

# THE AWARDS 2020

## Outstanding Support for Students

<b>Institution name</b>	University of the West of England
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Whole-university approach to tackle sexual violence and sexual harassment
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<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>UWE Bristol does not tolerate sexual abuse, harassment, or antisocial behaviour. Building on UWE research and practice over several years, in 2018/19 UWE developed a cohesive university-wide programme to support and empower staff and students to challenge inappropriate behaviours safely.</p> <p>UWE's user-led and user-focused approach has shaped our policy and practice regarding sexual violence. It is an ongoing collaboration between researchers, Student Wellbeing, the Students' Union, and local external partners, e.g. Somerset and Avon Rape and Sexual Abuse Support (SARSAS), Avon &amp; Somerset Police.</p> <p>The university-wide programme includes a social media awareness campaign; roll-out of a 'report and support' online tool; SARSAS counselling on campus; working with the local police force to develop appropriate policies, procedures, and safeguarding; widening the remit of our 'Bystander Intervention' and 'Address' programmes; and setting up an anti-sexual violence steering group to oversee these activities.</p>