# UHI Brightspace Champions

Collaboration-Support-Impact

# Supporting L&T @ UHI

https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/educational-development-unit/

# UHI Key Facts

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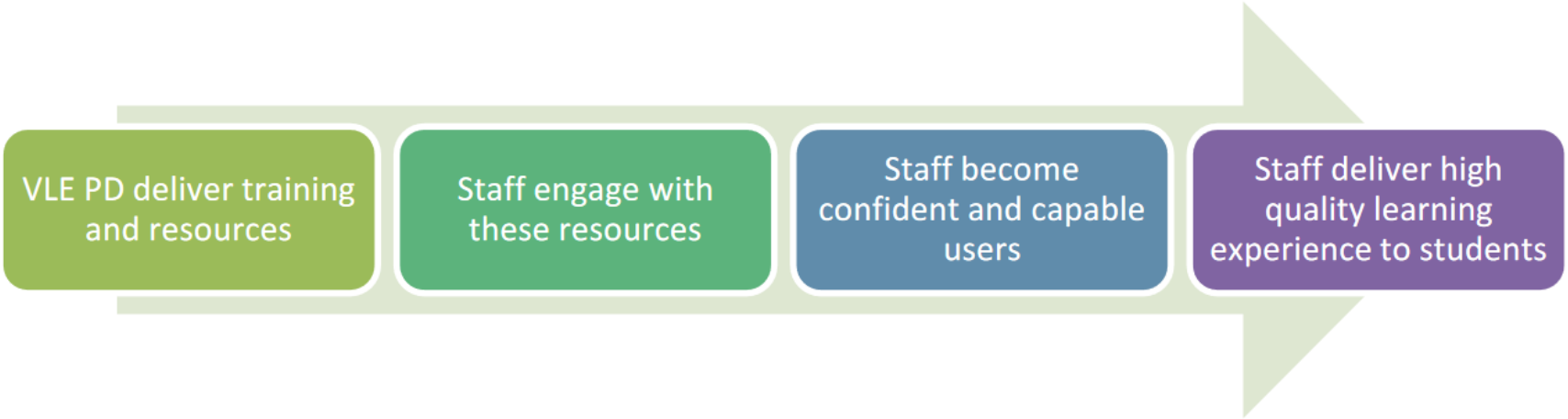
| **HE** | FT - 6,410 | PT - 4,800 | Total - 11,210 |
| **FE** | FT - 3,731 | PT - 16,048 | Total - 19,779 |
| **Origin** | Catchment area - 64% | Rest of Scotland - 28% | UK/International 5% |
| **Age range** | Under 21 42% | 21-25 14% | Over 25 46% |

