

## **LTE Group**

### **Summary of UCEN Manchester's Access and participation plan 2025-26 to 2028-29**

#### **What is an access and participation plan?**

An access and participation sets out provisions that will be meaningful and effective in promoting equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups, as determined by the Office for Students.

You can see the full access and participation plan for UCEN Manchester at:

[https://www.ucenmanchester.ac.uk/media/filer\\_public/c0/2c/c02c518a-82b4-46cd-8582-ba62377f4714/lte\\_group\\_app\\_2025-26\\_v1\\_10023139.pdf](https://www.ucenmanchester.ac.uk/media/filer_public/c0/2c/c02c518a-82b4-46cd-8582-ba62377f4714/lte_group_app_2025-26_v1_10023139.pdf)

#### **Key points**

UCEN Manchester is a trading name of the LTE Group, for the delivery of higher education provision. The mission of LTE Group is "Improving lives and economic success through learning and skills". The Group currently delivers a range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 in several different settings and to an extremely diverse student population. The UCEN Manchester curriculum portfolio is based on local industry and employment needs and is therefore aligned to the Greater Manchester Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), while also providing a progression route for our further education students and attracting new applicants from across the UK.

UCEN Manchester's Access and Participation Plan supports its mission which is "to deliver first-class technical and professional higher-level skills to meet the priorities of the Greater Manchester region and beyond." UCEN Manchester is committed to widening access to students who would not normally progress into higher education and, to this end, have well established widening participation strategies that aim to make higher education more accessible to students locally, regionally, nationally and from a diverse range of backgrounds

See pages 1-8 of the access and participation plan for more context around this work.

#### **Fees we charge**

Fees we charge are available on the website.

See pages 49-50 of the access and participation plan for more information on fees, including part time fees.

#### **Financial help available**

For many students, especially those from low-income backgrounds or those without substantial financial support from their families, the cost of living can pose a significant barrier to accessing and completing their education. By providing eligible students with financial support, referred to here on in as the 'UCEN Manchester Bursary', this aims to alleviate the financial pressure caused by the increased cost of living on students most in need.

The UCEN Manchester Bursary provides financial support towards the cost of studying and more specifically will offer support for: Maintenance with respect to cost of living; Specialised equipment and devices; Additional travel requirements for visits/interviews or auditions; and personal items.

See pages 10-12 of the access and participation plan for more information on the bursary, eligibility criteria and the elements that can be applied for.

#### **Information for students**

UCEN Manchester upholds a commitment to providing applicants with transparent, inclusive, and pertinent information. This encompasses details on fees, financial support, and any current and applicable Access Agreements. Such information is readily accessible on our website.

See page 33 of the access and participation plan for more information.

### **What we are aiming to achieve**

The underlying thinking of UCEN Manchester's plan is to develop intervention strategies across key stages of the student lifecycle to address and mitigate identified equality of opportunity risks. These strategies prioritise the student groups most impacted by the identified risks and include evidence-based activities with built in evaluation processes. The expected outcomes are clearly defined, along with the areas where we anticipate these outcomes will be evident. To ensure we are making progress, we will internally evaluate and monitor our advancements towards these goals.

See pages 9-28 of the access and participation plan for more information on the objectives.

### **What we are doing to address keys risks to equality of opportunity**

Our plans are set in detail in pages 9-28

### **How students can get involved**

The Student Union and Student Representative system is the principal way to get involved with the plan and students are part of the APP working group.

See page 31 of the access and participation plan for more information.

### **Evaluation – how we will measure what we have achieved**

UCEN Manchester's planned interventions have an evaluation strategy which will be measured to see what impact they have had.

See pages 29-31 of the access and participation plan for more detail on the evaluation of the plan and each strategy.

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