Sharing knowledge and insight to help citizens understand and contribute to their smart city, no matter what level or age group.

Education is a core element of the MK:Smart project. We’re sharing our knowledge on data analytics and sustainability through a variety of educational initiatives at different levels. These are open to local schools, higher education students, businesses, as well as the wider community.

The aim is to help different types of learners to gain the awareness and skills relevant to smart cities, through a variety of means, from face to face tuition to Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs).

**Smart Cities MOOC**
What is a smart city? What is the role of citizens? What is the connection between urban innovation, enterprise and smart cities? These are just some of the questions The Open University is tackling in this free online course, which introduces learners to smart cities, exploring the role of technology and data in approaching city challenges. Students are now connecting with and exploring how they can contribute to the creation of smart cities through a range of interactive programmes.

**Urban Data School**
The Open University has paired up with Milton Keynes schools to deliver the Urban Data School, an education programme with smart city data at its core. The programme is designed to help primary and secondary school students to become data literate. That is, able to ask and answer real world questions using complex urban data—an as yet untapped educational resource.

**Urban Startup Lab**
Local businesses can sign up to the new Urban Startup Lab programme. This is a complete support programme run by both technical and business experts to support businesses who wish to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the availability of city data.