



# One Awards

## Access to HE Diploma

“Maximising Access to Higher Education Opportunities”



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# Agenda



Understand the context  
for Access to HE  
learners

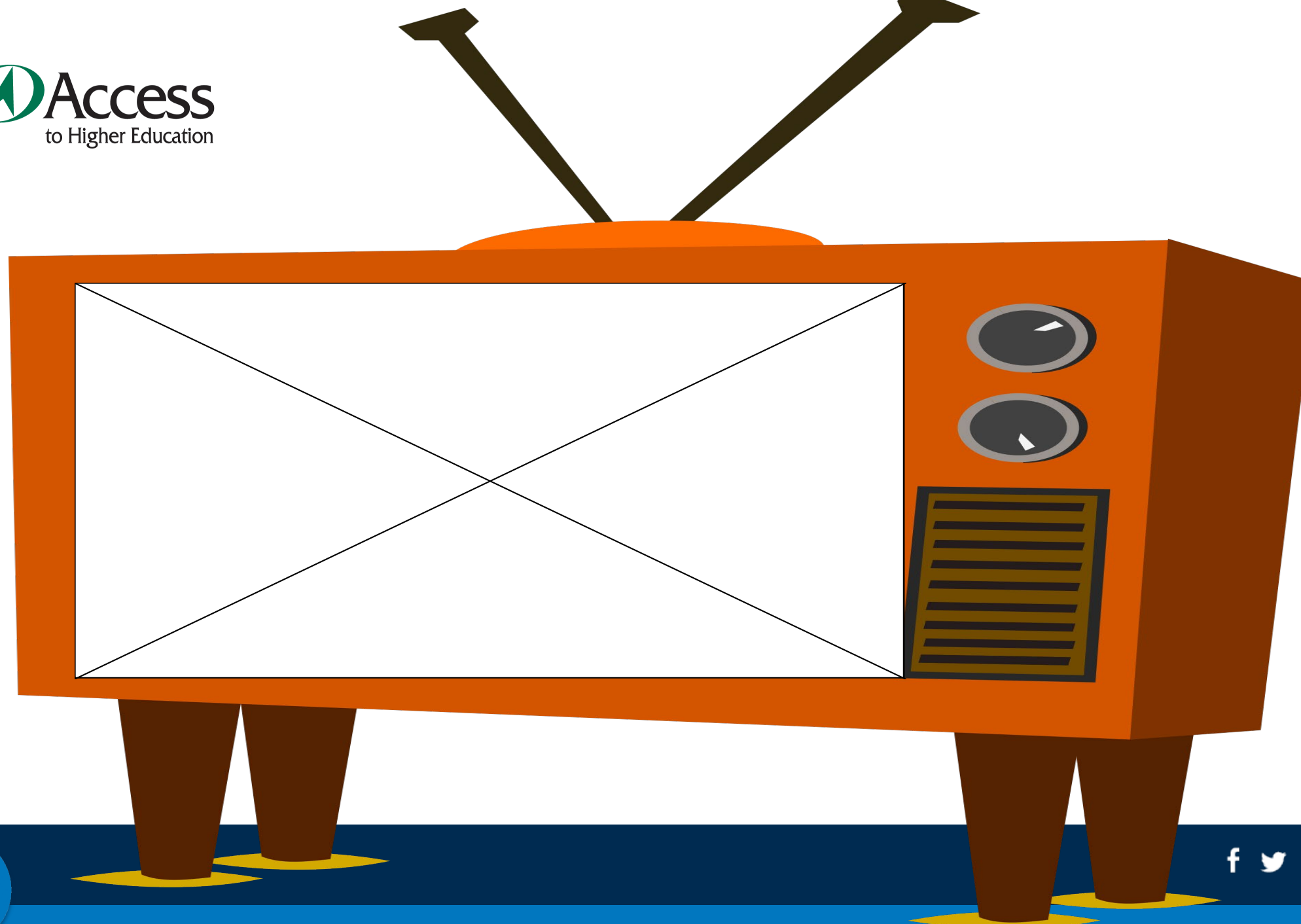
Why you should offer  
Access to HE in your  
provision

