

Black Access to Social Work:

A route into the profession for diverse communities

This year sees the launch of a ground-breaking new degree programme at Liverpool Hope University, being run in conjunction with Liverpool City Council and spearheaded by the Lord Mayor Anna Rothery, who's been a driving force behind the project.

The institutions say that too few people from the city's Global Majority groups take-up roles in social work - which has a significant knock-on effect for those needing care.

And to combat that shortage the University and the Council are creating 15 brand new spaces on Hope's Social Work degree programme exclusively for those from under-represented communities.

One of the key elements of this 'Black Access to Social Work - a Route Into the Profession for Diverse Communities' course is that undergraduates won't just complete a work placement, they'll also be assigned an experienced 'mentor' - a black social worker already working on the front line for the Council.

The idea is that the mentors can use their wealth of knowledge to guide students on their own career pathways.

You can read all about the initiative, and meet the mentors, at:

www.hope.ac.uk/news/allnews/black-access-to-social-work-meet-the-mentors.html

And to launch Black Access to Social Work - a Route Into the Profession for Diverse Communities, a series of fascinating webinars featuring some of the programme's key figures, including the mentors, will be taking place throughout April, May, June and July 2021 so that those interested in applying can find out more information.

Webinar Dates:

- Wednesday 7th April, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Wednesday 5th May, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Wednesday 2nd June, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Wednesday 7th July, 6:30pm-7:30pm

To register your interest and to be sent the appropriate online link, visit:

your.hope.ac.uk/form/blackaccesstosocialwork

How do I apply for this degree programme?

To apply for the Black Access to Social Work - a Route Into the Profession for Diverse Communities applicants should first apply to the standard Social Work undergraduate degree at Hope through UCAS.

Then, once they've applied through UCAS, they should send details of their application, with their UCAS number, to the email socialwork@hope.ac.uk stating that they wish to register their interest for the Black Access to Social Work - a Route Into the Profession for Diverse Communities pathway.

Applicants will then be contacted directly, with interviews due to take place in May and June.



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