

NorthCLASS COLLATION OF UNIVERSITY PROVISION FOR LOOKED AFTER/CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE



Northern England Care Leaver Activities & Student Support (North CLASS)

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Welcome

Choosing to study for a degree can be a big decision with so many places, courses and ways to study it can feel a bit like a mine field and even more if you are helping someone else apply. But there is support available; NorthCLASS is a network of people who work at universities and colleges in the north who are committed to supporting Looked After Young People and care leavers.

Every member has a range of support on offer and we thought it would be useful for you to have it all in one place. This booklet will give you information on the activities offered to Looked After Young People, the support available to care leavers and invaluable contacts at over twenty higher education institutions in the north.

If you are a young person considering higher education, a care leaver who is applying or a professional working with Looked After Young People then we hope that this will help ensure that you get all of the help you need.

If your university or college isn't included then you might want to check out the Buttle UK website www.buttleUK.org which lists contacts from across the country. If it's in the East Midlands then contact our colleagues at EMCLASS (East Midlands Care Leavers and Student Support) who have also put a guide together with detail of all of their members. Email EMCLASS@jiscmail.ac.uk for more information.

One piece of advice that has come from all members of NorthCLASS; *If you are a care leaver applying to study for a degree then tell us!* Your experience in care will have no effect on your application but may mean you have access to support whilst you study and in many cases additional bursaries, you wouldn't want to miss out on free money would you? Just contact the named person at the university or college you are applying to or tick 'Yes' to the question on your UCAS form that asks if you're care experienced.

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Student Finance

Key message on Student finance from 2012

INFORMATION FOR CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE

The student finance system is designed to enable you to study in higher education without needing to find any money up front. At first, the sums involved might seem intimidating but don't let it put you off – there is plenty of information available to help you and most universities will have a dedicated team to assist you in applying for student funding.

The type of financial support you will receive will vary from course to course and by university, so it's important to make sure that you check each university's website to find out what is available. Generally speaking, the financial support available can be broken down as follows:

Loans are available through **Student Finance England**. Graduates repay these loans after they have finished studying and are earning over £21,000. Even then the monthly repayments are small. The interest rates on these loans are linked to the retail price index (RPI) and also how much you are earning. After a certain amount of time (30 years), any outstanding loans will be written off if you have not repaid the money. There are two loans you can take out:

- **Tuition fee loan:** this loan is paid directly to your university to cover the full cost of your course;
- **Maintenance loan:** this is paid directly to you, normally in three installments, for you to use for your living costs such as rent, food and bills;

Maintenance Grants are also available from Student Finance England to provide further financial support and unlike loans do not have to be paid back. If you are leaving care, it is highly likely that you will be classed as an independent student and will be eligible for the full amount of Maintenance Grant. Normally, a letter from your Personal Adviser / Social Worker / Pathway Worker to Student Finance England confirming your status as a Care Leaver will be sufficient. Keep copies of all documents and letters that you send to Student Finance England – they will be useful in future years, too! Send everything by recorded delivery.

You should apply for your student finance as soon as possible. You can do this by logging on to www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance. To be sure of getting your money for the start of term you should apply by no later than 31st May 2012. If you change your mind about the course or university it is easy to change the information you have submitted at a later date.

In addition to Government support above each university or college will have their own package of financial support to ensure students are able to access their courses. Again, check their websites to see what is available and don't be afraid to telephone each university and ask as many questions as possible!

If you are coming to study for a degree from a care background, there is likely to be additional financial support available to you from universities and your local authority. A large number of universities will offer a non-repayable bursary specifically to students who are care leavers. You will find more information on these bursaries in this booklet, along with the details for a contact person at each university or college – why not contact them and talk through your options? They can advise you about the support you might be entitled to and will be happy to hear from you. Making contact as early as possible will make it easier for you to gather as much information as possible to assist in choosing which university and course is right for you.

You can also visit www.yourfuture.direct.gov.uk for more useful information.

Going to university is a life-changing experience that will increase your job prospects and benefit you far into the future – don't let money worries put you off!

Jargon Buster

In this booklet there are a few abbreviations and phrases which you might not be familiar with. Hopefully the list below will be helpful, but if there is anything else that you would like us to explain in more detail then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Access to Learning Fund	A university fund which can provide extra help if you're in hardship and need extra financial support
Bespoke	Tailored to meet the specific requirements of your group
Bursary	A sum of money which you don't have to pay back
Care-experienced	Having spent any time in care and any time in your life
FE	Further Education (usually refers to college study)
FEC	Further Education College
HE	Higher Education (usually refers to university-level study)
HEI	Higher Education Institution (usually this just means 'university')
LAYP	Looked After Young People
NorthCLASS	Northern England Care Leaver Activities and Student Support – a network of people who work in local universities and either support care leavers or run activities for young people in care. You will also find contact details for most of these people in most of the universities in the North of England in this booklet which we hope you find useful.
Outreach	Activities and support which universities offer to young people to raise aspirations and give them a taste of university life
SFE	Student Finance England (the body which provides student loans and grants)
Summer School	Summer-time activities which give a taste of university life. These are usually run over several days
Transitional Support	Extra support for people to help them prepare for coming to university and help them to settle in once they arrive
UCAS	The organisation responsible for managing applications to higher education courses in the UK. Applications are made online at www.ucas.com
UG/Undergraduate	UG is shorthand for <i>undergraduate</i> . An undergraduate student is a person who is studying for a first degree. Once you have completed a first degree, you might choose to undertake further study at an even higher level. Then you would become a <i>postgraduate</i> student.



