



Widening Participation at Warwick Law School

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Widening Participation and Social Mobility

Widening participation is a term used to describe initiatives aimed at **increasing the number of students from underrepresented groups who can access education**, such as those with:

- Low socioeconomic status;
- Ethnic minorities;
- Or disabilities.

The goal is to **make higher education more inclusive and equitable**.

Social mobility refers to the ability of an individual's socioeconomic status to change over time.

For example, someone might move from a low-income family to a higher-income one through education, career advancement, or other means.

Widening participation is often seen as a key strategy for promoting social mobility. By providing more opportunities, participation can help break down barriers that might otherwise limit their social mobility.

Widening Participation at Warwick



If you're from the UK/have Home fee status and self-identify with at least one of the following, **additional support and opportunities** may be available to you:

- Receive the Warwick Bursary or other means tested financial support
- Were eligible for Free School Meals in secondary school
- Have a household income below £42,875
- Have experience in local authority care
- Have caring responsibilities
- Are estranged from, and not supported by, either parent
- Started university over the age of 21
- Have a disability
- Have been granted refugee status, are under humanitarian protection or are seeking asylum



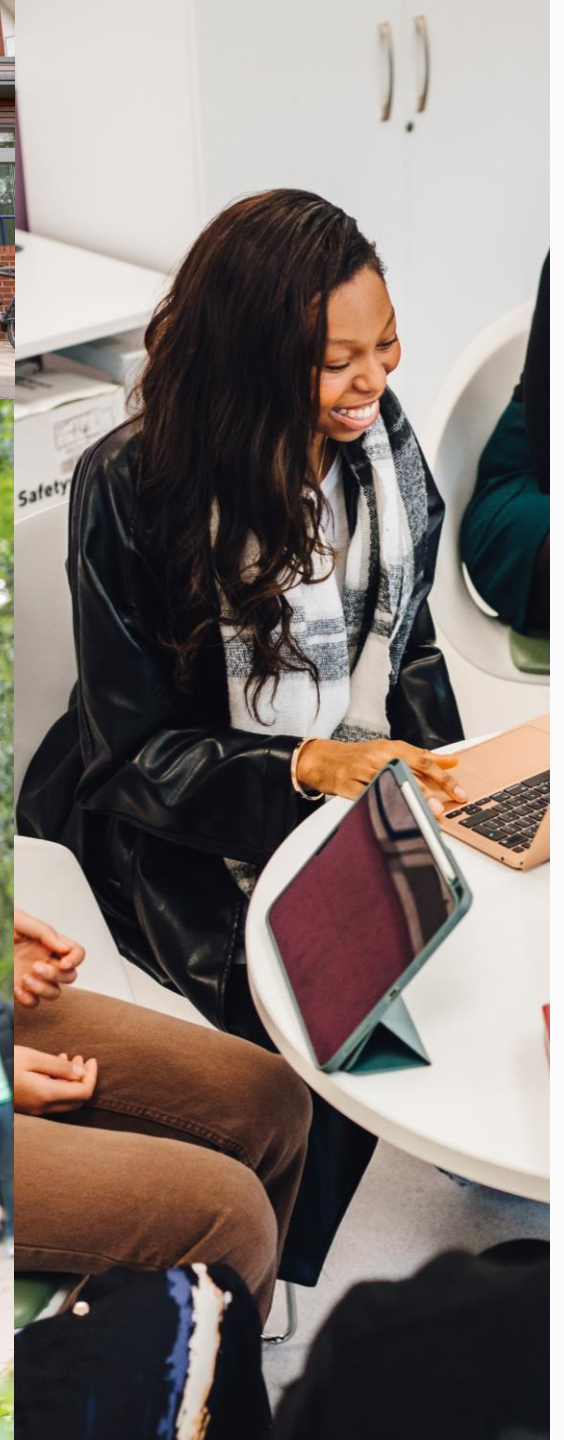
Learn more about WP



Introduction

A bit about me

- I studied at Warwick many many years ago!
- Varied career history, first banking, training then teaching
- Joined Warwick University supporting WP students 3 years ago
- Now here at the Law School, until May 2027
- Aqsa Akhtar, Widening Participation Officer





