In 2015, for the eleventh successive year, The Open University was voted the top university for overall student satisfaction in Northern Ireland in the National Student Survey.

At the inaugural Northern Ireland Science Festival in 2015, OU’s leading space scientist Professor Monica Grady spoke to an audience about the Rosetta mission and her part in developing the Philae Lander probe.

In 2015, the OU took part again in Culture Night celebrations, where our students recited their work at an event in the Belfast office, hosted by Associate Lecturer, Maureen Boyle.

The Open University hosted 81 outreach events across Northern Ireland, encouraging people with a desire to learn to enrol with The Open University.

Minister for Employment and Learning, Dr Stephen Farry MLA, launched The Open University’s first ever Open Week, to coincide with the UK-wide Adult Learners’ Week.

The Open University is the largest provider of part-time higher education in Northern Ireland. We have around 4000 students here, who are choosing part-time study to transform their lives and develop their careers. Three quarters of our students in Northern Ireland fit their studies around a job, and over half of our students received financial support towards their fees. The average age of an OU student in Northern Ireland is 30.