UHI's Academic Partnership

# Brightspace Project Aim



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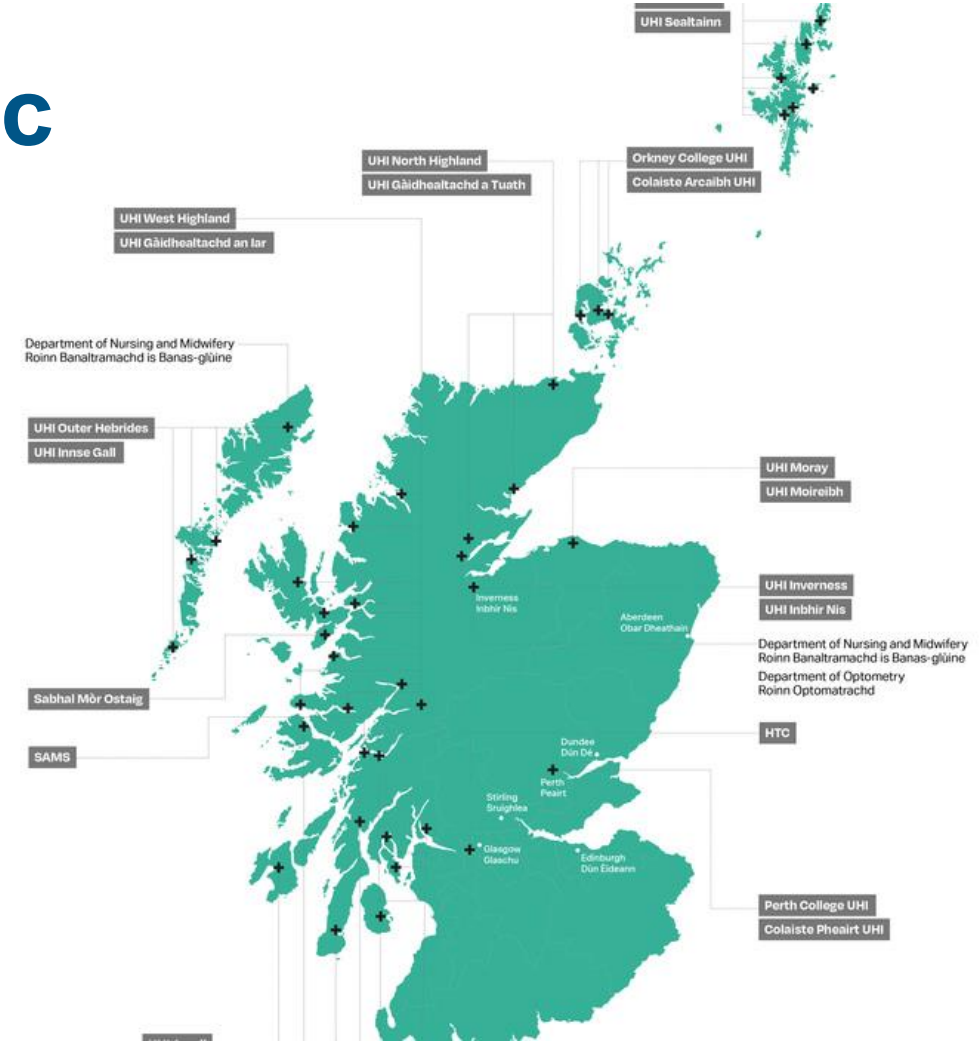


# Brightspace implementation

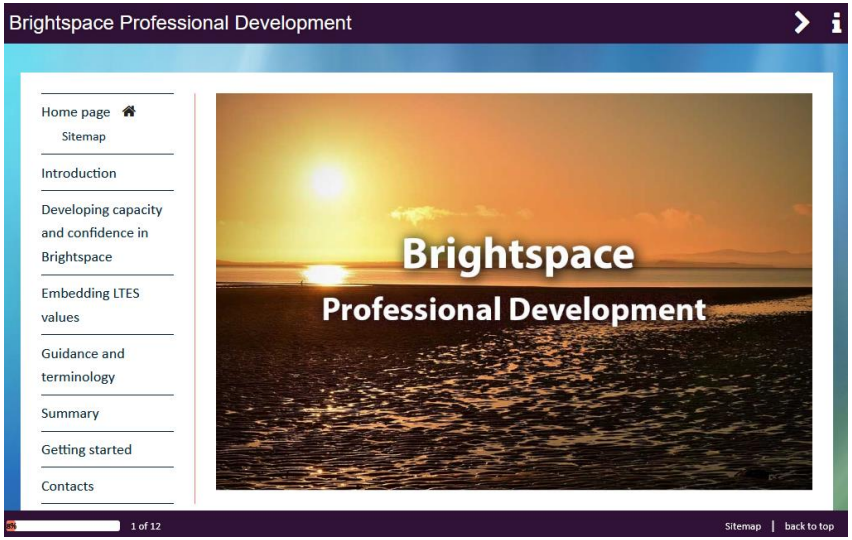
What we collectively knew ….

