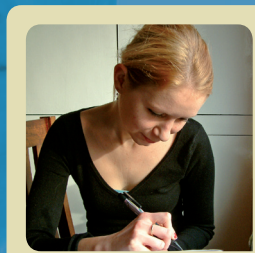




Scottish Wider
Access Programme

“ The first year at university is really full on. You have to hit the ground running. The SWAP course really gave me a head start ”



Who are they?

SWAP-East, along with SWAP West and SWAP North, is a regional consortium of colleges and universities. The SWAP-East team works on behalf of the partners in the East of Scotland to promote access to higher education for adults from under-represented groups.

What SWAP wants to achieve...

- **Raise awareness of opportunities for adults to access higher education via SWAP programmes delivered by Scotland's colleges.**
- **Provide impartial information, advice and guidance to prospective learners.**
- **Provide guaranteed progression routes for those completing SWAP Access programmes.**
- **Prepare students for progression to HE, support transition and retention.**
- **Monitor and review provision to ensure programmes meet learner needs.**

Who do they support?

SWAP supports access programmes for adults who have the potential to succeed at university, but who did not progress straight from school. They may have few or no qualifications or out of date qualifications.

“ The access course gave me confidence - made higher education more accessible and approachable ”



“ If I hadn't done the access course, I don't think I would have managed at uni ”

What do they do?

Access programmes

- frameworks for one-year access programmes for adults in a range of subject areas including Sciences, Humanities and Nursing.
- support for the colleges that deliver SWAP programmes
- agreed progression routes to university degree courses

The Access programmes prepare students for entry into higher education and can guarantee a place at a college or university, if the programme is completed successfully.

Support, advice & guidance

SWAP-East provides impartial advice and guidance to prospective students and information about opportunities to access higher education. They also provide support to SWAP students during the access course, with materials, workshops and campus visits designed to ease transition and prepare them for university study.

Partners

SWAP- East is funded jointly by the South East Forum and Fife & Tayside Forum. All the colleges and HEIs in the South East are included in the partnership.

For more Information: www.scottishwideraccess.org



“ The support from tutors on the SWAP course was very constructive and informative. My student adviser was fantastic and the other staff too ”