

Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAPWest)

**Community Links to Colleges and
Universities: Adult Learning and
Widening Access**

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SWAPWest - Community Links

- uDecide
- CALL West
- Rosemount “MAD” group
- Amina Muslim Women's Group
- Bridgeton Community Learning Campus
- Momentum
- Glasgow Science Centre
- Galgael

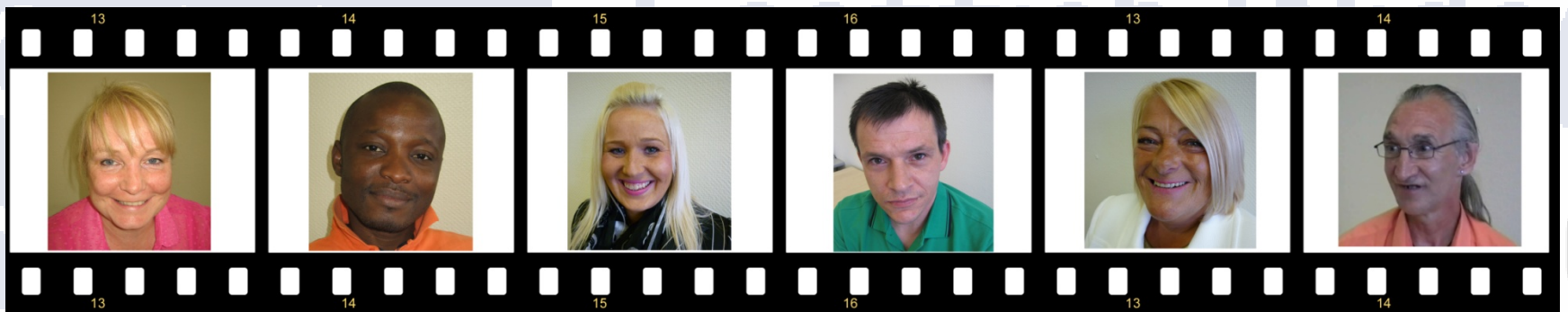


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CALL West

- 2-year project
- Employed 4 Learning Development Officers
- Targeted most deprived communities
- Designed to attract most disadvantaged groups
- Provided study skills workshops, information, advice and guidance
- Needs of student = primary driver



CALL West: Good Practice

- **Key features of the project:**
 - Clear aims and objectives
 - Student-centred
 - Role of the LDOs as facilitators/ negotiators
 - Community-based activities
 - Good at reaching those who most need support
 - Potential to develop and evolve

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CALL West

- Phase 1 – networking and marketing
- Phase 2 – student recruitment
- Phase 3 – strengthening / expanding
- **Project ended 2011**

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CALL West “legacy” project

The screenshot shows the SWAP (Scottish Wider Access Programme) website. The top navigation bar includes 'Login', 'Terms & Conditions', and a search box. The main header features the SWAP logo and the text 'National | East | West'. Below this is a secondary navigation menu with 'Home', 'About', 'Programmes', 'Partners', 'FORMULA', 'Spark' (highlighted), 'Case Studies', 'For Current Students', and 'Prep for HE'. The main content area is titled 'Spark - Session 2' and contains a list of sessions on the left, a video player area with a filmstrip of thumbnails, and a 'Useful Links' sidebar on the right. The video player area includes a description of the session, a link to watch the video, and a note about copying the link into a browser. The sidebar lists various resources like 'SWAP Mahara', 'College Partners', 'University Partners', 'Case Studies', 'SWAP Study Skills Days', 'SWAPWest Facebook', 'Progression Routes', and 'SWAP Induction Presentation'.

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About Spark

Session 1 - Introductions

Session 2 - First Steps

Session 3 - Academic & I.T.

Session 4 - Choosing a Subject

Session 5 - Practical Steps

Spark - Session 2

Spark - Session 2
First Steps, Expectations & Fitting In

In this segment, Jade, Gary, Maria, Regis, Alex and Jackie talk about their first steps back into education after a long absence, what they expected college to be like and what it was actually like.

They also discuss what it was like to be in a classroom again, working alongside other students of various ages and from different backgrounds.