- Aspirational v practicable
- F2F v Online training
- Local/just in time support
- Variation in how VLE was being used FE/HE
- Limited central resource
- Cascade model had been tried once before

# Champions' - remit

What we didn't ask :

- That they were in a position to support
- That they had time
- That they had authority
- That they had underpinning skills
- Mitigation – a resource

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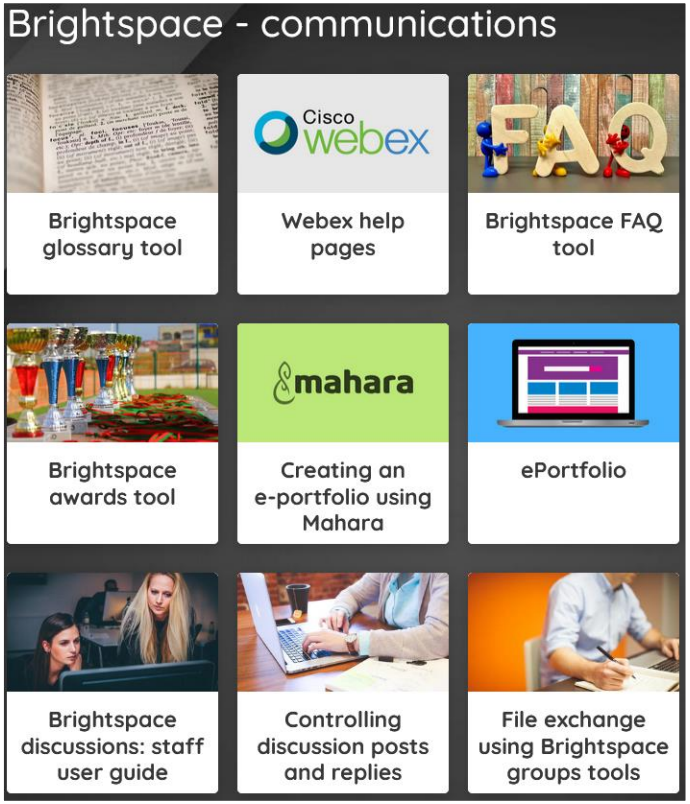
# Champions' - forming

Building confidence along side competence:

- D2L Training
- L&T Support
- Champions' Forum
- Yammer group

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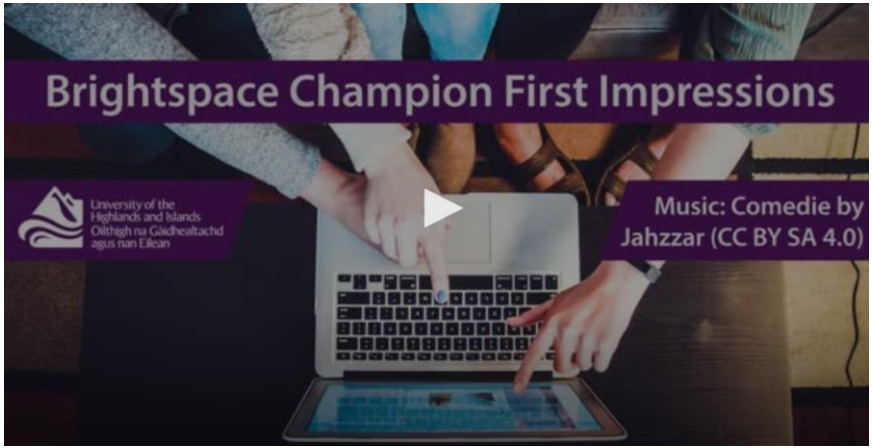