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Blackburn College

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Multi-disciplinary approach and close working partnership with CXL and CIOC team to engage young people in care
- Monthly monitoring meetings to forward-plan for young people in or leaving care
- Collaborative partnership with local schools to highlight the benefits of Further and Higher Education
- Enhanced level of service to support potential students with completing applications for admission, finance, disability support and academic support services

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Comprehensive mentor support programme from pre-entry to completion, and beyond
- Our Student Engagement officer offers support on a one-to-one basis
- Our Mentoring Team provide transition support for all learners identified as CIOC
- The Learner Support Fund ensures that financial barriers are removed, including emergency payments and help with benefits
- Our Accommodation Officer supports young people in accessing 52 week accommodation, including in our own Halls of Residence
- Personalised signposting to the comprehensive range of student support available, including one-to-one support, Transition Studies, Summer School and study skills sessions.
- Ongoing point of contact throughout time at University



Bradford College

Bradford College
University Centre

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Bradford College

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Pre-entry guidance available from Student Guidance Team to students thinking about coming to college
- Pre-entry tour of the college facilities and meeting with departments can be arranged
- Letter from named support worker stating support and guidance available.
- Dedicated support staff available on Open Days
- Progression package taster sessions available to prospective students FE and HE
- Member of Bradford Looked After Children Strategy Group

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Foyer bursary – The bursary is for students who has been a resident in a Foyer Federation, students may be eligible for a non-means tested Bursary of £1000 from the Access to Learning Fund.
- Access to Learning Fund – Financial support may be available from the Access to Learning Fund if students are in financial hardship
- Links with LA and care leaver support worker
- Attendance at pathway planning meetings (where appropriate).
- Named support worker throughout time at college for FE and HE
- Premium bursary priority group for FE
- Support with accommodation 365 where required
- Access to a wide range of support services including; guidance, counseling, careers, welfare, student finance and many more.
- Dedicated web page for care leavers on www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/studentlife/support/careleavers

University of Bolton



TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

Financial Support

- **National Scholarship Programme** – support for Care Leavers. Care Leavers whose household income is below £25,000 and who are studying within the subject areas of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics with the exception of Sport and Psychology can apply for a National Scholarship award of £3,000 for their first year of study.
- **Financial Health Check** - The Student Funding Advisor will meet with the student to ensure they are receiving all the benefits and grants that they are entitled to. The Student Funding Advisor will also provide Budgeting advice and a carry out a budgeting plan for the student.
- **Foyer Bursary** - The Bursary is for students who has been resident in a Foyer Federation, students may be eligible for a non-means tested Bursary of £1000 from the Access to Learning Fund.
- **Access to Learning Fund** - Financial support may be available from the Access to Learning Fund if students are in financial hardship.
- **University Bursary & Scholarships** – Students may be eligible for a University Scholarship.

Accommodation support

- **Halls of Residence** – priority will be given to care leavers when allocating rooms, summer accommodation is available for care leavers in addition to continued residence in Halls in subsequent years.

Academic and Welfare Support

- Student Liaison Officers, University Counsellor the Chaplain, Student Advisors and the Students Union' provide confidential advice and support to students

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University of Bradford

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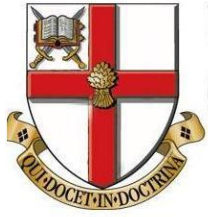
OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Schools encouraged to put forward LAYP as a priority group: year round places available for pupils on specific aspiration & attainment raising activities
- Bespoke events for small groups of young people or individuals, including residential activities, subject taster's days and work experience opportunities.
- Variety of enrichment programs for year 12 students; potential to go onto higher education - welcomes applications from LAYP to the schemes, which include Progression to Level 4, master classes, revision sessions and a residential summer school
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University of
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University of Chester

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Help to secure 365-day accommodation for the duration of your course.
- Easy access to financial help and guidance including a care leaver bursary from the University's Access to Learning Fund.
- A dedicated staff member within Student Support and Guidance, who is available to offer any extra support you may need

This could include:

- Acting as a link between the University, you and your local authority;
- Providing help to access the various services offered by the University;
- Or simply, someone to talk to if there is anything you are unsure about

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University of Cumbria

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

Young people leaving care will be prioritised for bursaries including:

National Scholarship Programme: In 2012/13 the University will allocate 63 National Scholarship Programme (NSP) places - funded by the Government - and will also fund an additional 63 places itself, resulting in 126 awards being made.

