

FAYE TESTER

From Cleaner to Environment Manager

Faye was working as a cleaner for the gas distribution network SGN when she started her OU degree in Environmental Management and Technology. She is now an Environment Manager at the same company. Her studies were funded by a Part-Time Fee Grant.

“I had felt bored and under-challenged and I was living at home with my parents when I decided to look at further study.

“My OU studies were really enjoyable. I combined my degree studies with working full-time. I was able to apply the knowledge I was picking up from my studies to my day job as I progressed. It’s got more and more useful as I’ve gone on.”



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Faye Tester
Environment Manager

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDY ENHANCES EMPLOYABILITY

Students in Scotland are gaining skills and increasing their employability through OU study.

91%

of students in Scotland say studying with the OU helped them achieve their career goals

97%

say OU study helped them develop their communication and literacy skills

96%

say their course was worth the investment of time

90%

say OU study has helped them develop their problem solving skills



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SCOTLAND

WIDENING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Facts and Figures 2017/18

AT A GLANCE...

There are
16,465

**OU STUDENTS
IN SCOTLAND**

The median
age of our
undergraduate
entrants is
27 YEARS OLD

Our students
are between
SCHOOL
AGE AND 92
YEARS OLD

We offer over
450 MODULES

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDY WIDENS ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

for people in work, with families,
living in rural and remote areas,
with disabilities, on low incomes,
or living in Scotland's most
disadvantaged communities.

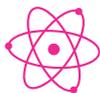
MODULES STUDIED IN 2017-18



Business and Law
2845



Arts and
Social Sciences
5510



Science, Technology,
Engineering and Maths
8545



Wellbeing, Education and
Languages
4270

DID YOU KNOW?



Over 40% of
our students
study Science,
Technology,
Engineering &
Maths subjects



49% of
Science, Technology,
Engineering &
Maths (STEM)
students are female



We have around
500 Associate
Lecturers working
across Scotland



Around 130
academic, support
and other staff
are based at our
Edinburgh office



We are the only Scottish university
rated top 3 for student satisfaction in
every year of the National Student Survey
(National Student Survey 2007-2018)

22%
of OU in Scotland
students have
declared a disability

65%
of our students
receive a Part-Time
Fee Grant

18%
of undergraduate entrants
joined without standard
university entry level
qualifications

18%
of undergraduate
entrants have a
college HNC/D

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDY HAS AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Most OU students also work and can apply their new
skills and knowledge straight away.



74% of our students are in full or
part-time work



Over 70,000 OU qualifications have been
awarded to students in Scotland since
1971



We have 64 students studying in
14 secure facilities



Over half of all part-time
undergraduates in Scotland study
with the OU



17% of new undergraduates live in
Scotland's 20% most disadvantaged areas