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It is a fact that part-time study has an immediate economic impact, but it does much more.

The positive ripple effect of flexible adult learning can, not only upskill an entire workforce (see *OU graduate wins STUC lifelong learning award*), but also help women back into traditionally male careers (see *Gender equality champions*), and it can mean sharing knowledge for the public good (see *Scottish Charity Awards*).

As Professor Sir Peter Scott, Scotland's Commissioner for Fair Access said recently at an OU event, "we need to scale up, we need to join up and we need to share good practice", so please get in touch.

**Susan Stewart**

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**Latest news**

**OU graduate wins STUC lifelong learning award**

An engineer at Rolls-Royce in Inchinnan who graduated with The Open University last year has won the prestigious Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) Helen Dowie Award for Lifelong learning.

Brian Ronald, who is also a union learning representative with Unite the Union, was honoured at the STUC congress in Aviemore in April. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon presented the award. [Read more](#).
New funding for taught postgraduate degrees in Scotland

The Scottish Government has announced new funding support for students taking taught postgraduate degrees in Scotland. All of The Open University’s taught Masters degrees and postgraduate diplomas are now eligible for tuition fee support, with loans of up to £5,500 available over the period of study.

More information is available from the Student Awards Agency Scotland.

Celebrating success

Scottish Charity Awards

The online course Understanding Parkinson’s, was shortlisted by The 2017 Scottish Charity Awards. This represents a trailblazing partnership between the Opening Educational Practices in Scotland project and Parkinson’s UK.

Gender equality champions

Over 30 women have signed up to a 6 month programme designed to help them return to a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM). The project, run by Equate Scotland and supported by The Open University, launched on Tuesday 9 May.

Event highlights

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Returning to STEM course
Adult learning and fair access to Higher Education

Professionals from adult learning and widening access sectors came together on 25 May in Glasgow to discuss and respond to policy on fair access to Higher Education.

Special guest at the event, Professor Sir Peter Scott, the Scottish Government's Commissioner on Fair Access, said that “Inequality is widening in the UK which matters because income buys advantage”. He urged Higher Education Institutions and colleges to work together to share best practice.
#DementiaLiveScot

We returned to The Mitchell Library in Glasgow on 30 May for a public lecture on dementia care, with OU Honorary Graduate, broadcaster and writer, Sally Magnusson. Sally not only has personal experience of caring for her mother who has experience of the disease, but she is also founder of the charity, Playlist for Life. She was joined by Dr Caroline Holland, Senior Research Fellow in the School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care at The Open University.

The event was live streamed and members of the public participated through a live Twitter Q&A.

## People focus

"MBA became my career parachute"

Alan S. Morrison gained his Master of Business Administration (MBA) postgraduate degree with The Open University.

Alan (53), who lives in Forfar, said: "My MBA provided me with a ‘career parachute’ when my role in my chosen career disappeared overnight."

"Relationships with colleges is my new priority"

Steven McGeever was previously at Forth Valley College, and joined The OU in Scotland as Learning, Teaching and Partnerships Coordinator in April.

"In my new role I'll be leading our work with Scotland’s colleges and exploring how we can work together to support students in their regions."

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