These awards will be for £3,000 in the first year (£1,000 cash award and a £2,000 fee waiver), but recipients will benefit from an overall award of up to £6,000 over the lifetime of their course with upto two additional cash awards of £1,500 available to them in subsequent years of study.

Cumbria Bursaries: In 2012/13 the University will allocate up to an additional 295 Cumbria bursaries to applicants who are not in receipt of the NSP award.

These awards will be for £1,500 (cash award) in the first year, but recipients will benefit from an overall award of up to £4,500 over the lifetime of their course with up to two additional cash awards of £1,500 available to them in subsequent years of study.

Outstanding Performance Awards: In 2012/13 the University will award nine Outstanding Performance Awards of £1,000 (cash award) per beneficiary.

Achievement Scholarships: In 2012/13 the University will award three Achievement Scholarships of £1,000 (cash award) per beneficiary. These will be in the following areas:

- Creative and Performing Arts
- Community and Social Engagement
- Achievement in Sports and Outdoor Activities.

For more information please visit the website below.

Edge Hill University

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Edge Hill University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Activities are organised collaboratively between Edge Hills Widening Participation Team and Students Services Team. The aim is to help support Looked After Young People and raise awareness of Higher Education.
- Both the Student Services and Widening Participation teams aim to support those thinking about progressing onto Higher Education and those Care Leavers applying directly for university
- Both teams have strong links with a variety of Social Services Teams and have supported Looked After Young People on a variety of projects for many years.
- Since 2006 Edge Hill University has held the 'Committed to Care Leavers' Buttle UK quality mark and aims to continue to build on the strong work that has already taken place.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Non repayable bursary £750 per year to a maximum of 3 years
- Accommodation in halls for 365 days per year for the full 3 years of their course.
- Accommodation Team will support Care Leavers to find off campus accommodation if this is what they wish.
- A named person to support Care Leavers
- Financial Advisers to support Care Leavers with money management and any other financial issues.

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University of Huddersfield

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- The University provides aspiration raising activities for Looked After Young People through bespoke visits and activities.
- Schools are encouraged to put forward LAYP as a priority group in all of our outreach events.
- LAYP are targeted for aspiration raising activities through liaison with key contacts in Local Authorities.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

Financial Support: Eligible care leaver students are entitled to additional financial support which is non-repayable. There is a £2,000 bursary available over the course of your study, and extra support from the Access to Learning Fund.

The University also offers Postgraduate research scholarships for eligible care leavers.

Experienced financial advisers are on hand to offer help with budgeting and funding applications.

Accommodation: The University has an arrangement with accommodation providers to ensure 52 week accommodation is available for care leavers.

Support: The Wellbeing team offer ongoing support throughout the time at University and liaise with appropriate agencies.



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University of Hull

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Bespoke visits to the University of Hull can be arranged.
- Admission advisers are able to help care leavers and looked after children to fully understand their higher education options.
- A dedicated HE Finance Adviser can offer financial information advice and guidance to looked-after children and care leavers.
- The University of Hull welcomes requests from Local Authorities Care Services to support Care Leavers in their transition to higher education.
- An Access Office is available to direct any support requests to the appropriate departments in the University (access@hull.ac.uk).
- Undergraduate mentors support looked-after children in North Yorkshire.
- The Family Assessment Support Unit (FASU) at the University of Hull is a social work agency directly attached to the HEI. FASU offers support to children who have been identified by the school as having additional emotional needs due to home circumstances.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- The University's scholarship and bursary schemes are available to care leavers who meet eligibility criteria.
- Some care leavers may be eligible for the University of Hull's Foyer Bursary.
- All care leavers may apply to the Access to Learning Fund/University hardship funds.
- Advice on budgeting is available for Care Leavers through Student Support Services.
- 52 week contracts may be available in private sector accommodation or in University accommodation by combining current contract lengths 31, 34 or 42 week with an option to remain in accommodation during vacation times.
- There is a full range of support services available to all students which can be tailored to individual needs (e.g. study advice, welfare and careers advice).



Lancaster University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

The Schools and Colleges liaison office is highly committed to widening participation and believe that access to University should be on the basis of ability and potential rather than means or social background. They work with students in year 10-13 and offer a range of activities on and off campus, including presentations and workshops, day visits, Master class and residential. For details please see: www.lancs.ac.uk/undergraduate/uk/staff.htm

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

All Lancaster University offices and officers are committed to supporting you and providing service excellence at pre and post entry stages to all students. If you experience any problems on arrival or find you require information that is not already provided please contact Student Based Services for help.

