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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 Pre 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 McGynne is the programme leader for NB - She started on the NB course and progressed to achieve her PhD



A photograph of three women in graduation gowns sitting at a table, looking at papers. The woman on the left is smiling. The background is a wall with a geometric pattern of light-colored panels.

Thank you  
Any questions?