Maximising opportunities  
for your organisation and  
for your learners

# The context...



# | CONTEXT |



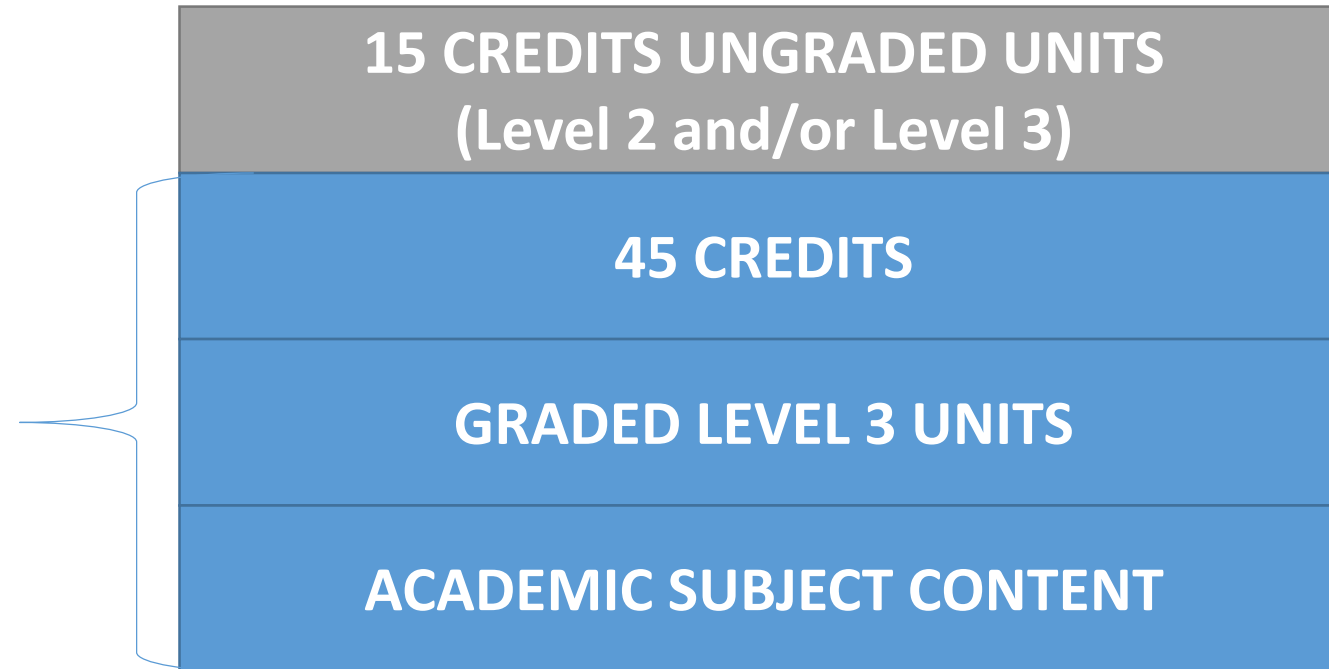
# What is the QAA Access to HE Diploma?

- A nationally recognised L3 qualification regulated by QAA
- Aimed at 19+ students who have little or no previous qualifications who want to progress to higher level education
- Funded by the Advanced Learner Loan
- When a student finishes their HE course, this loan is written off by the government



# What is the QAA Access to HE Diploma?

**60 CREDIT  
FRAMEWORK**



# Student recruitment...



In 2017-18:

23,950

Access to HE students  
entered higher education

2016-17: 24,895

37,045

registered to study an  
Access to HE Diploma

2016-17: 38,025

23,295

Access to HE students applying to  
higher education accepted for  
Sept 2018 entry

2016-17: 24,365

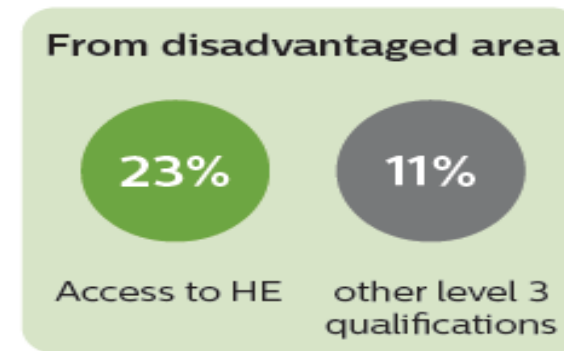
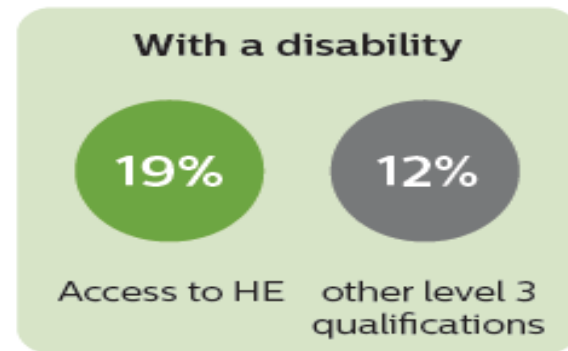
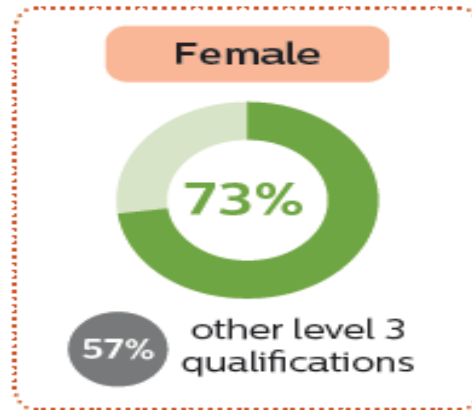
# Widening Participation..



