

## **European Policy Statement**

Nottingham Trent University's objective is to be the university of choice for students who want to engage in all aspects of university life, gain the skills, knowledge and self-confidence to succeed in their chosen profession, making a positive impact on the people they meet and the societies in which they live and be fully prepared to take advantage of the increasing opportunities available in the global market place.

Through Erasmus activities and increased participation in the Lifelong Learning Programme the University will be able to increase the European dimension of teaching across the University and give students the opportunity to experience cultural diversity and experience working in the global economy as well as improving their language learning. Our priority is to increase the number of mobile students by demonstrating our support and commitment.

The University aims to increase participation in transnational projects and its Erasmus partnerships enabling us to offer our students and teaching staff a wider portfolio of available opportunities as well as offering more places for our incoming students and guest teaching staff, this we see as a positive step in increasing the cultural diversity of the University campus and an ethos which fosters all aspects of professional and personal development. Through increased multilateral projects particularly in curriculum activities we are exposing our course materials to a greater European input ensuring our courses are valid for now and for the future and also increasing our research partnerships.

All new students take part in Welcome Week where we advertise the opportunities available for work and study periods in Europe, we also advertise the departmental links with Erasmus Universities in the subject specific inductions. The University participates in a number of European and UK recruitment fairs where opportunities are advertised thus giving plenty of time for new and prospective students to explore the possibilities of European study.

Our Erasmus Co-ordinators are supplied with a copy of the Erasmus Charter and the EPS it is also available on our website. Our University magazine Grapevine often features student exchanges and our website includes student placement and study profiles. The University recognises the importance of student and staff mobility and ensures that all students and staff can take part, therefore the needs of the disabled are very important and host universities are visited and assessed to ensure the suitability for our students and staff. We have a disability support unit that offers both practical support and makes special arrangements when necessary it also houses our dedicated Dyslexia and Mental Health Unit.

The University respects the dignity and diversity of all our students and staff, and visitors, and actively implement the equal opportunities, racism and xenophobia policies. We aim for a University community that is free from intimidation.