

Having a degree or a master's degree should be important

If you study at a university there are some clear outcomes no matter what subject you've studied the course's transferable skills and abilities. It may only be three years or even a year of postgraduate study but it's an advanced training course that costs thousands of pounds and thousands of hours of study and it simply isn't good enough that employers can nit pick over minutiae and refuse you reasonable employment. It seems to me that in the modern world so many people now have these qualifications that they are increasingly being taken for granted by employers who may or may not even have this level of education themselves. Universities are different, I have checked and found that I can gain access to very good quality postgraduate education based on the university education I already have, for example I was offered a master's degree in intercultural communication in 2011. I think there is a case here as to being treated unfairly. On the one hand being offered postgraduate education based on the quality of the application and prior learning yet on the other hand applying for all sorts of work and getting nowhere. This isn't fair when I need to make a living and support a family but society has turned a blind eye to the unfairness of offering me something at a senior professional level where I have to study and pay a fee but denying me work at a commensurate level when I have completed the course, I think the two things should go together.

When you graduate from a university the world should be your oyster but there is nothing in place as a safety net if things don't work out, as they should do according to national statistics. You're left to simply keep trying or to lower your expectations when all the time it may not have been your fault at all maybe even a paradox of some kind. This could be demonstrated by achieving something commensurate with getting a good job such as getting a place on a master's or PhD programme with all the entry requirements but unfortunately also it's large course fee and living costs. It clearly shows that you're willing to better yourself, that you're not shirking and that you really deserve a good job based only on your demonstrable merit.

I respect anyone who has graduated from a UK university, in fact, I have respect for anyone who had graduated from any university. The abilities of university graduates should be quite high everywhere so they should be respected.

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Level 5 qualifications:

the knowledge and technical capacity and qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment in situations requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and initiative in complex and unpredictable contexts of a professional or equivalent context.