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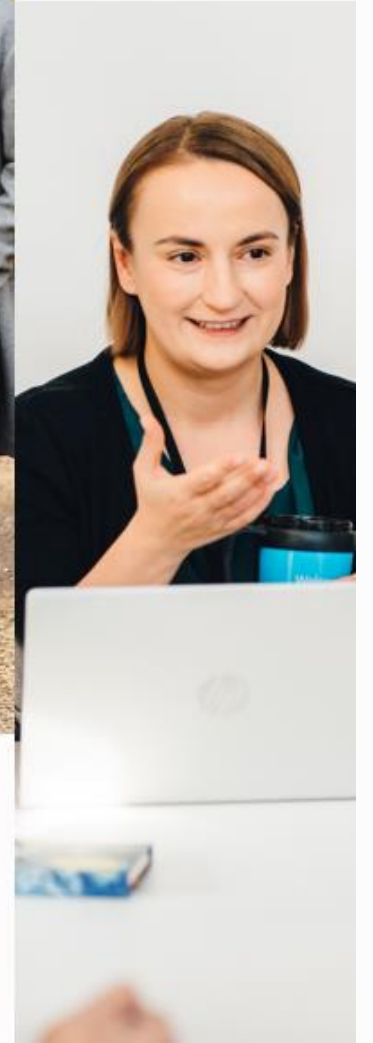


WP Support within the Law School

- Widening Participation Officer – [Aqsa](#) and [Mel](#)
- [Law WP Programme](#)
 - Lunch meetings, guest talks and socials
 - Share events, jobs, work experience and scholarships which are specifically targeted at under-represented groups
- [Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society \(BTSS\)](#) – mentoring
- [Justice System Outreach Ambassadors](#)



Visit our website!!!

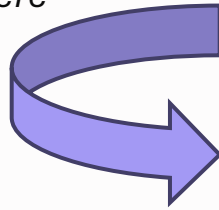


Employability opportunities

Employability Skills Session for WP Students (Autumn Term)

Meet with our Careers Advisor Sam Brown on **Wednesday 14th October 3:30-4:30pm** to discuss your careers needs; learn all about the support currently available and potentially hearing your views could lead to further tailored WP careers events.

(There will be pizza!) – Sign up here



Networking (Summer Term)

School Tasking Champion of Champions
Wed 16 June 2027 afternoon (details tbc)

Networking event – opportunity to network with barristers, Law firm partners and more!
Maybe even meet Little Alex Horne!





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Are you a Widening Participation student? Support is available!

- Join a community – there's a WP Student Network and department groups
- Additional bursaries and financial support
- Research opportunities specifically open to WP students
- Internships, work experience and other careers-related events
- Student forums to share experiences
- Paid part-time mentor and ambassador roles

See if you're eligible and what opportunities are currently available



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WP Support across the University



Support for independent students

The WP team offers support, advice and guidance to students who are independent because they are care leavers or are estranged from their parents.

We also offer support to students who are at risk of becoming estranged from their families during their studies alongside central Wellbeing support services.

Contact us at lifecycleteam@warwick.ac.uk for more information about support:

Find out more about WP at Welcome Week

Welcome Session

Find out more about the support and opportunities available for students from a Widening Participation background at Warwick.

Date: **Tuesday 29th September**

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Location: R3.41, Ramphal Building



Student's Union Meet & Greet

Meet your SU Widening Participation Officer and find out more about opportunities in the SU for students from a WP background.

Date: **Wednesday 30th September**

Time: 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Location: Kevin Gately Room, SU HQ



Drop-In Session

If you have any questions about Widening Participation, see us!

Date: **Friday 2nd October**

Time: 10.00-12.00pm

Location: R3.41, Ramphal Building



Any Questions?