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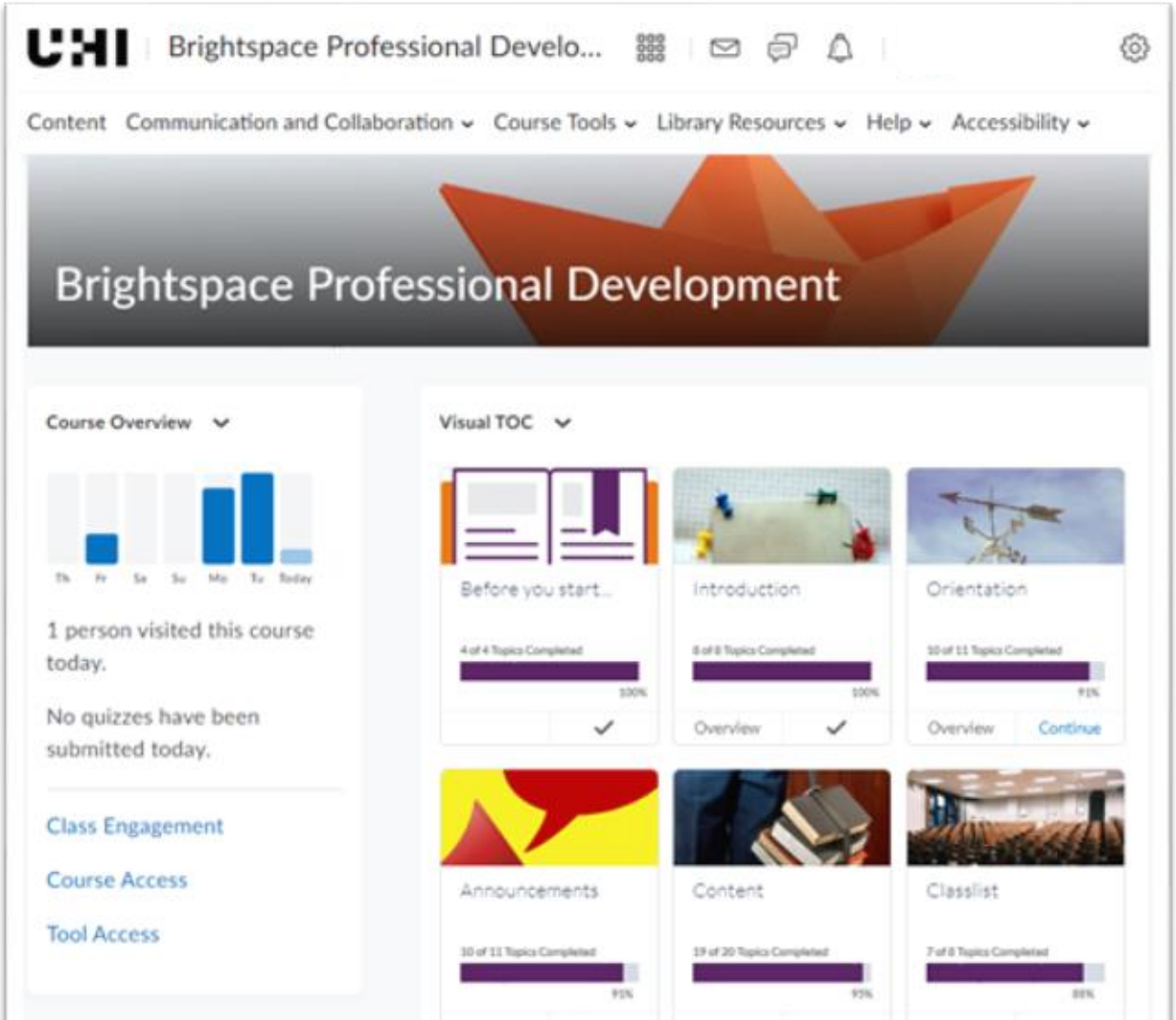
Our Champions extolling the virtues of Brightspace after being introduced to it at the first D2L training session.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Before you start...
