

National Opening Doors to Adult Learners Award Winner

Go Higher, Liverpool

Tricia Jenkins MBE (Go Higher at University of Liverpool) - Go Higher is a one year part- time course, we don't ask for formal qualifications and it leads into two of our big faculties. One is the faculty of Arts, subjects like History, English, Philosophy and the other is the faculty of Social and Environmental Studies.

Prof. Michael Hoey (Dean of Faculty of Arts) – Go higher is a very significant component of our widening participation programme.

Learner 1 – I was working as a joiner from when I left school.

Learner 2 – I was a former shop steward.

Prof. Michael Hoey (Dean of Faculty of Arts) – You're getting students who are coming from very unconventional academic backgrounds, who have no happy experience of education in the past, suddenly discovering their own talents and skills.

Learner 1 – Michael Hoey does a cracking job. He doesn't just speak academically; he has a way of translating into our language.

Learner 2 - Hopefully when we do start our degrees we'll hit the ground running.

Dr Ian McKean (Go Higher at University of Liverpool) – I've got a great deal of faith in people and they do actually usually come good.

Learner 3 – It led me on to a degree in History, from there a masters and from there my current position, I'm doing a PHD.

Learner 4 – I bought up four children and basically your life disappears and suddenly I got my life back again.