

Mature Student Experience

WIHEA Learning Circle (with Critical Friends)

Introduction

- Informs institutional policy on mature students' access and experience at Warwick, responding to the Education and Experience Strategy and Access and Participation Plan.
- This aligns with the revised Access and Participation Plan 2025-26, in which mature students have been identified as one of the student groups most at risk in terms of access and completion.

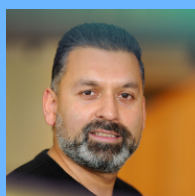
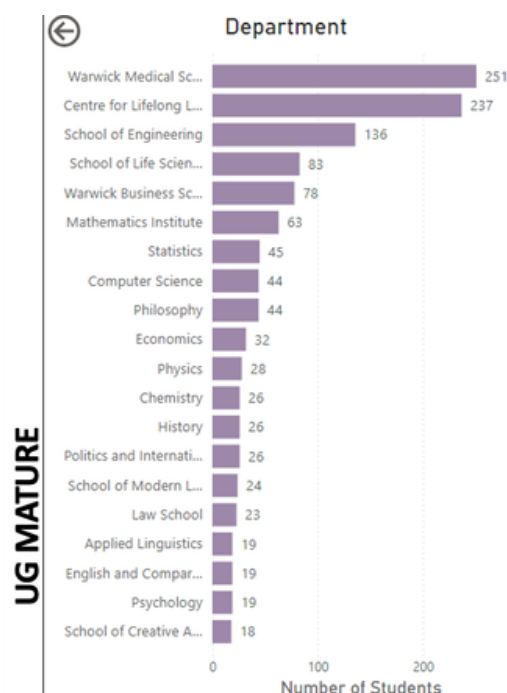
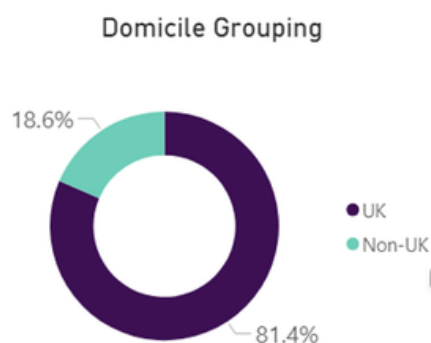
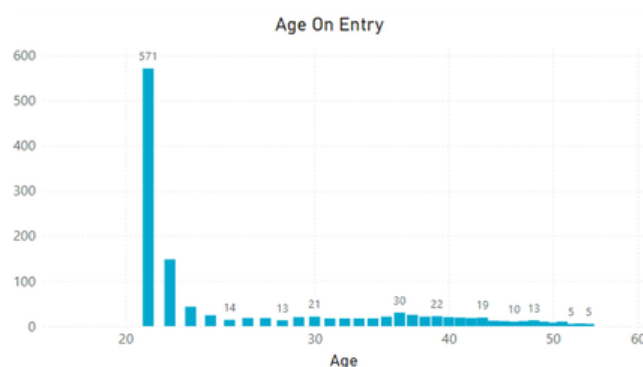
2025/26 Highlights

- Within 14 months, the Learning Circle has generated real commitment from its community of members, with online meetings proving particularly effective in facilitating wide-ranging discussions about mature student experiences.
- Undertook two surveys (institution-wide and Arts Faculty) and a workshop with mature students to better understand their experiences.
- Held Warwick's first-ever Mature Student Experience Symposium in May, developing a shared understanding of what it means to be a mature student at Warwick and identifying common challenges to inform institutional work in this area.
- Built connections across CLL, Apprenticeships and Partnerships, and Flexible Futures, plus links with Leeds and the Singapore University of Social Science.

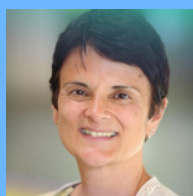
Looking Ahead

- Developing a mature student experience action plan for Warwick.
- Exploring opportunities to link the Learning Circle's work to the Warwick Skills Agenda, CPD, short courses, stackable modules, and apprenticeships, informing institutional policy and practice in line with the national context around mature students.

Who Are the Mature Students at Warwick?



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Total Members

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