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Announcements
10 of 11 Topics Completed
91%
Content
19 of 20 Topics Completed
95%
Classlist
7 of 8 Topics Completed
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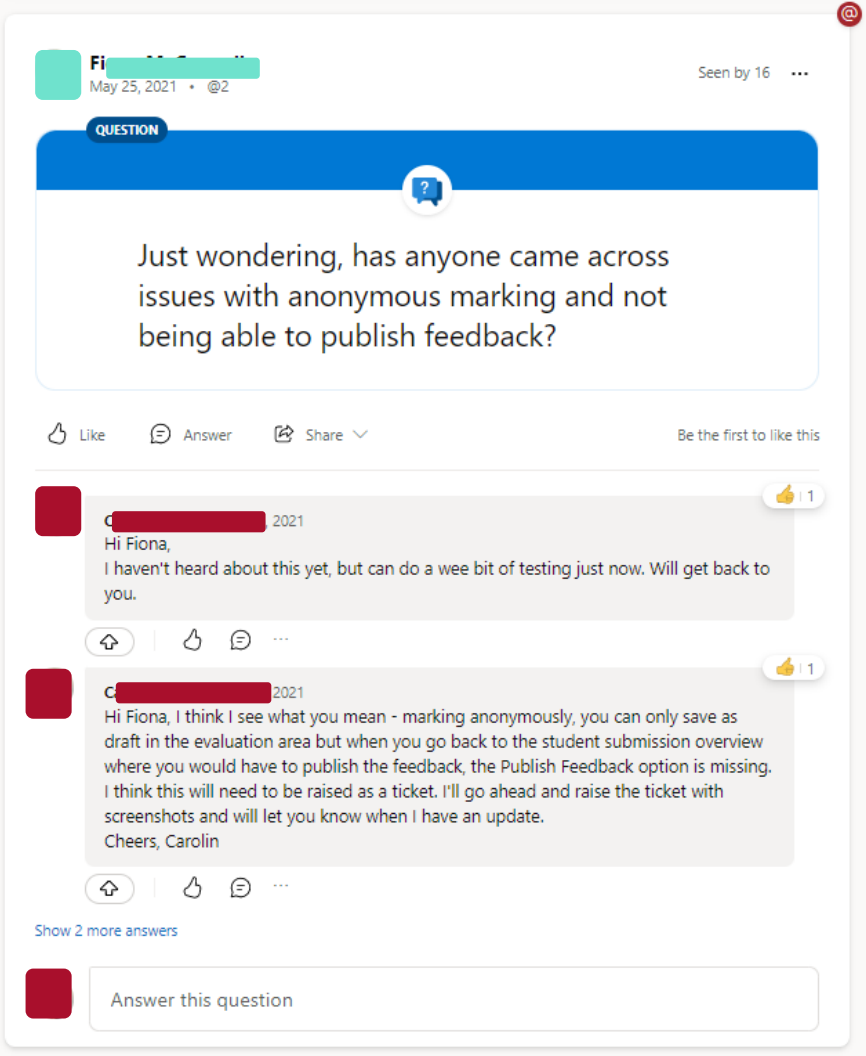
# Champions' Forum

