



## **An Introduction for staff**

**Bath Spa Plus** is a student-facing 'umbrella brand', new for 2008/9, which brings together a number of internal departments and services, working in close partnership with the Students' Union. It provides students with a one-stop-shop highlighting the breadth and diversity of extra-curricular workshops and events available to them throughout the academic year offered by the following:

- Careers
- Just V (Volunteering)
- Student Study Skills Centre
- Students' Union
- Business Support Office and others.

Workshops, seminars and events will be delivered during term-time in a designated training room at Newton Park Students' Union. Bath School of Art & Design students will benefit from a number of sessions run exclusively for them at Sion Hill, as well as the regular appearance of the 'Plus Bus' – a free shuttle service to encourage attendance at **Bath Spa Plus** events on selected days throughout the year.

**Bath Spa Plus** will also present a number of employer-led events on campus providing students with opportunities to engage with potential employers and enabling business and industry to work with the University.

A key feature of **Bath Spa Plus** will be its website, hosted within the Careers site, detailing all events, complete with a searchable calendar, online booking system and the ability to receive e-mail reminders. **Bath Spa Plus** will be promoted widely online, in printed literature and across campuses – please do feel free to highlight or discuss this initiative with students in classes and tutorials.

For further information or to suggest future Bath Spa Plus workshops, events or guest speakers, please visit [www.bathspa.ac.uk/plus](http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/plus) or contact one of the following lead partners:

- Joelle Adams, Student Achievement Coordinator
- Rachel Atwell, Careers Information Officer
- Tim Holden, Students' Union Membership Services Manager
- Adam Powell, Head of Employability
- Ed Stevens, Just V Co-ordinator



## An Introduction for students

**Bath Spa Plus** has arrived. It's free. It's for you. It's here to help you acquire essential personal and professional skills whilst at Bath Spa and equip you with invaluable tools and techniques for life beyond university.

Bath Spa Plus is for you if you want to do one or more of the following:

- Acquire new skills and brush up existing ones;
- Spice up your CV and self-promotion
- Improve your learning
- Stimulate new ideas and new ways of thinking
- Enhance your employability
- Achieve your potential
- Network with employers and industry experts

Your degree will, of course, set you apart from those who have not been to university and will be a key part of the package you'll offer employers. However, with over 350,000 graduates entering the labour market each year, quite simply, **a degree alone is not enough** to secure a good job.

Employers will look at what else you have to offer, including the following:

- Communication skills
- Team-working and leadership skills
- Commercial awareness
- Literacy/numeracy
- Confidence
- ... and a whole lot more!

You'll probably already be developing many of these skills through your degree programmes, though often you won't realise it! If you can't explain the skills you have, you may struggle to land your dream job. This is where **Bath Spa Plus** comes in.

Beyond your timetable, **Bath Spa Plus** has brought together key areas of the University to design a mouth-watering programme of interactive workshops, seminars and presentations along with a host of volunteering, work experience and networking opportunities to help you put your know-how in to practice. What's more, at the end of each semester you'll receive a certificate confirming your participation in each event.

For the latest Bath Spa Plus news and events, and to book online, visit [www.bathspa.ac.uk/plus](http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/plus) and get ready to add more to your degree!