

WIDENING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

MENTORING SCHEME

Our mentoring scheme is designed to support people by providing personalised guidance, inspiration, and practical support on their journey to higher education.

This scheme is open to students from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education, including:

- Students from low-income households
- Care-experienced and estranged students
- Sanctuary seekers
- Student carers
- Mature learners
- Students with disabilities



OUR SUPPORT

What we offer

We help students decide on the best path for them, based on their future ambitions, skills or goals, and to better understand higher education, including what university life and study is like, student finance, and higher and degree apprenticeships. We can offer:

- One-to-one mentoring: Personalised support tailored to individual goals
- Group workshops: Covering topics such as goal setting, HE pathways, academic skills, and interview prep
- Application and transition support: Help navigating UCAS, personal statements, and preparing for life in higher education

The impact

Participants will have a better understanding of their next steps and be able to make the decisions that are right for them, as well as feeling more confident about higher education and applying to university in the future.

How does it work?



Referral



Accept and match



Meet



Keep in touch

Referrals

We work closely with schools, colleges and community organisations, local authority and self referrals. We ask that you share a short overview of their current situation and plans for the future.

Accept and match

As soon as we have a place, we will email the mentee and invite them to meet with a member of our team. We will ask for their availability to meet with us for an initial chat and will book future meetings in advance.

Meet and keep in touch

Mentoring takes place throughout the year prior to joining university, with focused interventions at key transition points (e.g., pre-application, offer acceptance, and enrolment). We can meet in person on one of our university campuses or online via video call.

[Complete a referral](#)