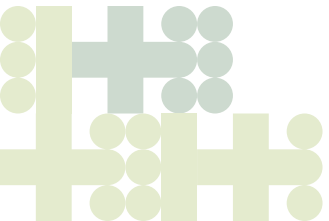


THINK MODERN

Aspiration, opportunity, inclusion

Modern universities have increased the opportunities for people from all walks of life to experience the transformative impact of higher education.

Mature learners, people already in work, and all those who thought higher education was only for others have been able to **unlock their potential and create new careers for themselves and new lives for their families.** This diversity of approach and student profile is a key pillar of the modern university sector.





LEADING THE WAY IN WIDENING PARTICIPATION...

96% of entrants to modern universities went to a state school.



In England...

68% of all HE entrants from a low participation background were studying at modern universities.

Modern universities accounted for **79%** of full-time mature entrants to higher education.

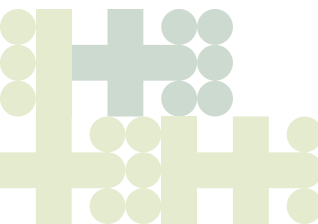
In Scotland...

A third of universities are modern, but they account for **58%** of students from the most disadvantaged backgrounds and **66%** of all mature students.

In 2017-18, **66%** of students who identify as black and **54%** of BAME students were at modern universities.¹



53% of modern universities identified widening participation/ access as one of the principal areas in which they contribute to the local economy.



...AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Aspiration, opportunity,
inclusion



88% of modern universities provide distance learning courses.

89% of modern universities provide continuous work-based learning courses.

Over **3 million** people attended free public lectures at modern universities.



91% of participation at free public lectures across the HE sector took place at modern universities.

Over a **quarter of a million** people attended free performance arts events organised by modern universities in 2016-17.



347,259 people attended paid exhibitions at modern universities.

450,939 people attended paid performance arts events at modern universities.

Over **3 million** people attended free public exhibitions at modern universities.



¹ All data is UK-wide unless otherwise stated.
All data taken from **HESA 2017-18** unless otherwise stated.