Accommodation: Incoming Undergraduates for whom Lancaster is their first choice university, and who have firmly accepted an offer via UCAS, are guaranteed a place in residence if they apply before 15 August. We also usually have summer accommodation available and may be able to help with funding, see below.

Funding Health Check: Our funding advisor will sit down with you and do a 1-2-1 discussion of money matters, to ensure you're receiving all the financial awards available and have a clear idea of income and expenditure, so that you're less likely to experience financial difficulties. Where appropriate they will assess any additional help, such as University Scholarships, Bursaries or Access to Learning Funds, see www.lancs.ac.uk/ugfinance/

Academic Support: Each faculty has a student learning and development officer who can help with study skills and support.

Wellbeing Support: Student Based Services have a one stop shop, The Base, for all general enquiries and further help. This forms part of the wide support network: www.lancs.ac.uk/sbs/network/

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University of Leeds

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Changing Futures Mentoring Scheme. University of Leeds students mentor LAYP from schools in the Leeds area. Weekly two and a half-hour sessions on Wednesdays are based at the Derek Fatchett Centre, one of the City Learning Centres (CLCs). Each session starts with half an hour of social time, an hour of 1-1 mentoring, followed by an hour of team building activities and special projects. The project also offers University 'Campus Days', residential weekends and theatre trips.
- Schools are encouraged to put forward LAYP as a priority group to participate in all of our outreach events.
- Named contact for LAYP: Jon Barber

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Named contact for care leavers: Helen Sykes
- Pre-entry contact to those who identify themselves as care experienced, offering support through the application process.
- LAYP and care leavers are priority groups for Access to Leeds, an alternative entry scheme: www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L
- Guaranteed place in halls of residence for all students (including those living in local postcodes). University accommodation is available 365 days a year and the upfront security deposit is waived for students who can demonstrate that they are leaving care.
- The University's financial package supports those with household incomes up to £42,600 per year and all eligible students assessed as £0 income receive £6,000 support in level one and £3,000 per year subsequently. Care leavers are also a priority group for the University's pre-entry application scholarships. See www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances for full details.
- Welfare and pastoral support for care leavers is available through Access and Community Engagement for the duration of a student's degree course. Contact Helen Sykes.



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Leeds City College

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Information sharing protocol in place with local authority to facilitate support for Year 11 looked after young people at every stage of the application process through to enrolment
- All personal tutors attend LAYP awareness training
- Personalised support is available through the personal tutor, dedicated LAYP Co-ordinator and mentor / progress coaches, as appropriate
- Financial support is prioritised to LAYP and other vulnerable groups

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Moving On events arranged to support transition from school to college and college to Higher Education
- Excellent links with local HEIs, especially Leeds Met
- Mentoring opportunity by volunteers from a local law firm who have all received both mentoring and LAYP awareness training



Leeds College of Art

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Bespoke open days for LAYP, highlighting the specialist arts facilities available.
- After School Classes and Summer Schools give LAYP and students aged 14-18 the opportunity to use the College's specialist facilities, attend campus tours and meet the Student Advice Team.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- LAYP are a priority group for Leeds College of Art. Students who are eligible may be entitled to a fee waiver bursary.
- 365 day accommodation is provided where required.
- Student support advisors and a named dedicated person – Ann Trusson
- Offer one to one drop in support with issues regarding academic work, financial matters, accommodation, emotional issues, health and well being.

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Leeds Metropolitan University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- The University runs a variety of enrichment projects which include weekly mentoring sessions for LAYP, supported by student ambassadors (some of whom are from a looked after background), family days (raising the awareness of higher education to carers) and residential summer schools.
- The University also endeavors to include LAYP in various aspiration raising activities by contacting designated members of staff at Education Leeds and Leeds Social Care.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Designated member of staff who provides ongoing support throughout time at university.
- Help with 365 day accommodation where required.
- Extremely experienced financial advisers offering help with maximizing income available, help with funding applications and liaison with local authorities where applicable.
- A non-repayable bursary of £1,000 per annum to all students from a looked after background who are able to provide evidence from their local authority confirming their looked after status.

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Leeds Trinity University College

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Workshops to raise foster carers' awareness of higher education – the benefits to young people, and the information carers' need to support young people – this runs alongside workshops for students aimed at raising awareness and aspirations
- We are working collaboratively across the region and will be running master classes, focus days and Progression information events aimed at underrepresented groups in higher education

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Offered pre entry appointment with the Student Wellbeing Adviser to discuss support needs
- Student Wellbeing Advisor can liaise with the applicant's local authority (with their permission) to aid the transition to university
- Personalised signposting to the comprehensive range of student support available
- Help with arranging 365 day accommodation in student halls of Residence if required
- Ongoing point of contact though out time at university

Liverpool Hope University

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Help in securing 365 day accommodation throughout your time at Liverpool Hope University
- Easy access to financial help and guidance
- A dedicated member of the Student Support and Well-being Team, who is available to offer any extra support or advice that you may need, such as;
 - Acting as a link between the university, you and your local authority, before and during your course
 - Making you aware of various services that Liverpool Hope University offers
 - A person you can simply chat to about anything you are unsure about

We see Care Leavers as young people aged 18-21 who have been looked after for 13 weeks or more since the age of 14 or young people who cease to be looked after/accommodated when coming to university.

