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Foundation Year Workshop Event

Welcome

Dennis Dunn
Pro-Vice Chancellor Widening Participation

UK goal is to achieve 50% participation in HE by 2010

Drivers

- Societal
- Skills needs 2020 (UK Leitch Report)
- UK Competitiveness
- Expanded University Sector
- Fast track 2 year Honours Degrees
- UK Government *'The Treasury'*

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Widening Participation

- Foundation Year Network
- New entrants to HE
  - Non-Traditional entrants
  - Post code identification
  - socio economic classes 4,5,6 & 7
  - mature students
- Progression & Attainment
  - significant research reveals **+'s** and **–'s**

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Foundation Year @ MMU

- Essential part of our portfolio

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University Strategies

- WP strategic planning made explicit
- Comparison with national benchmarks
- Targeted recruitment
- FE/HE consortia; Associate Schools
- UK major funded initiatives
  - Learning and Skills Council 14-19 yrs
  - Aim-Higher
  - Lifelong Learning Networks

MMU 36,000 students

- 2nd most successful UK WP university
- Pro Vice Chancellor designation
- Variable results from Faculties
  - Art & Design
  - Health & Community Studies
  - Humanities, School of Law
  - Business School
  - Science & Engineering
  - MMU Cheshire
  - Food, Clothing and Hospitality Management
  - Institute of Education

Foundation year at MMU

Numbers last 3 years

Progression to year 1

Faculty distribution

Graduation classification comparator

1st time degree, state schools

Year	2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02
total	5265	5413	5055	4543
% MMU	95.1	94.9	94.7	95.0
% HEFCE benchmark	91.6	92.1	91.4	93.0

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% student drop out

Faculty	young	mature	Low SEC
Art & Des	7.6	10.8	9.9
HCSE	14.8	22.2	16.5
FCHM	10.9	16.3	10.0
Hu & Law	14.9	27.5	16.3
Bus Sch	9.8	18.4	13.4
Sci & Eng	12.9	15.2	13.9
Cheshire	11.4	19.5	11.0
Education	----	16.0	----
Benchmark	**10.3**	**15.7**	**12.3**

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- Very successful in WP recruitment
- Underperforming in student progression
- Significant variance between faculties
- Relationships with Further Ed Colleges
- HE delivered in FE (ASN's)
  - Foundation Degrees
  - Associate Colleges of MMU

UK National Future Trends

- Demographic downturn -200,000 annually
- Tuition Fee revised 2009
- Students are effectively ‘Part-Time’
- Work based learning
- Re-training for career changes
  - mature students
  - flexible study

Success Factors

- more members of society achieving their true potential
- standards **are** being maintained but universities are supporting a longer intellectual journey for some students
- MMU mission is in part about proudly championing social inclusion

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Reforming UK University Education

Access; Advancement & Achievement

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