

Transcript of video of Carol Hunter, Open University in Scotland student

“I was adopted at a young age and because of my background I wanted to be the person in an adoption agency that handed the file over and was there to support that person through that transition.

My name is Carol and I studied a degree in Social Sciences with The Open University in Scotland.

My mum and dad adopted me knowing that there might be some issues going forward. I was born with alcohol foetal disorder.

Throughout school and that I did struggle a wee bit. I wasn't as clever as everybody around me. I have weird tendencies to re-write everything about 45 times to take it in but that's how I deal with it.

Like myself and many others, traditional university wasn't the right route for me.

When I studied my HND [Higher National Diploma], we had a talk from The Open University – came in and spoke about degree routes. You could transfer your HND credits over. With The Open University the way that it worked is you would only have one year left to do after your HND to complete your degree.

Due to the flexibility and being able to do it around your work meant the kids weren't affected by it. It's been absolutely great so I'm glad I've definitely done it.

The articulation route through the college and onto The Open University has made my dreams come true.

You can still achieve a degree without moving away from home, leaving your family environment, because for any student that's daunting.

I definitely recommend it. If people want to upskill or they want to change pathways then The Open University is a great way to do that, and I try and shout it from the rooftops as much as possible!”

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