

BA Degree in Business and Enterprise

Comments from past students (2014 - 2015)

The Edinburgh Team supported by Christine Laverock Training Services makes distance learning enjoyable, the best thing was having a Suffolk Cohort – I didn't feel alone as we were all supporting each other. **Jane, Realise Futures**

The off-campus BA in Business and Enterprise has given me the opportunity to fulfil a lifetime ambition of furthering my education. The model has the benefit of being able to put theory into practice for work based learning. Edinburgh Napier University also provide support by using the 'virtual university' computer package called Moodle which includes a common room, slides from training days, cloud storage and extra uploaded items that all help with our learning.

Alex, Sensing Change

The opportunity to do a degree within a year was a great attraction. I have personally grown through the challenges and accomplishments during the course. The learning gained through all of the modules will be of use to me in both my personal and working life. My confidence has increased, having achieved something that I didn't think I would have been able to do, particularly at my stage of life. I am very pleased that I made the decision to take the course and consider I have a positive return on my investment.

Although I didn't always relish the idea of completing Work Based Learning diaries each month, I actually found it quite a cathartic process at times, providing a space and platform to reflect on things which had worked well for me and those that hadn't, but rather than dwell on them and affect my self-confidence and feeling of self-worth, the reflective process of considering what I had learnt and what could or had changed as a result, was a much more positive process. It also enabled me to see how much I had progressed through the months.

For my organisation, I have developed and improved my key business, leadership and management skills. These skills are transferable to other aspects of my work, particularly as local authorities have to be more business minded, to transform the services offered in a climate of reduced funding and higher customer expectations. This includes being more entrepreneurial using innovation, creativity and business models to drive forward changes.

Sue, Suffolk County Council

I have found the degree course a journey with a positive destination. It does require students to have other swimmers accompany them through the rough and smooth waters ahead. The self-confidence and newly found skills will support me with future promotions. Those students with dyslexia or dyspraxia should not be put off applying as there is excellent support available.

Marc, Suffolk County Council

I was very nervous about embarking on a degree at the outset, but once I met the rest of the Suffolk cohort at the induction in Edinburgh I felt an instant connection as we were all about to start the challenge together. We laughed a great deal and built a great support network between us. I can honestly say I have changed so much from when I started the course. I have learnt so many new skills and gained so much confidence both personally and professionally. It has been the greatest challenge of my life, but I have worked hard and achieved the goal I set myself. I have enjoyed it so much that I am now looking at completing the Masters and that was not even a possibility that had entered my mind at the outset. My advice for anyone thinking about completing this course is **DO IT**, you won't regret it. **Becky, Care UK**