadette our oldest applicant for NB- aged 71 years has just started a foundation year of the Fashion Degree after successfully completing the NB course.
- Mohamed came to UK as a refugee, from NB went on to achieve a 1st in BA(Hons)Education Studies.
- Mabel worked as a cleaner for many years, from NB went on to do a degree and post graduate IAG qualification.
- Dr Caroline McGlynn is the programme leader for NB - She started on the NB course and progressed to achieve her PhD



A photograph of three women sitting at a table, likely graduates, in profile. They are wearing black graduation gowns. The woman on the left is smiling and looking towards the right. The woman in the middle is looking forward. The woman on the right is looking towards the right. They are all holding papers. The background is a wall with a geometric, honeycomb-like pattern in a light brown color. The lighting is soft and even.

Thank you
Any questions?