

CORPORATE PARENTING

Each institution listed on this leaflet is a Corporate Parent, and they have a legal responsibility to provide opportunities for and promote the interests of Care-experienced Young People up to the age of 26 (though many will extend this support to individuals beyond 26). Each institution will have its own Corporate Parenting Plan, detailing the specific provision they have in place; but there is a certain standard of support that you can expect:

NAMED POINT OF CONTACT

Dedicated staff (named overleaf) understand what care-experience is and can provide tailored advice and guidance on their institution - from subjects available to study, to access routes and specific entry requirements (some universities adjust their entry requirements for care-experienced applicants). We can also help with UCAS applications, and can arrange informal campus visits to provide a better idea of what our institution has to offer.

FUNDING & ADVICE

We can offer funding advice to ensure you are aware of and receiving all the funding you are entitled to. We can also provide help and advice with managing your finances. Many universities also provide additional financial support, over and above your SAAS entitlement (www.saas.gov.uk). Please contact the specific named contact directly, or visit the relevant website, for further information.

ACCOMMODATION

Most universities can offer you year-round accommodation in their halls of residence. Some will also help with costs, but please check this with each university ahead of applying.

ON-COURSE SUPPORT

Named contacts continue to provide support, information, advice and guidance once you are enrolled and on-course. So, if you are thinking about university or you have applied and want to know a bit more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the relevant contact(s) listed overleaf.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON UNIVERSITY FOR THOSE WITH CARE-EXPERIENCE.

This leaflet provides a brief summary of the provision in place at each Scottish HEI. The Become charity also has a dedicated website with more comprehensive information on UK Universities & Colleges, and the support they offer those who are in or who have been in care: www.propel.org.uk.

UCAS CARE LEAVER TICK BOX

Remember to tick the 'Care Leaver' box on your UCAS application to identify as 'care-experienced'. This information will be treated confidentially and only ever in a positive way - to help you access the support in place. If you are unsure whether you meet a university's criteria of 'care-experienced', we advise you to tick the box anyway. If necessary, the relevant institution can then get in touch with you to confirm.

ESTRANGED STUDENTS (THOSE STUDYING WITHOUT FAMILY SUPPORT) AND STUDENT CARERS

Many institutions have additional supports in place for students who are estranged, and those who have caring responsibilities. Please contact the named contacts overleaf for more information.

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University Advice and Guidance for Care- Experienced Applicants

Are you thinking about university, or have you recently applied and want to know more?

On behalf of the West of Scotland Care-Experienced, Carers and Estranged Forum, this leaflet provides a named contact at every Higher Education Institution in Scotland; a quick-view breakdown of the support they provide; and relevant links to their websites so you can find out more about the provision they have in place for those who are in or who have been in care.

For further information on the support available for Care Leavers in higher education please contact:

UNIVERSITY	CONTACT	PRE-ENTRY SUPPORT	52 WEEK ACCOM.	PRIORITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ONGOING FUNDING & ADVICE	WEBSITE
Abertay University	Stacie Robertson advisory@abertay.ac.uk 01382 308833	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.abertay.ac.uk/student-life/support-and-services/careexperienced/
Edinburgh Napier University	Peter Tormey p.tormey@napier.ac.uk 0131 455 2383	✓	✓	✓	✓	http://my.napier.ac.uk/Wellbeing-and-Support/Care-Leavers/Pages/Care-Leavers.aspx
Glasgow Caledonian University	Rachel Hyslop Rachel.Hyslop@gcu.ac.uk 0141 273 1485	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.gcu.ac.uk/student/studentlife/studentsupport/careleavers/
Glasgow School of Art	Suzanne Kay S.Kay@gsa.ac.uk 0141 566 1425	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.gsa.ac.uk/careleavers
Heriot Watt University	Patricia Reid P.Reid@hw.ac.uk 0131 451 3784	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.hw.ac.uk/careleavers
Open University	Kate Main scotland@open.ac.uk 0300 303 5303	✓	-	-	✓	www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/care-experienced
Queen Margaret University	Bill Stronach bstronach@qmu.ac.uk 0131 474 0000	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.qmu.ac.uk/prospective_students/student_services/supportCareLeavers.htm
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	Jesse Paul J.Paul@rcs.ac.uk 0141 270 8258	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.rcs.ac.uk/studyhere/studentsupport/
Robert Gordon University	Charlie Buchan c.buchan2@rgu.ac.uk 01224 263092	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.rgu.ac.uk/current-students/student-services-and-support/care-leaver-support
SRUC (Scotland's Rural College)	Alison Halliday Alison.halliday@sruc.ac.uk 01387 860251	✓	-	✓	✓	www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120176/student_services
University of Aberdeen	Chris Sojka c.sojka@abdn.ac.uk 01224 273107	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/care-experienced-students-and-corporate-parenting-2037.php
University of Dundee	John Blicharski wecare@dundee.ac.uk 01382 384 124	✓	✓	✓	✓	https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/widening-access/in-context/
University of Edinburgh	Aoife Keenan wpteam@ed.ac.uk 0131 650 9946	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/widening-participation/projects/care-experienced
University of Glasgow	Dan Keenan daniel.keenan@glasgow.ac.uk 0141 330 4022	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.gla.ac.uk/wideningparticipation/supportingcareleavers
University of St Andrews	Pamela Forbes schools.access@st-andrews.ac.uk 01334 463328	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/access/care-leavers/
University of Stirling	Tracey Kerr cli@stir.ac.uk 01786 467045	✓	✓	✓	✓	http://stir.ac.uk/s2
University of Strathclyde	Debbie Duncan d.duncan@strath.ac.uk 0141 548 4248	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.strath.ac.uk/careleavers/
University of the Highlands and Islands	Lyndsay MacColl Lyndsay.maccoll@uhi.ac.uk 01463 279276	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.uhi.ac.uk/en/students/support/care-leavers/available-support
University of the West of Scotland	Jane O'Rorke jane.ororke@uws.ac.uk 0141 849 4126	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.uws.ac.uk/university-life/student-support-wellbeing/supporting-you/