

Carpe Diem: Reasons for Change



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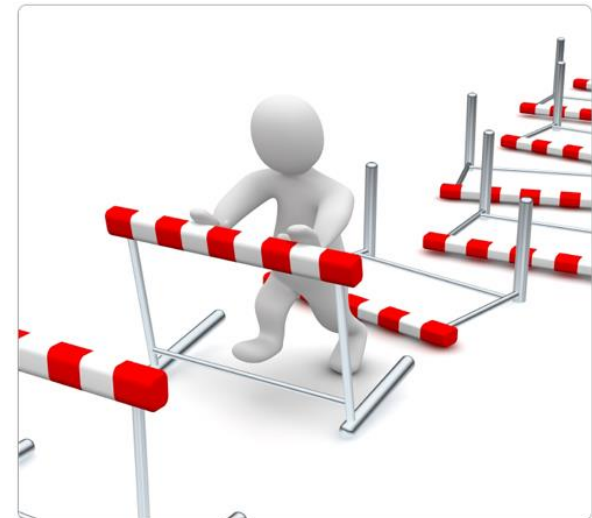


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Barriers to learning (not exhaustive)

- Finance (basic cost or need to support/contribute to family, house etc.)
- Availability of a suitable course
- Progression - would I get a job at the end of it?
- Family commitments
- Job commitments
- Belief that they are too old to learn
- Previous negative experience
- Family or employer support
- Lack of confidence/fear of failure



Case studies



Student A

- Female, mid-20s
- Married, 1 child
- Some FE education
- Previous PT work
- Stay at home mum
- Fear of failure and lack of confidence in herself

Student B

- Female, early 30s
- Married, 2 children
- Worked PT but unhappy with role; took redundancy
- Fear of financial insecurity/need to contribute to household

Fear of financial insecurity



Fear of failure/lack of confidence



“Seized the day”

This is my only chance.

If I didn't do it now, I would never do it.

It is a big step for me, but I am glad I did it.

It is perfect for me!

My husband keeps telling me how proud he is of me!

Thank you

Any questions?