However we understand that every student's circumstances are different and we consider all requests for additional support carefully. We also understand that as a Care Leaver you may not want or need additional support.

Liverpool Hope
University



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University of Liverpool

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- The University of Liverpool funds the 'Superstars' mentoring project for Year 11 students. The project comprises after school mentoring sessions, to boost students' academic success and confidence
- Superstars students are invited to attend a three day/two night revision residential at the University of Liverpool during the school Easter holidays
- Superstars students' are able to apply for the University of Liverpool 'Scholars' scheme, which assists young people in gaining entry to the University and offers financial help
- In outreach literature schools are encouraged to put forward LAYP as a priority group and should therefore should be able to access many other outreach events in our programme

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Named contact in Student Support Services offering personalised advice and signposting to a range of student support available;
- Student Support Assistant can liaise with the applicant's local authority (with their permission) to aid with the transition to University
- Help to secure 365-day a year accommodation, if needed;
- Easy access to financial help and guidance & priority for Access to Learning Fund.

LIPA

THE LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

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The Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Students in care and care leavers will be given priority places on our widening access projects such as, the LIPA Progression programme, Summer School, LIPAXTRA, one to one mentoring and general outreach projects.
- The Widening Participation Manager will be our named liaison person who can be contacted by leaving care teams, Connexions Personal Advisers and Aimhigher.
- We have developed a range of workshops targeted specifically at young people in care, to introduce them to all areas of performing arts through taster sessions at LIPA. Students will be recruited through schools and Leaving Care teams.
- When care leavers have been identified and offered an audition or interview at LIPA, admissions staff will contact them to signpost them to relevant information on audition fee waivers and travel grants.
- Post offer, we will signpost them to contact our student support manager who can offer advice and support in helping them to prepare for attending LIPA.
- After they have been offered a place, we will also offer to make buddy/befriending arrangements for individual students

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- We will liaise with and offer to convene a meeting between the Student Support Manager, the care leaver, the local authority representative and the relevant subject staff to:
 - agree a system for sharing information between LIPA, the Local Authority and the care leaver
 - identify any additional financial support needs
 - confirm that all practical arrangements for support etc are in place
 - Identify buddy/mentoring/befriending arrangements
- The Student Support Manager will be LIPAs key contact for support issues and will work closely with the WP Manager and other LIPA departments to ensure that the students can access study skills support, skills training, volunteering, social and other activities such as employment as a student ambassador and / or mentor.



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Liverpool John Moores University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Looked After Children are designated as a target group for Student Recruitment and Widening Access activities;
- Schools are encouraged to prioritise Looked After Children in LJMU taster days and campus visits;
- Bespoke events for Looked After Children on request;
- Dedicated places for Looked After Children at LJMU Summer University;
- Pre-entry support and guidance from LJMU Care Leavers Coordinator;

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- A dedicated member of staff for care leavers, foyer residents and students estranged from their families, available to offer information, advice and support for the duration of your studies;
- Liaison with your Local Authority on your behalf;
- Support with applying for student funding, including making an initial application, and liaising with Student Finance England;
- We will work with you to develop a package of support that is appropriate to you, and review this with you at regular points;
- A mentor to support you through the transition period and during first year, should you like it;
- The John Lennon Imagine Award – a non-repayable bursary of a minimum of £1000 per year for the duration of your studies;
- Somewhere to live the whole year and support in choosing the best accommodation to suit your needs;

Your UCAS form will ask you if you have spent any time in Local Authority care. If you tick 'Yes' to this question, LJMU will write to you in the Spring term to outline the support that we offer. However, you can get in touch before this or at any time prior to coming to LJMU, to discuss any questions you might have.



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Manchester Metropolitan University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- MMU provides aspiration raising activities for young people from Care through bespoke visits to the university.
- The University can also provide mentors and other individualised support as required.
- In addition MMU encourages schools to include those from Care within cohorts chosen to take part in widening participation events such as campus visits, master classes and Summer Schools.
- MMU also recognises the importance of engaging stakeholders and is committed to providing events for Foster Carers, Social Workers and those involved supporting young people in Care to provide them with information and guidance on Higher Education.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Support on Entry at MMU is divided between the Faculty Student Support Officers and the Central Student Services staff, with independent advice being available from the Students' Union Advice Centre.
- Care Leavers at MMU are currently entitled to a bursary of £1000 per year . This bursary is in addition to other financial support offered by MMU – see www.mmu.ac.uk/fees for more information.
- Priority will be given to Care Leavers when allocating MMU Accommodation, (so make sure you indicate you are a Care Leaver when you apply). MMU can also provide 52 week a year accommodation to any Care Leaver who requires it.



