



## **Access and Participation Statement January 2017**

### **Salford City College**

- Salford City College is committed to meeting the needs both locally, regionally and nationally, to increase participation in Higher Education from under represented groups.
- The College is committed to fair access and sets clear and transparent criteria for entry onto its programmes. The College also welcomes applications from students with non-traditional backgrounds, and work based experience.
- The College's HE Strategy describes flexibility in both mode and level of study to allow students to determine their own exit points, achieving a recognised award at each level and to consider their own progression.
- The strategy helps to ensure that the emerging gaps in flexible and vocational HE curriculum are filled and that the residents of Salford are in a strong position to capitalise on the job opportunities in Greater Manchester and predicted growth over the next ten years.
- This flexibility in the curriculum is essential to widening participation in Higher Education and in assuring skills gaps are addressed/do not develop in certain sectors.
- Established Access to HE programmes provide opportunities for student from diverse backgrounds and levels of study to progress to Higher Education.
- Working closely with local schools and colleges to raise aspirations and promote learning, targeting progression to HE courses and attending school careers events to promote advice and guidance on progression opportunities and offer careers advice
- Promoting progression to HE for the College's Level 2 and Level 3 students through targeted careers sessions, dedicated HE events and talks by the Salford City College and universities to support with applications to gain entry to higher education.