

Possibilities and opportunities in Access to HE

Sarah Doe and Southwark College

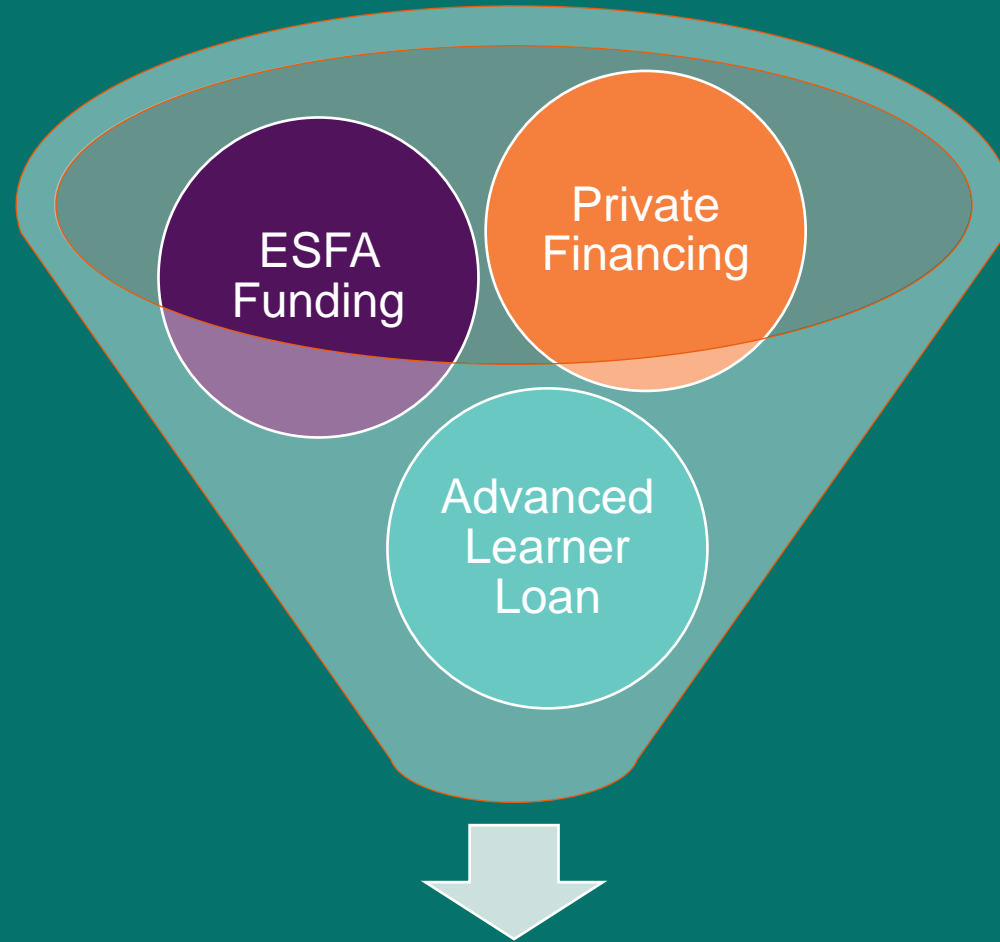


Access to HE Diploma

- Nationally recognised Level 3 qualification
- Regulated by QAA
- Aimed at 19+ with little previous qualifications but want to progress to HE study
- Learner loan for written off once undergraduate degree complete