University of Manchester

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- The University of Manchester provides a variety of outreach and widening participation initiatives specifically designed for looked after children and care leavers to help inform them about their options and support within Higher Education. These include events designed for pupils in Year 9, 10, 12 and 13. These events have been developed to increase young people's awareness of, and their aspirations to study at University level. Bespoke visits to the University can also be arranged.
- Annual **Foster Carers and Key workers** event.
- In collaboration with MMU, we coordinate the **Looked after Children's Forum** to update and inform key stakeholders from schools and local authorities about support and activities for looked after children across Greater Manchester.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- **Optional meeting with a member of the Student Guidance Service** to discuss all aspects of University life including finance and accommodation and ask any questions before arrival at University
- **52 week accommodation** contract option for all care leavers in University Halls of Residence
- **Up to £3,000** through the University's bursary schemes
- **Ongoing of help and support** for all Care Leavers as required throughout their academic career; we run a **current students network** for care experienced students to meet and chat with peers
- **Opportunity Manchester scholarship**, a non-repayable bursary of £1,000 per year to undergraduate students under the age of 25 who are currently or have been in public care for a minimum of three months.

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OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- The Student Support and Welfare (SSW) team work to ensure appropriate support arrangements are in place and regularly reviewed for Looked After Children / Care Leavers.
- The SSW team will work with internal colleagues and external organizational contacts to ensure individual's needs are being met
- The SSW team manages the "At risk" register and offer additional support including referrals where necessary. Additionally; working with Personal tutors who regularly complete Electronic Individual Learning Plans where individual progress is discussed and actions agreed.
- Myerscough College has a Learning Support / Inclusive Learning Team who have resources and experience in working to meet individuals' needs.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- The SSW team includes a number of Student Support Officers, they include Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) for all areas of activity, including particularly Careers information and progression
- The SSW team ensures continuing support is available through services promoted internal and external, as a HEI partner institution – links are made with Support areas and contacts to assist with transition
- Myerscough College offers Further and Higher Education programmes of study, and has some residential accommodation on site – many students progress internally and support arrangements continue to be maintained



Newcastle University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Work collaboratively with Sunderland and Northumbria Universities to deliver the Choices Together programme for LAYP in Years 10 and 11.
- LAYP are a priority group for all aspiration-raising events, including the Year 12 residential summer school Bitesize Uni, organized as part of the PARTNERS programme; www.ncl.ac.uk/partners.
- LAYP from anywhere in the UK are a target group for the University's PARTNERS Programme supported entry route and could be entitled to a lower conditional offer; www.ncl.ac.uk/partners.
- Support workers and foster carers invited to the annual Parent and Carer Conference.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- For students who have spent more than three months in care within the ten years prior to starting university, there is a variety of financial support from Newcastle University that they may be entitled to. As a minimum this is £1,000 per year, but may be as much as a full £9,000 fee discount and £1,000 cash per year.
- Additional Computing Science Scholarship of £3,000 over three years for CL who study a Computing Science degree.
- Named contact for care leavers who can arrange personalized pre-entry meetings and campus visits, signposting to the range of student support available, and support with the Bursary application. In addition, a named contact from the Student Wellbeing Service for the duration of study.
- Help with arranging 52-week accommodation.
- Induction support and signposting post-entry, such as study skills support and job opportunities.
- Individual support offered at each of the University's three annual Visit Days.

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New College Durham

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- New College Durham provide a comprehensive range of information on careers, courses in further and higher education, personal or health issues, student funding and welfare.
- Our well-qualified and experienced specialist staff offer "drop-in" sessions and appointments. Drop-ins are for quick queries on careers and student funding.
- Appointments are available for in-depth, careers guidance, advice on student funding or personal counseling by contacting Advice support Careers (ASC) 0191 - 3754400.
- ASC offers confidential and impartial funding and welfare advice for all College learners and people considering studying at New College Durham. Specialist advice on funding and welfare related to study includes:
 - ✓ Advice on Financial help while you study e.g. benefits, loans, grants and bursaries for current and future study
 - ✓ specialist guidance on Access and Hardship Funds
 - ✓ money and debt management
 - ✓ information on the status of international students
 - ✓ conditions of employment
 - ✓ other welfare issues

New College Durham 19+ Adult Bursary

If you are aged 19 and over you may be eligible for additional assistance by applying for a means tested College bursary. For further information please contact the Access Fund Administrator on access.fund@newdur.ac.uk or call on 0191 375 4205.