Email us: WPCommunity@warwick.ac.uk



Visit our webpages: warwick.ac.uk/wpsn

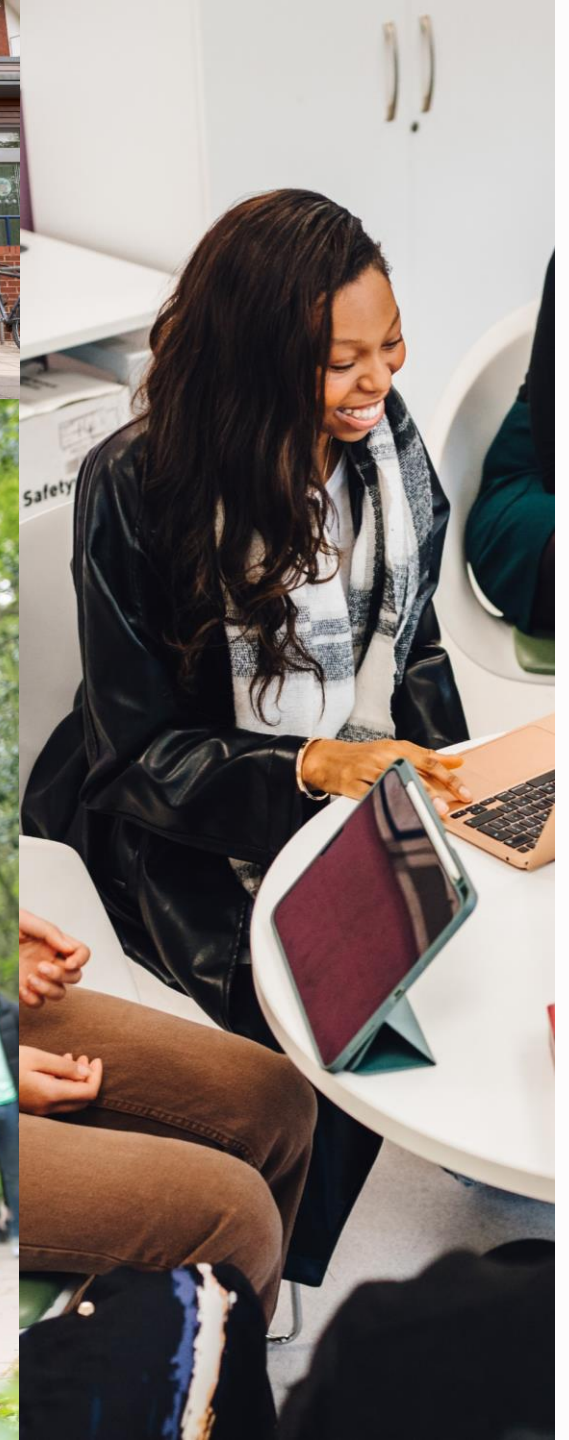
WP Support across the University

[Warwick Undergraduate Bursary and Additional Bursary](#)

- Between £500-£2,500 per year if your household income is under £42,875

[Warwick Students Union](#)

- WP Student Officer – [Edden](#)
- [93% Club](#)
- [BASE Law](#)
- [Warwick Law Society](#)
- [Warwick Bar Society](#)
- [WP Student Advisory Group](#)





Warwick Alumni Mentoring

You have big ambitions. Our alumni have inspiring stories

The Warwick Alumni Mentoring programme is your opportunity to benefit from their expertise.

Our alumni mentors play a crucial role in helping students and graduates to find the right career path.

- Gain **industry insights**, expand your **professional networks**, and access **global connections**.
- Unlock your potential with expert guidance.