Funding for Access to HE



Providers

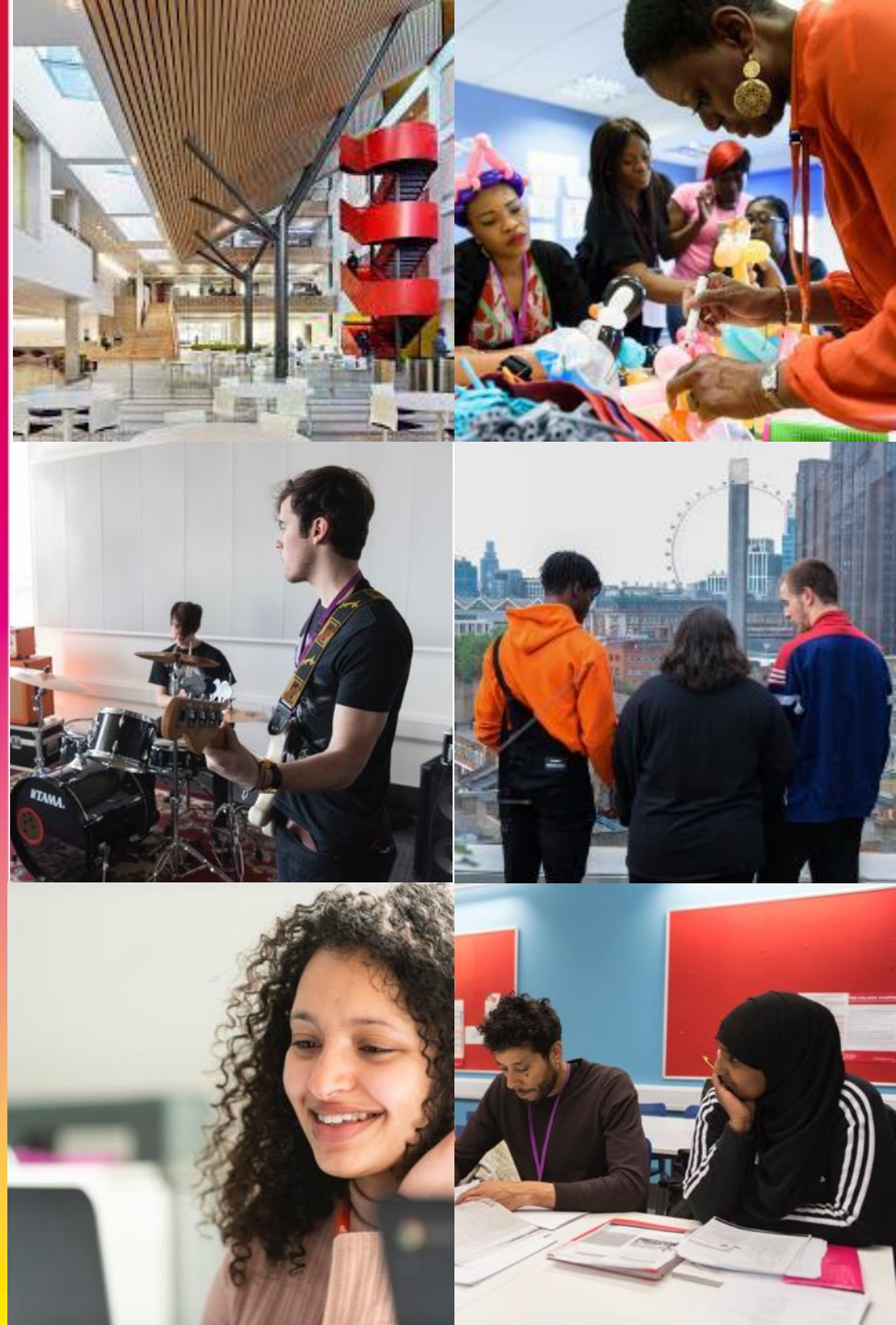
- FE Colleges
- Private training providers
- Online providers
- Community learning centres

Is Access right for your Centre?

