



THE Awards 2019 – Widening Participation or Outreach Initiative of the Year

Institution/Nominee	De Montfort University Leicester
Title	De Montfort University's DMUaspire programme
Key personnel	Mark Clayton
Submission	<p>De Montfort University Leicester (DMU) has collaborated with schools and colleges across the city to create DMUaspire, a pioneering project to inspire a new generation of undergraduates from 'hard-to-reach' groups.</p> <p>The initiative has been set up to boost the exam results of those in areas of deprivation in Leicester, and create new university applications.</p> <p>DMU created a team comprising teaching specialists and outreach professionals to develop a module for pupils entering their final year of A-levels. The module gave them a UCAS-equivalent tariff on completion, recognised by DMU in cases where their final results do not meet requirements.</p> <p>The intensive programme delivered an academic module with a strong focus on critical learning. To support this, a range of student life activities was also planned.</p> <p>The impacts were unexpected, with participants significantly improving their exam results, meaning many did not require the additional points and a large number of applicants were accepted their place at DMU in October.</p>