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### What Women Want...



EDGE Hill has returned to its roots after linking up with the Blackburne House Group in Liverpool.

The university, which was formed in 1885 in the Edge Hill area of the city before relocating to its current site in Ormskirk in 1933, was originally a women's teacher training college.

Now, 121 years on, Edge Hill has collaborated with Blackburne House – a leading women's education provider and in the top 10% of FE providers in the country – to deliver a Foundation Degree in Computing/IT.

Nigel Simons, acting dean of the faculty of Humanities, Management and Social and



Applied Sciences at Edge Hill, said: "We welcome this new partnership with Blackburne House who play an important role in providing training opportunities for women.

"This Foundation Degree fits into the Blackburne House remit of equipping women with the skills to progress into employment in a technical profession and students can also progress onto studying for a BSc in Computing."

Nine students started the part-time course in November which will take three years to complete.

Alex Hunter, Learning and Development Director, Blackburne House, said: "The Foundation Degree provides an excellent progression route for many of our students

who are now able to study for higher level qualifications. This partnership is the beginning of what we hope will be a fruitful relationship for all involved especially for Blackburne House students whose confidence and career prospects have greatly increased.”

“When our students attended the induction at Edge Hill they were really excited and got a feel for university life which many women once thought unachievable. Working in partnership with Edge Hill College will enable us to further improve access to opportunities for socially excluded groups.”

*Notes to the Editor*

*Blackburne House Education (formerly known as WTEC), was established in 1983 to attract low paid or unemployed women and equip them with the skills to progress into employment in technical professions. Now part of the Blackburne House Group, Blackburne House Education, continues to offer a variety of courses, not only to women who are embarking upon education for the first time but also professional women looking to broaden their skills and enhance their career prospects.*

**For more information about the Foundation Degree Course call the Blackburne House Course Information Line on 0800 587 7672 or email [courseinformation@blackburnehouse.co.uk](mailto:courseinformation@blackburnehouse.co.uk)**