- A well respected nationally recognised qualification
- Popular course for adults that want to go to university or degree apprenticeships
- Rewarding for staff and students
- Offers great progression
- Widening participation and social mobility

[More details
in our article](#)

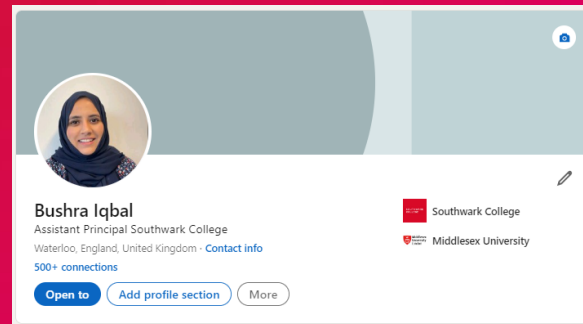
The Impact and Benefits of Access to Higher Education Diplomas for Colleges



Bushra Iqbal

Assistant Principal Adult and Community Education

Southwark College



Why Access?



Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth

January 2021

CD 228

MAYOR OF LONDON

Skills Roadmap for London

Helping Londoners to access
good jobs and to lead happier,
healthier lives



Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission- 29 September 2021

Southwark Skills Strategy Delivery Plan – Context

Southwark Skills Strategy

The 2018-2022 Southwark Skills Strategy was approved by Cabinet in 2017, setting the vision of a high quality further education and skills offer in the borough that allows residents to gain the skills they need to succeed and responds to the needs of local employers. The Skills Strategy comprises three overarching goals:

- Residents have the opportunity to gain the type and level of skills they need to access local opportunities and progress in the labour market
- Employers invest in their workforce and have access to training provision that responds to their needs and allows them to recruit locally
- Employers and providers work collaboratively to develop a local skills offer that is responsive to the needs of the local economy

Southwark Skills Partnership

Though led by the council, the Skills Strategy is being delivered in partnership to ensure that there is a consistency in vision and ambitions across our borough, there is shared responsibility for delivery, and that best use can be made of resources. Anchor institutions are critical to the successful working of the Skills Partnership.

The Southwark Skills Partnership membership comprises employer's representatives, Further Education, Higher Education and other key strategic partners:

- Southwark College
- Morley College
- London South Bank University
- Kings College
- Globe Academy
- Southwark Works
- Southwark Construction Skills Centre
- Department for Work and Pensions
- BID: Better Bankside, South Bank BID, Team London Bridge
- British Land
- Lendlease
- Guys & St Thomas NHS Trust

Delivery Plan

A delivery plan was developed in 2018 to set out a range of actions to achieve the goals of the strategy. The plan is reviewed, updated and agreed by the Skills Partnership on an annual basis. A comprehensive programme of work was in place at the beginning of 2020 to deliver these priorities but needed to be paused due to the impact of the pandemic. The Partnership met in May

PART OF



It is essential that we invest in education and training for the over 30 million people already in the workforce, giving them the skills they need to progress..

...we need to offer them the opportunity to upskill and reskill over their careers

Many Londoners are stuck in, or moving in and out of, low-income, insecure employment with few chances to progress into better-paid and more stable jobs...So upskilling is an important way of tackling in-work poverty

Research has shown that half (49%) of adults from the lowest socio-economic group receive no training at all after leaving school, compared to 20% from the top group

The poorest adults with the lowest qualifications are the least likely to access adult training – despite being the group who would benefit most

Choosing a provider and questions to consider



What could your Access provision look like?



THANK YOU

Access to HE Diplomas

Access to HE Diploma (Animation)

Access to HE Diploma (Business Management)

Access to HE Diploma (Computer Game Design and Development)

Access to HE Diploma (Creative Digital Media)

Access to HE Diploma (Health and Social Care)

Access to HE Diploma (Medicine)

Access to HE Diploma (Nursing and Midwifery)

Access to HE Diploma (Policing and Criminology)

Access to HE Diploma (Radiography)

❖ **and over 30 others to choose from!**

[Full list of
our Access
to HE
Diplomas](#)





Student achievements and destinations

- Runners-up for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- Psychology Access to HE learner studying at University of Cambridge

Gateway Qualifications nominee named runner-up at Keith Fletcher Awards for second year Posted on February 10th 2020

Gateway Qualifications are pleased to announce that our nomination for the Keith Fletcher Awards 2018-19 has been named runner-up in the Outstanding Academic Achievement category – for the second year in a row!

