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Record number of students Gain Access to Higher Education Diplomas

This year a record 57 learners from Essex County Council's Adult Community Learning have successfully completed and been awarded their Access to Higher Education Diploma Combined Studies.

The learners will be taking up places in September 2011 at universities across the UK to study a wide range of courses including Maths, Sociology, Law, Drama Nursing and Social Work. Five have secured Midwifery places at Anglia Ruskin University and University Campus Suffolk. Some have been offered places at prestigious universities including the School of African and Oriental Studies at Birkbeck, London.

The external centre moderator commended Adult Community Learning's success with this programme, praising the high pass rates, the quality of teaching, the innovative methods of assessment and the progression routes to university.

Past students on the course have also gone on to great success including two students who have secured PHD places at the University of Essex.

County Councillor Jeremy Lucas, Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture said: "This is an excellent result which demonstrates the highly quality of teaching through Essex's Adult Community Learning. Congratulations to all of the students on their results and I wish them all the best as they embark on their university courses."

Access to Higher Education Combined Studies is offered at Clacton, Harwich and Maldon Centres. It is a full level 3 qualification which is accepted as entry to higher education by universities throughout the country. A mixture of compulsory and optional units are studied and credits are awarded for each unit. The course is three days per week for one academic year. No formal qualifications are required to enrol but candidates will be assessed and interviewed to ensure they will be able to cope with the demands of the course.

For more information on Access to Higher Education please call one of the centres below:

Clacton 01255 424 151 Maldon 01621 833 337 Harwich 01255 502 467

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