

IS DISABILITY A BARRIER TO ACCESSING HE?

The statistics say it is, but SWAP student, Elizabeth Donnelly, tells her inspiring story.

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The University of St Andrews is proud to have partnered with SWAP for many years, providing opportunities for many adult returners to study at Scotland's oldest university.

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Karen McDonald, Course Tutor at North East Scotland College, talks about the success of the new SWAP Access to Allied Health Professions programme.

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ONLINE ACCESS: THE EXPERIENCE OF A SWAP STUDENT IN ORKNEY

Hi, my name is Caitlin. For as long as I can remember I've wanted to work with animals as a veterinary surgeon or in a laboratory doing research that's based around helping animals. When I first left school in 2014, I joined my high school's sixth form for A levels however I had immensely struggled due to an (undiagnosed at the time) mental ill ness leading to me to drop out and not complete exams.

February 2018, I moved to one of the northern Orkney isles and spent the next 5 years runing and managing a small-scale farm to provide for myself while also gaining hands on experience with a variety of livestock and learning new skills that come with the trials of living on a small island. Frequently, getting back into education would cross my mind but I would always hit a dead end with only finding online courses which I couldn't afford.

Late July 2023 I learnt Orkney mainland has a careers office so I got in touch with them for advice ...

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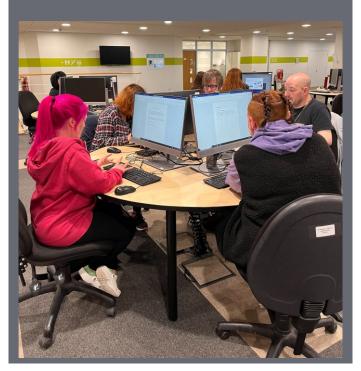
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DUNDEE AND ANGUS

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PREPARING FOR HE

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