Reaching for the stars

Megan Wachowiak from Colchester Institute had an ambitious goal: to gain enough credits to progress to University. Colchester Institute is regularly ranked for having one of the top three Access to HE courses in the world, meaning only high grades would do – 30 credits at least – to gain them all.

Having had a poor attendance record on a previous course, Megan became a more motivated learner and practical skills beyond the classroom. Megan became a more motivated learner and practical skills beyond the classroom. Megan became a more motivated learner and practical skills beyond the classroom.

"Megan studied extremely hard and took every opportunity to develop her research and presentation skills. I was especially impressed by her research on Roman Archaeology – despite not having as much access to resources, she produced a fluent incisive piece." – Richard Farrar, Access to HE tutor

Keith Fletcher Memorial Prize 2018-19

Megan Wachowiak

Runner-up
Outstanding Academic Achievement



Gateway Qualifications' Outstanding Academic Achievement runner-up heads to Parliament Posted on April 29th 2019

Wednesday 24th April saw the annual Keith Fletcher Awards ceremony being held for Access to HE learners. Winners, runners-up and their guests were invited to a private tour, lunch and prize giving.

Gateway Qualifications were proud to be in attendance to celebrate the achievements of our learners, like Michael, throughout the country.

The day started with an awe-inspiring tour around parliament, taking in the Robing Room, Members' Lobby and following in the footsteps of the Queen for lunch in the Jubilee Room hosted by Nic Dakin MP.

The main event was the prize giving, Michael, now at University of Essex, Colchester Institute and was nominated by his tutor Richard Farrar for his achievements recognised at this prestigious event.



Cambridge calling for high-flying Access to HE student

"If you're going back to education at 33, it better be good!" That's the attitude of Ben Clarke, an Access to HE student from Newham College who has just accepted a place to read Psychology at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge.

"I looked at the best thing you can do for your future, the Guardian, so I thought, why would I not?"

Starting out

Ben left school at 16 with what was a gap in his CV.

As a musician, Ben hoped to make a career out of it. He did an Apprenticeship as a plumber.

He quickly realised that plumbing wasn't for him, whilst beginning to perform music he enjoyed relative success with his band.

He combined working in the music industry with working in New York. But he decided to look for a new challenge.

Although Ben had gained some qualifications. This meant he was taken seriously by employers.

Ben decided to take a break from music and focus on his education.



What makes Access to HE special?

- Provides a second chance and opens doors previously closed
- Learner loans are paid off for the Access to HE year once students complete their undergraduate degree
- Equivalent to 3 A-levels delivered in one academic year
- Provides a standalone qualification
- Designed to meet local needs
- Revalidated every 5 years, so is up to date and relevant
- Accrues UCAS points
- Enables entry on to year 1, degree programmes
- Offers a range of assessment methods, rather than end of year exams

Sustainability and the green agenda



Promoting Wellbeing and Building Resilience

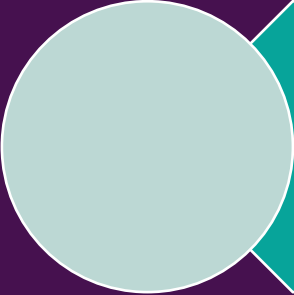
Health and predominantly mental health issues continue to affect adult learners

Increased withdrawals and impacts retention and success rates

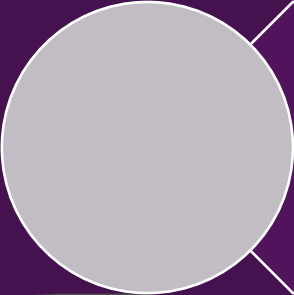
Preparing learners to cope with returning to education

Features in all our
Access to HE
Diplomas

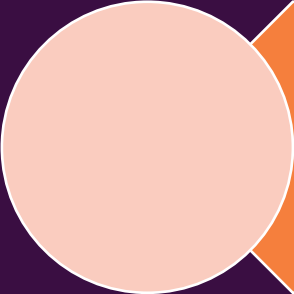
Testimonials



“The unit has been excellent in supporting personal and academic development – already in subsequent units, we have been able to draw on the knowledge we gained.”



