

OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP – COMMISSIONED ACTIVITY

LAA BLOCK:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE

Activity Name:	<i>Junior University: Higher Skills in Oldham</i>
Activity Reference:	LAA 10-04
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Summary:

The Commissioned Activity encompasses the following range of intervention strategies to achieve these ambitious goals;

1. To provide a programme of mentoring that will support young people across the 14-19 age range that are 'at risk' of not achieving their potential. This intervention will take place in all 15 of Oldham's secondary schools and both colleges. This mentoring will come from six Junior University Mentors and two Connexions Mentors. This will significantly increase the personalised support available to this vulnerable group.
2. To develop close ties with The University Centre Oldham. The Junior University will seek to establish clear, continuous qualification pathways for the 14-19 age range and ensure an integrated 14-19 support programme. This relationship will be managed by the Junior University's External Agencies Manager.
3. The Junior University website will be developed to provide access to a range of very useful materials for the 14-19 Junior University cohort. This will include curriculum-based resources designed to raise achievement and key information on advice and guidance to support progression and retention.
4. The Junior University Learning Resource Centre Assistants will support young people in the Junior University Resource Centres as they work on their assignments and prepare for their exams. They will also assist with school visits from their JU cohorts to the Junior University Centres in college.

5. The Junior University Centres will be available for study events, taster sessions and family events for the JU cohort. Links will be made to the parents of the JU cohort.
6. The Junior University will develop and deliver subject based extension classes in a range of subjects to the 14-19 age group in Oldham.
7. Links will be made to a sample of primary schools in Oldham.
8. The Junior University will fund additional Citizenship activity through two strands. This will support the community cohesion agenda in Oldham. The first strand will be to promote citizenship in FE, exploring issues such as economic and political literacy, leadership and management skills, increased environmental awareness and a wider understanding of social responsibility. The second strand will be delivered by the Connexions Service and will promote areas such as the Positive Areas of Young People programme. This strand of the Commissioned Activity will promote the vision of 'Oldham Together'.

LAA Indicator:	Work towards target:
Percentage of young people achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE	JU and Connexions mentoring programme that will begin with Year 9 pupils. Anticipated number of pupils 120 Development of level 2 extension classes and additional supporting material on the Junior University website
Increasing the percentage of young people achieving 5A*-C grades including English and Maths by the end of Year 11	JU and Connexions mentoring programme that will begin with Year 9 pupils. Anticipated number of pupils 120 Development of level 2 extension classes and additional supporting material on the Junior University website
Reducing the number of 16-18 year olds not in education employment or training	Focussed mentoring from both JU and Connexions mentors Anticipated number of students 100 Development of appropriate supporting materials on the JU website
Increasing the number of learners achieving level 2 by the age of 19	Specific personalised JU support for all level 2 students at OSFC in addition to JU and Connexions mentoring in all of Oldham's schools Anticipated number of pupils 75 Development of level 2 materials on the JU website
Increasing the percentage of 18-30 year olds participating in higher education.	JU and Connexions mentors to promote the opportunities provided by HE to all of their respective cohorts. Anticipated number of pupils 100 Generic JU Mentor support for level 3 students at OSFC who require support with university applications Anticipated number of pupils 75
Increase the number of FTE students entering UCO and improving the retention of the cohort at the end of the second year.	JU and Connexions mentors to promote the opportunities provided by UCO to all of their respective cohorts UCO promoted to 300 pupils via the mentoring programme

<p>Increasing the percentage of learners achieving level 3 by the age of 19</p>	<p>JU Mentor support for students at the Oldham College and OSFC who are at risk of not achieving level 3. Anticipated number of students receiving support 100</p> <p>Generic JU Mentor support for level 3 students at OSFC who require support with coursework, revision etc Anticipated number of students receiving support 75</p>
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