

THE AWARDS 2020

Widening Participation or Outreach Initiative of the Year

Institution name	Bucks New University
Submission title or project name	Gypsies, Travellers, Roma, Showmen and Boaters into Higher Education - a collaborative, co-produced widening participation approach
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Submission	<p>Bucks New University, with a long history of working with Gypsy, Traveller and Roma (GTR) students, has taken action in response to growing interest amongst GTR activists in exploring barriers to access to higher education.</p> <p>Our Executive Team, led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Nick Braisby, is expanding existing work with the communities to adopt a whole institution focus on widening participation and access for members of the GTR and Showmen/Boater (GTRSB) communities.</p> <p>Our work brings together NGOs, GTRSB graduates and students, and other HEIs, to initiate a step-change in good practice and awareness of the support GTRSB students require and the challenges they experience.</p> <p>This has included creating a 'network of practice' and developing a 'good practice pledge' in the wake of a House of Lords roundtable hosted by Baroness Whitaker, Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, alongside GTRSB graduates, HEIs, academic experts and educational NGOs.</p>