

## Why did you choose your degree and what do you enjoy the most about it?

The PhD is an opportunity to undertake original research. My research subject, the legitimacy of citizen science in environmental impact assessment, is an exciting new field with great potential and public interest.

## What has been your learning journey to date?

It was scary to start but then I realised the value of the research and how it fills gaps in our knowledge and exposes "ignorance arrangements" in the EIA practices. I encourage life-long learning full-stop. As a person nearing 70, I believe nothing you learn is ever wasted, and I want to keep learning and evolving while I draw breath.

## How important is having the CUC in your local town to you and why?

Incredibly valuable. I didn't ever realise I was eligible to join CUC until the librarians told me. It is a place where people in all stages of their learning journey can study in a conducive, supportive atmosphere. Having a place to study without distractions is very beneficial. The facilities, including video-conference rooms, large screens and great lighting are things I don't have at home.