

OLC Newsletter

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Welcome

Hello to all our wonderful Open Learning Champions. We really hope that you are all well as we seem to be properly moving into Spring. In this edition of our monthly newsletter, you will find:

- Details of our next coffee morning
- Details of a CPD opportunity open to you all – and an invitation to tell us what future CPD you might benefit from
- Courses related to British Science Week and 'Wild Isles'
- Some new course highlights
- Some features of our new OLC online module

Also, a wee reminder that we are very keen to hear from you – your successes, your recommendations, and tips for other Champions. Please share your experiences with us via [this form](#) and let us know if you are happy for us to share in future Newsletters!

Champions Coffee Morning - 24th May



Our next champions coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 24th of May 11:00 - 12:00**. More information about this coffee morning will be shared in our next newsletter.

To register for the coffee morning click here

CPD Event 12th May

On **Friday 12th May, 10am - 12pm**. Open University tutor Rebecca Parry will deliver a session focussed on:

- Understanding barriers for adult learners
- Sharing your experience
- Coaching & Mentoring Skills

This is open to all Open learning Champions in Scotland and Wales – and we will keep the last 30 minutes for the opportunity to network with your peers. If interested, please register via the link below and we will send you the MS Teams Link a week ahead of the event.

To register for the event click here

British Science Week UK & Wild Isles

Did you take part any activities around [British Science Week](#)? Are you as excited as we are about the new OU-BBC co production [Wild Isles](#)? If so you and your learners may be interested in the [British Science Week Article](#) created to further celebrate British science Week. This contains a range of resources covering biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, physics, and health sciences. From short activities to longer course we are sure there is something here to suit lots of keen budding scientists.

If you have learners who are thinking of OU study then click the links below to find out more about courses on offer.

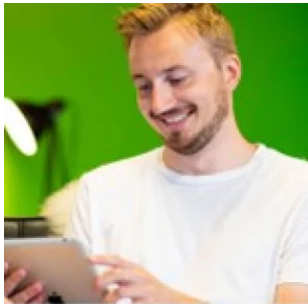


[Science, Technology & Maths Access Module](#)



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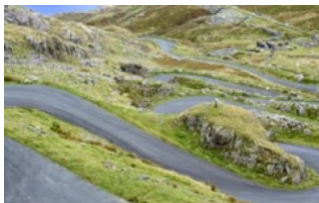
Spotlight on new courses

Here are some of our favourite new courses & resources on OpenLearn



[Animal Computer Interaction & Dogs](#)

In this article, Dr Clara Mancini tells us how Animal-Computer Interaction (ACI) is expanding the design of interactive systems beyond the human species.



[Hybrid Working: Planning for the Future](#)

Uncertainty is a constant, and to thrive organisations and individuals need to develop the skills for futures and foresight planning, to plan for the unknown, and the known.

This course introduces you to futures and foresight planning and explores different frameworks to develop your skills to plan for an uncertain future and considers how you can become a more sustainable organisation in the face of continuing change and evolving employee expectations.



[Hybrid Working: Skills for Digital Transformation](#)

No matter what age, sector or working profile you have, this course covers the essential skills and knowledge you need for digital transformation and thriving in a digital world. For some this might feel like they are learning a new language and understanding new digital cultures, but for others it might be more about understanding and developing your existing digital capabilities.

[Open Sanctuary Hub](#)



This hub us a space of welcome for refugees, people in the asylum system and the wider community. It offers free courses om a range of subjects.

Spotlight on resources in OLC module

We recently shared that we have a [new online module](#) to support development of new Champions. For existing champions there are some useful resources as well

- **Accessibility Resources** - These resources should be helpful to support you to empower learners to use computers and devices in a way that is optimised for them including links to [My Computer my Way](#) and [Diversity & Ability](#)
- **Information packs for champions** - from how to search on OpenLearn to next steps and pathways, core information for Champions. There is an [online](#) and [offline](#) version.
- **Forum** - we would encourage you all to subscribe to the forum and use this as your OLC practitioner discussion space - share updates, successes, ideas, resources, challenges - seek advice from peers and input as needed from Open University staff. We would love to hear from you in this space !!

We have had some really useful feedback to make some improvements to the module which we will work on soon - if any of you have worked through it and have any feedback please feel free to complete this [short evaluation](#). **From the feedback already receive, we plan to make changes including:**

- More information about the benefits of Openlearn for learners
- Break up the exploration activity and spread this out across the module
- Use more interactive content on the 'Working with Learners' section
- Ensure you can link more easily back to the course material when accessing the quiz
- Change approach so that on completion, we proactively contact new champions, rather than the other way round

We welcome any more suggestions.

Share your thoughts





Remember to follow @OUScotland and @OUfreelearning on Twitter for updates and tweet us using **#OLchamps** if you have anything to share.

You're welcome to share this with your colleagues, learners and networks. If you no longer wish to receive these mailings, you can [unsubscribe here](#) and we'll take you off the mailing list.

If you have any questions about Open Learning Champions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at scotland-engagement@open.ac.uk.

Keep well,

David, Ewe and Kat



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