## Access to HE students



Entering higher education with an Access to HE Diploma in September 2017





# Student Achievement Data



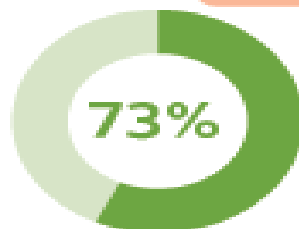
- Achievement data: QAA    ESFA    AVA
- Retention rate:            -        75%    81%
- Pass rate:                93%    94%    96%
- Achievement:            70%    68%    77%



## Registered to study an Access to HE Diploma in 2017-18



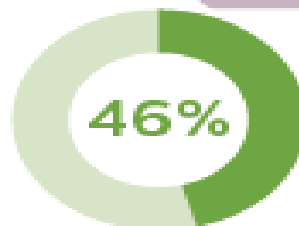
### Female



55%

all further  
education

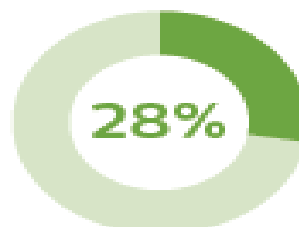
### Over 25



54%

all further  
education

### From ethnic minorities



21%

all further  
education

# Access destinations...



## Where are they now?

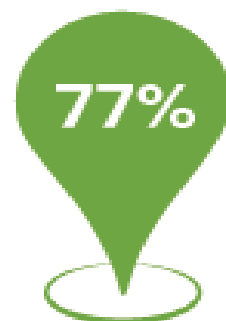
90%

of graduates with an Access to HE Diploma were employed or in further study 6 months after graduation

compared with 90.7% with other level 3 qualifications.

# Where do students go...

## Going to university



of Access to HE students stayed in their local area to study in higher education.



## What do they study?



50%

of Access to HE registrations  
were on Health courses

### Top 5 HE subjects studied by students with an Access to HE Diploma



Nursing



Social  
sciences



Business



Education



Arts



34% of students entering HE with  
an Access to HE Diploma studied  
Nursing, compared with 7% with  
other level 3 qualifications.

## From QAA...

*“Access to HE makes a significant contribution to the widening participation agenda...and it is also **financially significant** for the sector....  
...estimated income received by providers for delivering Access courses last year was **£143 million**. 81% were FE colleges.”*

Douglas Blackstock, CEO QAA.

Annual Conference, April 2016

# Diplomas we currently offer:

- Animal Management
  - Digital and creative Industries
  - Applied Law
  - Art and Design
  - Built Environment
  - Business and Computing
  - Business and ICT
  - Business Studies
  - Children and Young People
  - Computing
  - Conservation
  - Counselling
  - Early Years
  - Educational Studies
  - Emerging technologies
  - Games Design
  - Health
  - Health Science
- Horticulture
  - Humanities
  - Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Justice and Crime Prevention
  - Maths and Engineering
  - Media Studies
  - Music
  - Performing Arts
  - Science
  - Science Industries
  - Science and Maths
  - Service Industries and Retail
  - Social Sciences
  - Social Work Studies
  - Sports Studies
  - Tourism and Hospitality
  - Youth Work



# Why should you consider Access to HE Diplomas?



- Access to HE Diplomas not just for university!
- Higher Education in its widest sense
- Apprenticeships
- HNCs/HNDs
- A lot of money available via the A.L.L. funding
- Widens your offer and meets the widening participation and social mobility agendas



