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Building communities and futures
Our journey....

2012 – identified the challenge  
Nov 2013 – opened SU Lettings (with zero properties)  
2014 – launched annual Don’t Rent Yet campaign  
2015 – starting work with Elim...  
2016 – Acom Ethical Lettings Charter, West of England Rental Standard

In 2019:
• Top student letting agent in Bristol  
• 24,000 registered house hunters  
• Active role in letting 5000 bed spaces  
• Very high student satisfaction
Unaffordable Bristol

50% of Bristol students are dissatisfied with the cost of their accommodation.

Mean cost of accommodation in the private sector was £452 per month, excluding bills.

Almost 1 in 4 of you were dissatisfied with the quality of your accommodation.

1 in 3 students experienced financial hardship at university.

£5424 is the amount the average Bristol student living in the private sector is paying per year in rent, excluding any utilities and bills.

For many undergraduates this figure is much higher than their maintenance loan.

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16 UoB students, selected for suitability
7 young people leaving care
8 young key workers
Supported community with elements of self management

Modular housing on BCC temporary land (10 yr lease)
6 months from planning to occupied
16 weeks on site, £50k per unit
Partnerships to build communities

**Bristol Student Union:**
- Student and private rented expertise
- Annual resident application process
- Access to support services

**1625ip**
- Support for young people on at risk pathways
- Community support worker (2 days per week in year 1 & 2)

**United Communities:**
- Lead partner including investment, design, build and ownership
- Maintenance and property management

**University of Bristol**
- Funding and access to support services
- Ongoing research & evaluation

**Bristol City Council**
- Temporary land use and political support

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Bristol & the Sustainable Development Goals: Working in partnership to tackle global challenges through local action

Sean Fox, University of Bristol  
&  
Kirsty Green-Mann, Burges Salmon

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Shared future success.
Growing expectations – pressures and opportunities.
Making the biggest difference.

Wellbeing and mental health.
Talent in an inclusive workplace and social mobility.
Environmental sustainability and positive community impacts.
Inclusive, fairer and extended employment opportunities.
Collaboration and leverage for greater impact.
MSc student project in 2017

Bristol's Voluntary Local Review is a model, and its multi-stakeholder approach to the SDGs demonstrates a powerful model of governance for tackling tough issues.

SDG 5
GENDER EQUALITY

WHAT WE’RE DOING
Female Empowerment and Period Dignity (5.1, 5.6, 5.c)

Councillor Helen Godwin
gov.uk>
Allan Macleod; Sean Fox;

Hi both,

I have just had a great call with Erin from the Mayor’s office in LA. She was really interested in the Period Friendly Bristol work we are doing and there is potential for LA to replicate it as part of their SDG work.
Bristol Best Tuition and the Foundation in Arts & Social Sciences

John McTague (john.mctague@bristol.ac.uk)
What is the Foundation in Arts & Social Sciences?

• 1-year, full-time programme with no formal entrance criteria
• Prepares students for UG study in Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences
• Introduces them to range of subjects in those areas offered at Bristol
• Students apply directly to programme (not via UCAS)
• We prioritise applications from:
  • Candidates without qualifications usually needed for HE study
  • ‘Mature’ candidates (i.e. over 21)
  • Candidates from backgrounds currently underrepresented in HE
• Students who complete programme satisfactorily are guaranteed a place on a degree in Faculty of Arts / Social Sciences and Law at Bristol
• Students who pass the programme are awarded a Certificate of Higher Education which they can use as a qualification to apply for other programmes via UCAS.
Building Academic Language and Literacy (BALL)

• 10 week course taught in East Bristol on Saturday afternoons
• The majority of students are from Bristol’s Somali community
• The majority of students are multilingual
• The course:
  • Develops students’ facility with academic English
  • Introduces them to the Foundation programme
  • Advises them on process of applying for Foundation programme
• Last year: 12 of the 15 students on BALL applied to the Foundation programme; 8 of those students gained places.
Building Academic Language and Literacy (BALL)

- Key People and Organisations/teams:
  - Khalif Noor, Bristol Best Tuition
  - Ruth Bush (former Foundation programme director)
  - Centre for Academic Language and Development (esp. Paul Hendrie and Jeffrey Pocock).
  - Home Recruitment team: Lizzie Fleming (former Mature Student Recruitment officer); Georgia Price (current Mature Student Recruitment officer!)

- 2016: Engaging the parents of the school-age children Khalif worked with.
- From 2017: revising the course with colleagues from Centre for Academic Language & Development so it focussed on academic English and application support
- 2019: doubling provision
More info

• Foundation programme website: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/study/foundation/](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/study/foundation/)

• Articles on BALL:
  • ‘Making Higher Education Accessible’ in Bristol 24/7: [https://www.bristol247.com/lifestyle/learning/making-higher-education-accessible/](https://www.bristol247.com/lifestyle/learning/making-higher-education-accessible/)

• Sanctuary scholarships: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/awards/sanctuary-scholarship/](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/awards/sanctuary-scholarship/)
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1. Who are you and what is your experience of Bristol as a civic institution?

2. Based on the conversation up to now, what are the things we could be doing immediately or in the short term to be a more global civic institution?

For those attending remotely, please share your comments via sli.do: https://www.sli.do/
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