Childcare Support (Adults 20+)

If you are aged 20+ on 31 August at the start of the academic year you may be eligible for support with childcare costs from the Learner Support Fund. Those childcare payments will help to support your attendance of classes, tutorials or placements.



Northumbria University

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OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Choices Together: A collaborative project between Northumbria University, Newcastle University and the University of Sunderland. Offering a club for LAYP in Years 10 and 11 which includes at least 8 interventions throughout the academic year and continued contact from Northumbria in years 12 and 13.
- Publication - Higher Education: A guide to supporting looked after young people.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Reduced price ticket for 'Welcome Week'
- Maximum Scholarship available (£1,000)
- Fast tracked to the Access to Learning Fund
- University Accommodation at a special rate
- Continued support from the Wellbeing Service and support with applying for funding
- Please refer to our website for more information on support for Care Leavers

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University of Salford

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- H.E Awareness raising workshops for foster carers
- One to one support and group activities for LAYP interested in finding out about HE: shadowing, talks etc
- 1:1 support for LAYP interested in finding out about HE. (<http://www.salford.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/schools-and-colleges>).
- Targeted communication to UG applicants who identify as care leavers on UCAS forms. Invited to meet with Care Leaver Co-ordinator to get support with issues including admissions, finance, disability and academic support.
- 'Get Ahead' Compact Scheme – an accredited programme worth 40 UCAS points for students at Salford City, Trafford, Manchester, Ashton 6th Form and Rochdale 6th Form Colleges
- 'Get Set' – an intensive pre-16 outreach programme offered to schools across five Greater Manchester boroughs'
- University is a founding partner in Salford CAN – a forum to develop strategy for care leavers in Salford in education and employment with Salford City Council and local employers.
- Opportunity for suitable LAYP to experience university life by living in university accommodation whilst they are at college.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- A Care Leaver Coordinator, Dalia, to coordinate all support from pre entry to graduation and beyond
- Dalia can help with application forms, finance forms and worries, maximising income, liaising with local authority, campus visits, study and employability skills help, accommodation, and referrals to in-house counselling...or is just someone to talk to!
- A generous offer through the National Scholarship Programme which has prioritised Care Leavers living in the Greater Manchester area for a bursary of up to £3000.
- 52 week accommodation for the length of your course
- Welcome packs: bedding and kitchen equipment if required
- A Facebook site where you can meet other care leavers – both new to the university and current students: Like - UoS Care leavers
- Help with travel costs for open days, interviews etc
- Employability skills sessions, including confidence building
- Opportunities to get involved in the planning of care leaver provision in education and employment at strategic level in the City of Salford. A Leadership Programme to support this. Learn new skills and increase your employability!
- Opportunity to be mentored by a returning care leaver in your first year, and in your final year by a person in your chosen sector



Sheffield
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Sheffield Hallam University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Collaborative event with The University of Sheffield - 'Routes into Further Education' day. Approximately 35 places open to Looked After young people from Rotherham, Sheffield, Doncaster.
- 2 day non-residential summer school. Approximately 35 places open to Looked After young people from Rotherham, Sheffield, Doncaster
- Bespoke events for small groups of young people.
- Schools are encouraged to put forward LAYP as a priority group to enable them to access other outreach events in our programme, i.e. mentoring.
- Work with local authorities and local foster groups to raise awareness of Higher Education and its associated benefits

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Dedicated point of contact for all Care Leaver applicants providing sign posting and general pre enrolment support
- A place on our Compact scheme (subject to eligibility) which provides enhanced consideration and support during the application admissions process and beyond
- Regular and sustained contact through the pre enrolment journey
- Priority finance/welfare appointments in conjunction with the Students Union
- Advice Centre as requested
- Non repayable bursary
- Support in finding suitable accommodation including 365 day accommodation as requested
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The University of Sheffield

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Collaborative event with Sheffield Hallam University - 'Routes into FE' day. Approximately 40 places open to Looked After young people from Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley.
- Collaborative event with Sheffield Hallam University - 3 day non-residential summer school. Approximately 40 places open to Looked After young people from Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley.
- Bespoke events and activities for groups of young people. For example, 12 week creative writing event for Y8, 3 day STEM event for Y10/Y11
- Schools/colleges are encouraged to put forward LAC as a priority group and therefore should be able to access many other outreach events in our programme, for example SOAMS (Medicine), ADOPT (Dentistry), Discover US etc
- Work with, and support Local Authorities in order to try and raise awareness of Higher Education and benefits concerns etc

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- A first year tuition fee waiver worth £9,000
- A dedicated support contact for care leavers and students estranged from their parents or who have been brought up by a non-parental family member.
- A Non repayable care leaver's bursary of £1,600 per academic year (from 2012).
- Support in accessing 52 week accommodation where required
- Students have the opportunity to access a peer mentor to support them through the transition period and the first year.