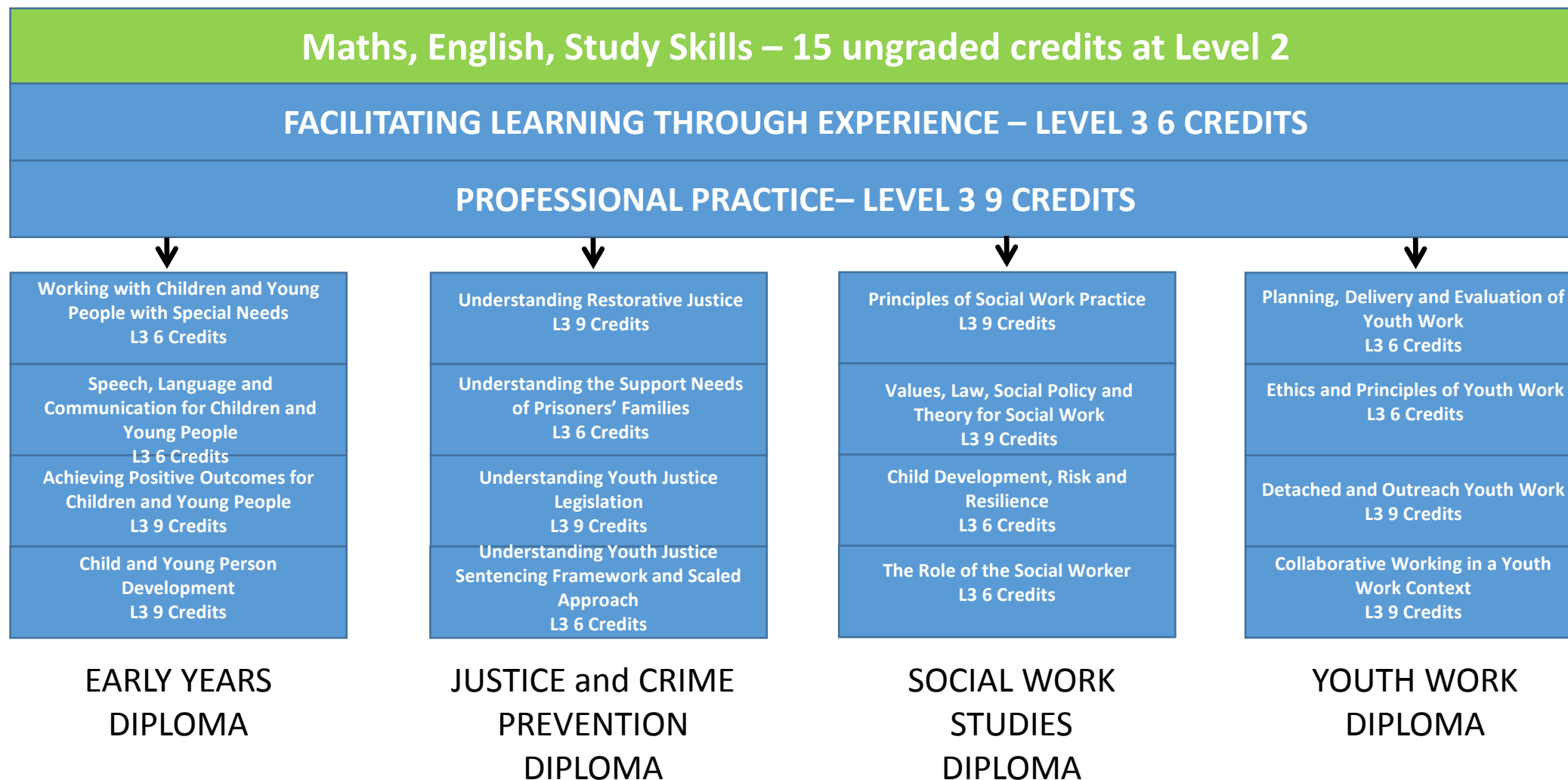


# Darlington Borough Council



- 4 Diplomas...
- Children and Young People
- Early Years
- Justice and Crime Prevention
- Social Work Studies
- All Diplomas have common units
- Each Diploma have specific subject units

# How it works....



# Case study 2...



# Is Access right for me?



- A big question!
- Access is an intense nationally recognised qualification.
- It takes commitment, dedication and appropriate resourcing for Access to succeed.
- Appropriate recruitment processes in place.
- Good QA processes in place.



# Is Access right for me?



- A hugely successful qualification
- Highly popular
- Great incentives for success
- Massively rewarding
- Financially lucrative
- Epitome of widening participation – particularly the hard to reach learners
- Helps social mobility greatly
- Special government recognition



# Training



- Wide range of training opportunities at no extra costs
- Covers all aspects of the administration of the Diploma in addition to assessment, moderation and standardisation workshops
- We front load training for new providers
- Additional support and sampling opportunities in the first year
- We are experienced in delivering online training sessions to save you travelling to us

# Level 2 Pre-Access qualifications



- NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Employment and Study in Business Management and Computing
- NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Employment and Study in Health Sciences
- NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Employment and Study in Science and Engineering
- NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Progression to Further Study in Humanities, Social Science and The Arts

**Funded via the Local Flexibility allocation**





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## What we can do for you...

- A highly responsive and exceptional customer service and support
- A customer centred working ethos
- A very diverse range of Diplomas
- A flexible and innovative quality assurance model
- Highly competitive set of fees with no hidden charges

# Diploma development..

- You are able to create new Diplomas
- There is a fee for this because it is a panel process
- You can create new units and suggest amendments to existing ones – no fee for these currently

# Over to you...

- Take a look at your own offer
- Is there a place for Access to HE Diplomas in your organisation?
- Do you have a gap in your curriculum that Access to HE would fill?
- Any questions?



# Any Questions ?

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