“For some time, I have overlooked my own wellbeing ... however, after going through the unit it has helped me realise that in order to have a higher level of resilience, I need to focus on my wellbeing.”



“I realised the importance of taking time to do the things that not only keep me fit and healthy but would also benefit me in the long run by allowing me to take the step back and reevaluate my goals and priorities, which gives me less stress and will improve my overall wellbeing.”

Assignment brief checking service

Meeting needs of students

Providing confidence

Reducing errors

Co-teaching across Diplomas

This will aid economies of delivery where there are a larger commonality of units on offer.

Health and Social Care

Academic Writing Skills

Preparation for Higher Education

Communication - Speaking and
Listening

Care Principles

Introduction to Healthcare

Research Skills for Health and Care

Application of Number

Dementia Awareness

Nursing and Midwifery

Academic Writing Skills

Preparation for Higher Education

Communication - Speaking and
Listening

Care Principles

Introduction to Healthcare

Research Skills for Health and Care

Antenatal Care and the Role of the
Midwife

The Role of the Midwife during
Labour and Birth

Business Management

Academic Writing Skills

Preparation for Higher Education

Communication - Speaking and
Listening

Analysing and Presenting Business
Data

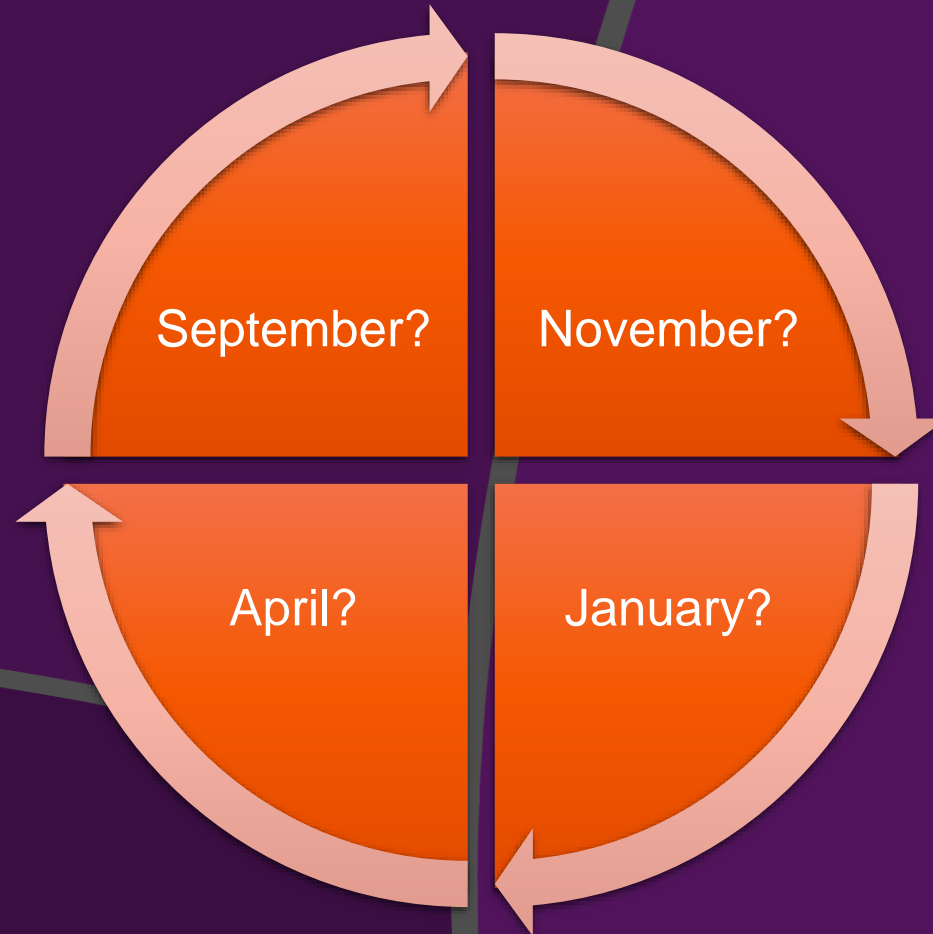
Economics

Finance and Accounts

Application of Number

Leadership

When to start delivery of Access to HE?