[Watch Session 2](#)

If the link does not work for you, you can copy and paste this link into your browser: <http://youtu.be/ZI2pIP8qISQ>

After you have viewed the video for Session 2, download and complete the following worksheets:

Useful Links

- SWAP Mahara
- College Partners (SWAPWest)
- University Partners (SWAPWest)
- Case Studies
- SWAP Study Skills Days
- SWAPWest Facebook
- Progression Routes
- SWAP Induction Presentation

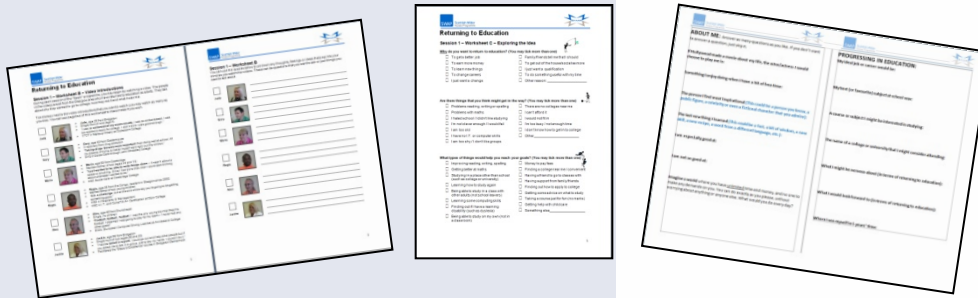
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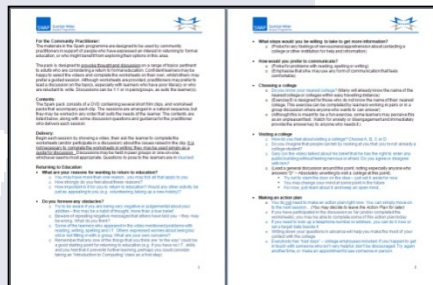
Toolkit Components:



- Videos



- Worksheets



- Guidance notes

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Sessions x 6

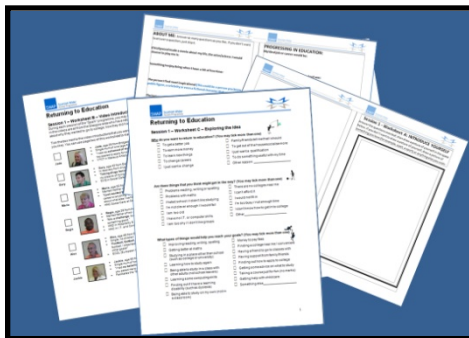
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- Watch video(s)



2

- Complete worksheet(s)



3

- Access IAG



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A Success Story

Rosemount Lifelong Learning

- ‘Spark’ workshops at Rosemount LLL
 - “Making a Difference” programme
- Nicola*, age 28, Royston
 - Past criminal conviction
(a significant barrier to nursing career)
- Provided full and immediate disclosure
- Received support to apply for SWAP Access to Nursing at **John Wheatley College**
- Accepted by **GCU**
- Currently in 2nd year (Adult Nursing)



*Not her real name

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- **What worked? / Why did it work? (e.g.)**
 - Initial contacts (CALL West / community / FE / SWAP) sustained despite end of project
 - Materials available for free, easily accessible
 - Facilitation offered (SWAP community engagement)
 - IAG readily available from a variety of sources
 - Student supported throughout the process
- **Nicola as role model**
 - **Three** students from Rosemount/MAD have applied to SWAP Access to Nursing programme this year

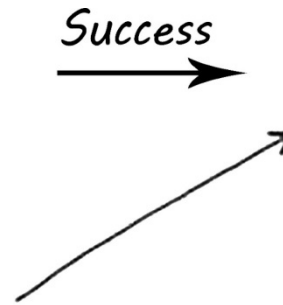


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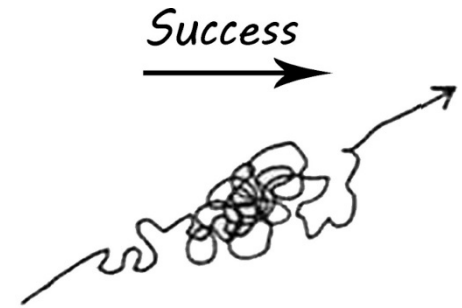
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Success Stories

- **Share your favourite “success story”**
- **Identify what worked, why it worked**
- **Common factors in your stories?**
- **How can we make this type of success more widespread & sustainable?**



what people think
it looks like



what it really
looks like