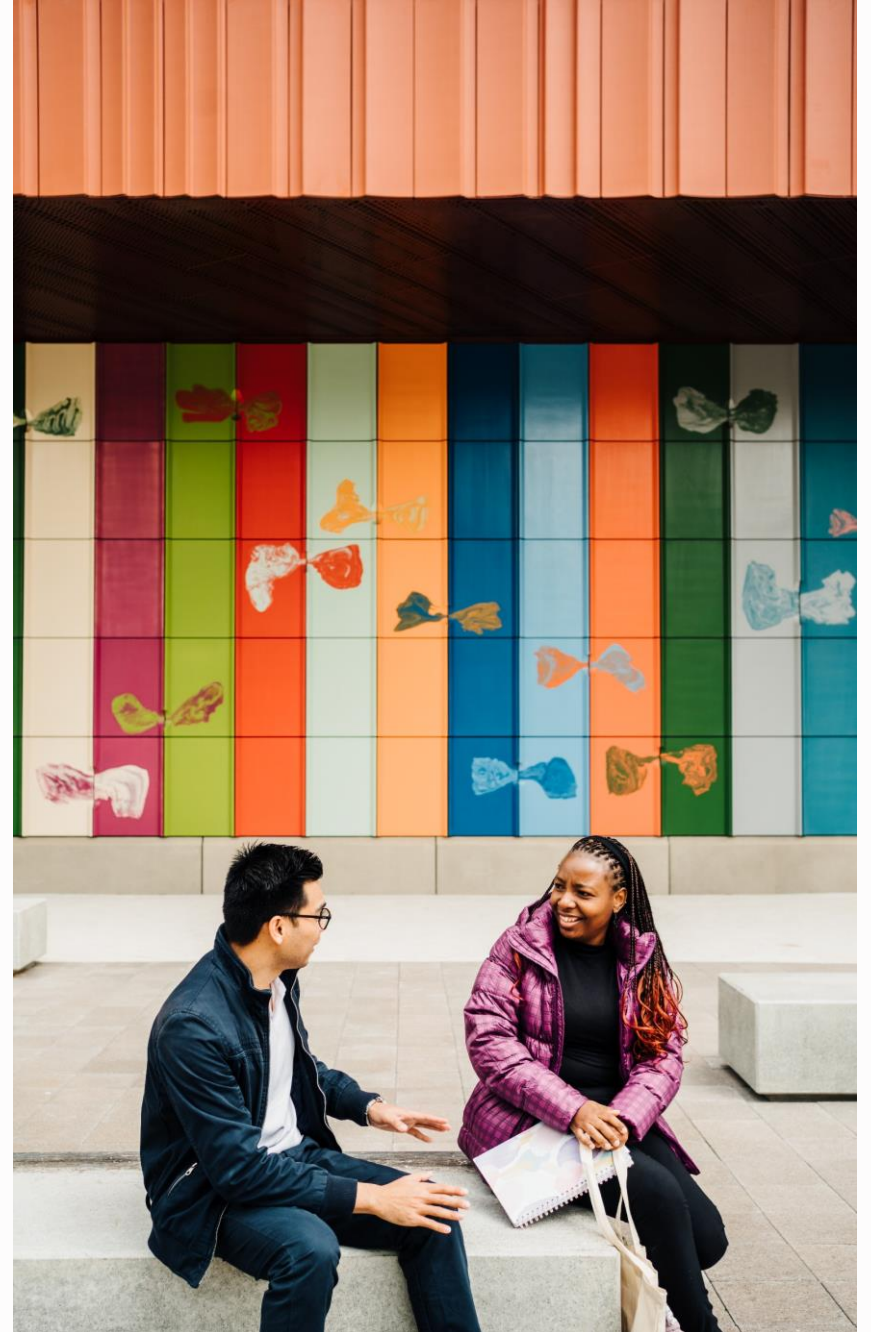
Join our community platform **Warwickgrad**
Find a mentor today!

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A photograph of three young adults walking through a lush green forest. On the left is a Black woman with long braids, wearing a yellow top and a dark jacket. In the center is a Black man wearing a bright green t-shirt and a dark puffer jacket. On the right is a white woman with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a white top and a dark jacket. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The background is filled with large trees and vibrant green foliage.

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What next?

Warwick Law in the Community (LinC)

Discovering the School of Law's

Community and Outreach

*Programmes – **SSJC clinic application***

Thursday 1 October

- Welcome Week timetable
- Information session
- 14:00pm – 15:00pm
- FAB0.08

School tasking

- Application deadline **7 October** at 5pm
- Learn more at Thursday's information session
- If you have any other questions about this opportunity, please email:
SchoolTasking@warwick.ac.uk

WE'RE HIRING WIDENING PARTICIPATION STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

Are you looking for regular paid work opportunities? Join us as an Ambassador and work on projects that make a real difference to young people's lives!

Roles
Academic Support Tutors - tutor Year 10 students in English, Maths or Science
Warwick Scholars Mentors - support Year 13s in their transition to university
UniTracks Mentors - support creative projects with Years 8-9
Bright Stars Mentors - raise aspirations in primary school students
Pathways to Professions Mentors - support sixth formers interested in specific careers (law and banking & finance)
University Explorers Ambassadors - support a programme for students in local authority care

**Application Deadline:
Friday 16 October at
5pm**

For more information, job descriptions and to apply, scan the QR code:





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Thank you



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