Progression Agreements



**University of
East London**



**University
of Suffolk**

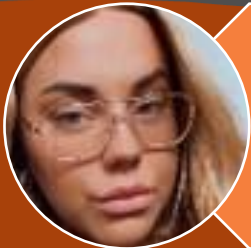
UEL scholarship



From: Access to HE (Nursing and Midwifery) at Waltham Forest College
To: BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing



From: Access to HE (Nursing and Midwifery) at Waltham Forest College
To: BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing



From: Access to HE (Psychology and Sociology) at South Essex College
To: BSc (Hons) Counselling

Enhancing your
Access to HE provision



EDSQ for Access to HE students

- A legal entitlement for adults
- Access to HE learners need to be equipped with the skills they need to complete their diploma
- Free diagnostic tools
- Centre Guide
- Standardisation Materials
- Mock Assessments
- Mock Assessment Mark Schemes



Progression Qualifications

Gateway Qualifications Level 2 Award In Progression

- Learners must achieve 9 credits overall

Gateway Qualifications Level 2 Certificate In Progression

- Learners must achieve 24 credits overall
- 6 credits must be the Core Skills Unit Group

Benefits to centres for a pre-access offer

Students are prepared for Access to HE

Supports progression

Keeps students engaged

Provides opportunities

Uses funding and AEB budget

Supports retention, pass and achievement rates

Any questions?



<https://www.gatewayqualifications.org.uk/>



access@gatewayqualifications.org.uk



01206 911 211



[GatewayQuals](#)



[Gateway Qualifications](#)



About Gateway Qualifications

Partnership

Integrity

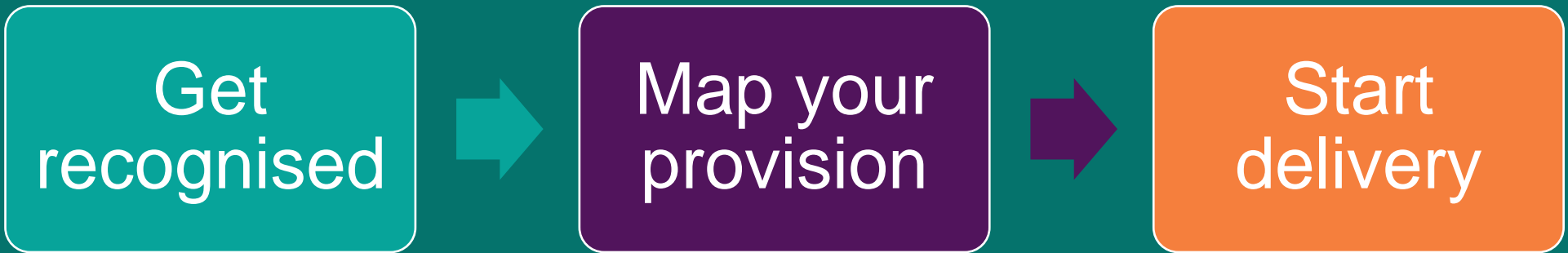
Originality

Quality

Awarding Organisation of the Year



Becoming an Access to HE Centre with us



You'll
wonder why
you didn't
join us
sooner

Contact us



<https://www.gatewayqualifications.org.uk/>



access@gatewayqualifications.org.uk



01206 911 211



[GatewayQuals](#)



[Gateway Qualifications](#)

