

Are you thinking..?

“University is not for people like me.”

MEET Tanya

Tanya graduated with a 2:1
in Law with Criminology
having started university
later in life.



Tanya's story

I left school at 15 to care for my father, with no qualifications. I never went back to school and worked in a restaurant and a call centre. I stumbled back into education in my late 30's when I completed a diploma in childcare and realised that actually, education wasn't that bad.

I always believed that university wasn't for people like me. It turned out this wasn't the case, and I ended up starting a law degree. I had multiple disabilities and additional needs, and I thought I would never be able to keep up with all these amazing young and well-educated people.

I learned to just give things a go. I did a mini pupillage at a Barristers Chambers and my world took off. All my tutors were amazing: answering my questions, helping me through and encouraging me, always making me think a step ahead.

Since I graduated, I got a prestigious scholarship for the next stage of my legal education. I never imagined in my wildest dreams that this is where I would be today.
Who knows what's next?

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