

## **THE BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH OTHERS**

At some point during your study, you can expect to be asked to work in a group, with other students. This may be during a teaching session, when your tutor breaks the class into small groups, asking you to discuss an aspect of a topic and to report back on your discussions to the whole class. You may also be asked to work with others to produce a specific piece of work (for example, an essay or a presentation), which may or may not be assessed.

There are many benefits of working with others, which is why your tutor may ask you to do so. Here are some of them; you may be able to think of more:

**Sharing ideas, knowledge and experience – two or more heads are better than one**

**Sharing the workload**

**Making the most of each other's strengths**

**Listening to others' points of view**

**Learning to be tolerant**

**Stimulating and clarifying your own thinking**

**Learning to deal with challenge or criticism**

**Learning to negotiate**

**Keeping up morale – a mutual support network**

**Learning how to solve any problems which may arise within the group**