

KAREN FOLEY: We're now going to be talking about A111 - *Discovering the Arts and Humanities*. And I'm joined by Richard Jones, Jessica Hughs.

Student Hub Live is the Open University's live interactive online platform for building academic community. Our team produce a range of events to support all OU students in their studies. From our induction events, to study skills workshops, there's something for everyone who wants to develop their study skills and meet other students and members of staff.

All our events are live online and interactive, but we have a couple of different formats. Firstly, we have events that are live-streamed from our campus studio in Milton Keynes. Video is a great way to show and tell, and at these events, we cover a broad range of topics from essential information for new students, to nice to know facts about the university's involvements and other areas like research, policy and broadcasting. To access these events, you just need to log in using your OU computer username. You'll be able to chat with others online, put your questions to our guests, and tell us what you think using our interactive polls.

The other format is structured skills workshops, and these are quite different because we use the OU's tutorial platform and work with slides, not video. Each session is focused on developing one key skill. They're designed to be interactive, and we encourage you to join in as much as possible so that you can apply the learning to your own study.

Not only are these workshops a space to develop specific skills, but they're a chance to chat with others in the OU academic community and share ideas, ask questions and support each other in the student experience. Students find these sessions really useful, and there is something for everyone, whatever stage you're at.

Studying at a distance doesn't need to be lonely. Student Hub Live gives you a chance to connect with others, and it can be so encouraging to find out that you're not the only one struggling with a particular issue. And it's great to inspire each other with ideas and share tips that have helped you overcome challenges.

You can find out more about how it all works and what we've got coming up on our website. There's plenty lined up, so all you need to do to take part live is log on at the right time. I hope to see you at one of our events soon.

[MUSIC PLAYING]