

Working and studying - how to do both?



There's no question that studying can be expensive, if you have to support yourself and perhaps children at the same time. Many students work alongside their course.

“Doing a full-time degree and working full-time has been a bit tricky and can be demanding – but very rewarding.” - Isobel Roberts (left).
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“Taking time out for study has been difficult... it's all been worth it” - David Clay.
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Vocational Qualifications Day

Prize winning BTEC student Alexandra McLoughlin visited the House of Commons to learn about VQ day.



VQ Day is on 23 July. It will aim to raise the profile of vocational qualifications, celebrate the achievements of the students, and recognise the work done by the teachers and instructors who deliver the courses.

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Student Network event

This year's Sussex Learning Network conference attracted over 400 delegates over 3 days. Students talked about values, communication and the balance of virtual and face-to-face networking.

ELT2, a networking and information event about e-learning technologies, was held on Tuesday 3 June at the Creativity Centre, University of Brighton.

[See our short films on youtube](#)

Engineering without borders



Matt Herd (BSc Hons Product Design, University of Brighton) and other students on the course built a drill that could be built entirely from bicycles.

“The idea was that anybody could construct this drill and anybody could use it, whatever their physical strength. We then created an instruction manual which used simple diagrams and no written words...”

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Demand for engineers grows

If you thought engineering and technology was only for people who wore green anoraks and were prone to peculiar habits, you're wrong! Engineering and Technology is definitely where it's at. There are so many openings from designing mobile phones to empowering the communities in developing countries.

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The facts—at your fingertips

Christine Hollywood from the Student Network reviewed the Sussex Learning Network guide to **Learning Opportunities in Sussex**.



This is a well presented, accessible booklet that aims to answer many questions for those thinking of taking a vocational course.

It covers foundation degrees with a handy vocational course finder section at the back, entry requirements and continuing professional development. There's also a Help with Study section which includes information on time management, financial help, childcare and disability support.

Useful addresses and websites are sign-posted throughout together with small cameos of people who are currently studying vocational courses.

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On the Student Network site

How a nursery manager is updating her skills with a Foundation degree.

'It's nice to know that a lot of what we were already doing at work is right'.

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Work experience with Wired Sussex

"the whole opportunity has helped improve my chances of finding employment when I graduate this summer"

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Foundation degree posters

Multimedia student Claire Johnson has produced a series of posters and post-cards promoting Foundation Degrees for learners at school, college and elsewhere!



Based on characters created by Olga Zavadska, the posters promote the key websites which tell prospective students all they need to know about Foundation Degrees and HNDs and HNCs.

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