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**UWE Bristol**

# Widening Participation in an Over-subscribed System

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# Best Institute of Widening Participation

*“UWE is showing in the clearest manner, that talent and success do not come attached to gender, disability, race, or any physical characteristics.”*

Andre Dixon,  
Xcel Awards Manager



# Opportunity, Aspiration and Attainment

- Whole student journey
- Targeted resources
- Accountability



# Encouraging and Developing Talent

<b>37,000</b>	Young people from schools and colleges
<b>600</b>	Student ambassadors, mentors and tutors
<b>28,000</b>	Hours

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# Partnership and Infrastructure

- Aimhigher West
- Western Vocational Lifelong Learning Network
- Open College Network South West Region
- 14-19 partnerships and consortia
- UWE Federation
- City Academy and schools partnerships
- Family and Community Engagement Project

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# Questions and Concerns

- How do we make sure those with the most potential are gaining the benefits of HE?
- How do we make sure we keep focusing on the individual throughout their student journey?
- How do we best mobilise the opportunities of HE, to transform lives and society for the better?

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# How?

- Regional approach to the whole student journey
- Leadership, coordination, and resources
- Information
- Bursaries
- FE partnerships
- Link to regional and national employment
- Regional benchmarks with local accountability



**Partnership**

Opportunity

Transforming lives

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## The Partnership University

Together U+WE will INSPIRE



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