Meets monthly for lively debates !

- Safe space
- Good practice shared
- Issues discussed and escalated
- New resources
- Policy changes
- Guest speakers



# In their own words ….

Anne Chard (EDU) and Liz McFarlane (UHI Argyll) discuss some of the ways in which being a Brightspace Champion has benefitted her academic partner, herself and her students.

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# Impact

“Virtual Learning Environment transition- the effective planning, communication and implementation of the virtual learning environment (VLE) project ensured that a smooth transition was effectively achieved by working collaboratively across the University academic partner network. In particular, the approach was well communicated, provided staff and student support, and retained a focus on the use of the VLE as a tool for learning and supporting the student experience.”

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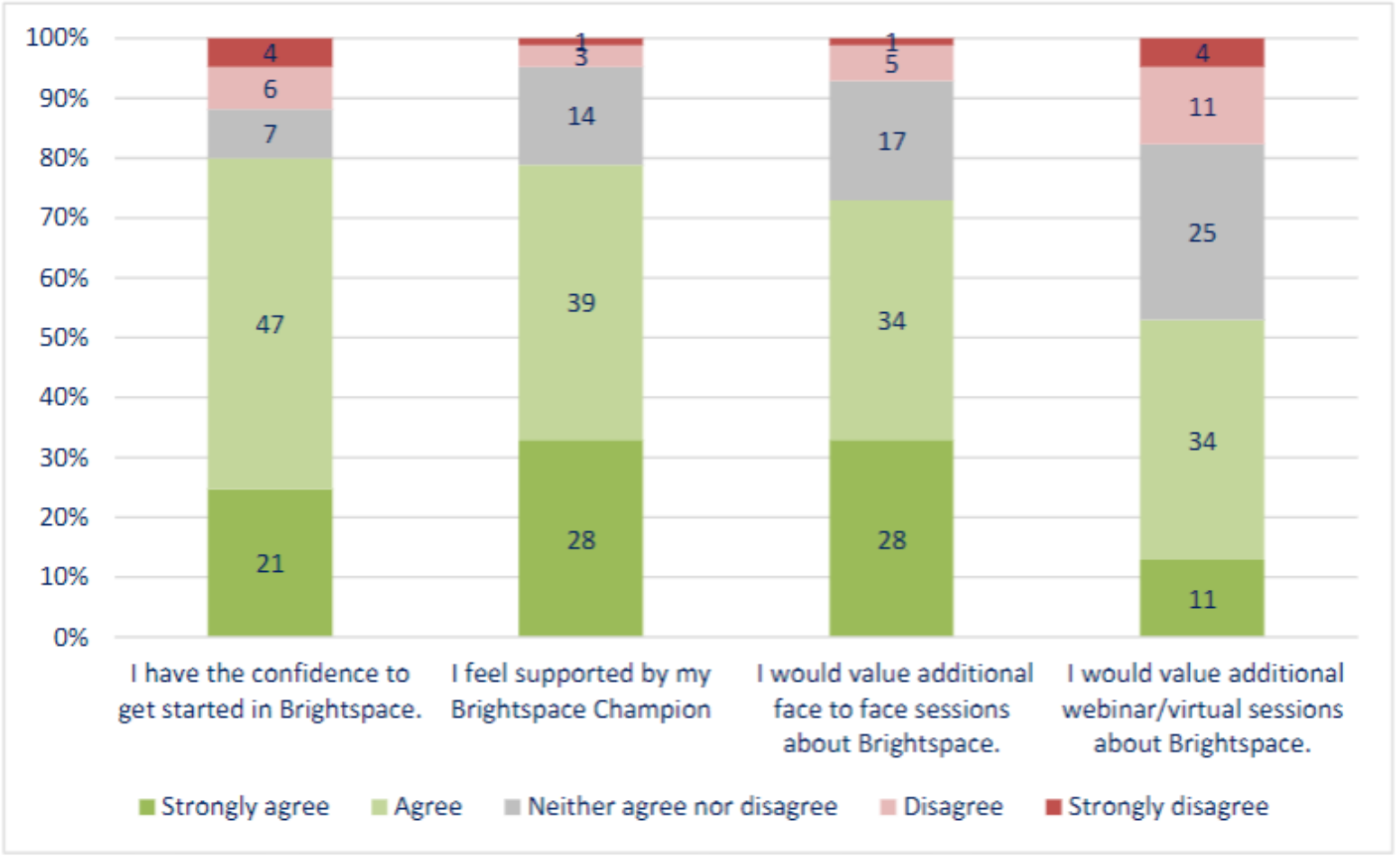


*Figure 7: Responses to the event feedback survey, February-June 2019.*

# Benefits of Champions' Forum to EDU

Andrew Gibson and Anne Chard discuss some of the ways in which the Brightspace Champions Forum benefits the EDU (and the wider academic community)

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# What's next for our Champion's

- Accessibility Champions' Forum
- Hybrid teaching
- New Learning Teaching and Enhancement Strategy

- A word about the pandemic response

# Thank you
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Brightspace Learning Environment

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Brightspace transition project team

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# Who is supporting me?

## Brightspace Champions

**Brightspace Champions** are staff based at each Academic Partner who have received the Brightspace training. They are on hand to help with any queries, and may also be running additional traning sessions to complement the other **events and training** available.

## Brightspace transition project team

consists of university staff from the Educational Development Unit (EDU), Learning and Teaching Academy (LTA), Learning and Information Services (LIS) and Student Support. They are overseeing the staff development, and staff and student engagement with the transition to the new LE.

Email **edu@uhi.ac.uk** if you have any queries.

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Brightspace webinar recordings



# Events and professional development

### Professional development module

Available now, this self-guided **Professional Development Module** was created to introduce university staff to Brightspace

### Webinars

Hosted by the **Learning and Teaching Academy**. Explaining how the tools within Brightspace can support different aspects of pedagogy.

**PAST WEBINAR RECORDINGS**

### D2L YouTube channel

**Videos** created by Desire2Learn, the makers of Brightspace

### Subscription training

Unlimited access to on-demand and live virtual **Brightspace training**, created by D2L for instructors and administrators

## Support from local champions

Click here to see our Brightspace champions.