



Taking my learning further

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1 What have I learned?

We hope you found [Planning a better future](#) interesting and informative.

You may remember answering a few questions at the start of the course about your learning motivations. Now you've completed all or part of the course we'd like to ask you to reflect on your experience by completing one last short activity.

Activity 1

Allow about 15 minutes

[Questionnaire about your learning \(2\)](#)

If you like, you can review your responses from the first questionnaire at the start of the course you can do so by revisiting the [Questionnaire about your learning \(1\)](#).

Consider where you were when you first started this course.

- How did studying this course fit within your general everyday routine? Did you make or were you given dedicated time to work on it?
- Were there any particular challenges you faced? How did you overcome them?
- Have you learned anything that you will be able to take forwards in the future? How might this influence how you do things in the future?

By studying this course you should now be able to:

- reflect on where you are now and where you would like to be
- understand the impact of change for you and what options are open to you
- identify your goals and the action that you can take next to reach them.

2 Badges and statement of participation



We hope that you now feel a sense of achievement after collecting all the badges for *Planning a better future*. For a reminder on how to obtain your badges after completing a block, please see [How do I access my badge?](#)

For a reminder on how to obtain your statement of participation after achieving all of your badges, please see [How do I access my statement of participation?](#)

If you haven't yet collected the full set of three badges for *Planning a better future*, you still have the opportunity to return to the course and attempt other blocks. When you have collected all three badges you will be able to download a statement of participation. It shows that you have successfully completed the whole course and you can take it to your employer to demonstrate self-directed learning and support for personal development.

When you have successfully completed a block and passed the associated quiz assessment, you will receive your *Planning a better future* badge for that block. You will receive email notification that your badge has been awarded and it will appear in your *My*

badges area in your profile. Please note it can take up to 24 hours for a badge to be issued.

You will be notified by email if you have received a statement of participation. Once it is available (as a PDF file), you will be able to see and download it from your OpenLearn Works profile.

It may take up to 24 hours for the statement of participation to be issued after you have completed the course.

3 Where next?

We hope you enjoyed *Planning a better future*, and we hope the course has inspired you to continue your learning journey. Below are some key links to where you might like to go next.

Progressing your career

- [Open University Careers Advisory Service](#)
- [National Careers Service](#)
- [Sector Skills Councils](#)

Volunteering

You may like to consider volunteering to extend and enhance your skills and knowledge. These websites may help you to think about your options:

- [Leonard Cheshire Disability](#)
- [National Council for Voluntary Organisations \(NCVO\)](#)

More free, informal courses

Planning a better future is one of a suite of six courses. You may like to study one of the other [five](#).

The OU also provides [further online introductory courses](#) and [skills for study courses](#), all of which are free and online.

[FutureLearn](#) also has a wide range of online courses that you may like to consider.

The Open University

You may like to consider one of The Open University's [Access courses](#) to prepare you to successful study towards a nationally recognised higher education qualification.

The OU offers [a range of qualifications](#) that you might want to consider.

The PEARL website

[Part-time Education for Adults Returning to Learn \(PEARL\)](#) is a useful website for adults looking for part-time study opportunities, including all types of provision from free, non-accredited courses through to higher-level learning.

FEEDBACK

4 Feedback

Finally, please take our short [end-of-course survey](#).

We're really interested in hearing from you and completing this survey should take no more than 10 minutes.