Web: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/ssid/welfare/care/index>

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South Cheshire College

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Designated member of staff to act as a point of contact for young people, carers and Local Authority staff
- Partnership working with the local Virtual School
- Collaborative partnership with local schools to highlight the benefits of Further and Higher Education and support applications
- Support with completion of application forms and advice about courses
- Opportunities for potential students to visit the College and/or attend taster sessions

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- A named person to support Care Leavers
- Personalised support through a Personal Tutor and individual specialist support where appropriate
- Careers advisor to offer one to one guidance on progression opportunities
- Personalised advice on welfare, finance and accommodation issues
- Support with Disabled Students Allowance where appropriate



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Stockport College

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- Designated coordinator for Looked After Young people and Care Leavers
- Liaison with Local Authority, carers and other agency contacts to aid transition to further education
- Attendance at final secondary school PEP meetings
- Facilitates visits to college and introduction to teaching and support staff
- Ongoing 1:1 support and advocacy from coordinator and specialist support services where needed
- Priority means tested FE Bursary Support



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Sunderland**

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University of Sunderland

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Choices Together: A club for LAYP in Years 10 - 11 running throughout the year with supported progression
- Named contact for LAYP and Care Leavers: Megan Lunn
- One to one support for LAYP interested in finding out more about HE, including accompanying them to open days, individual tours and guidance with application process
- Working in partnership with the Sunderland Teenagers to Work who provide placements for Year 11 LAYP
- Mentors in schools for LAYP pupils within the local area
- Schools are encouraged to put forward LAYP as a priority group to participate in all of our outreach events
- Work with Local Authorities and local foster groups to raise awareness of HE, benefits and answer queries etc

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Support of named contact from application through to graduation who can liaise with Local Authorities, Student Finance England and signpost to other support as required
- Guaranteed place in halls for all students (including those living in local postcodes)
- Accommodation available 365 days a year, alternatively storage can be offered during vacation periods
- Pre entry communication and contact offering support to those who identify themselves as care experienced through application process
- Help finding work (including student staff opportunities)
- Welcome pack on arrival, birthday and Christmas cards throughout their course and support at graduation
- Care Leaver Scholarship of £1,500 per year for each year of progression through their course.



Teesside
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Teesside University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Schools and colleges are encouraged to put forward Looked After Young People as a priority group in all of our outreach and on campus events and activities.
- Dedicated places available for Looked After Young People at all our on campus events for young people from Year 6 to Year 13 including; motivational visits, lecture series, discovery days, master classes and open days.
- The University can also provide mentors and other individualised support as required including support with completion of application forms and advice about courses.
- Support and information for foster carers' through our Higher Education Information Evenings and Open Days.
- Bespoke activities for Looked After Young People, organised collaboratively between Teesside University's Student Recruitment and Student Services Teams, are available on request.
- Those organisations/individuals working with foster carers, looked after children and care leavers are welcome to attend our annual Supporting Progression Conference.
- Access to a range of sports participation projects.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

Financial assistance provided to care leavers

- Care Leavers Bursary of £1,000pa
- National Scholarship of £4,000 in first year of study. Eligibility criteria will apply and further information can be found at www.tees.ac.uk/funding
- Teesside Extra Scholarships worth £1,500pa. Eligibility criteria will apply and further information can be found at www.tees.ac.uk/funding

Accommodation support provided to care leavers

- 365 day per year accommodation can be provided where necessary.
- Assistance to find the most suitable accommodation for the students' needs.

Welfare and pastoral support available to care leavers

- Named adviser (Errol Theunissen) who can act as the first point of contact for all welfare and pastoral enquiries.
- Well-being Centre provides support for independent living, health and dietary advice, access to sport and fitness activities and complementary therapies.
- Student Achievement Officers in each school are available to assist students who may be struggling with any aspect of their academic life.



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Wakefield College

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Working protocol with the Local Authority to provide advice/guidance and support for students who wish to progress to FE and HE
- Outreach and taster day activities for young people and their carers to stimulate and encourage educational aspiration and progression.
- Designated person to act as a point of contact for young people, carers and local authority staff.

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- A named person to support Care Leavers
- Student Finance Team to support Care Leavers as a priority group with money management and financial issues.
- Careers Advisor to offer one to one guidance with progression opportunities.
- The College and the district Leaving Care Team to assist students with accommodation needs.

Financial assistance provided to care leavers

Care leavers are one of our priority groups for the National Scholarship Programme.

- Year 1 - £500 Cash bursary plus £2500 Fee waiver. This will reduce 1st year tuition fee to £3300
- Year 2 - £500 Cash bursary plus £1000 Fee waiver. This will reduce 2nd year tuition fee to £4800

University of York

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Outreach with local authorities

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- £500 non repayable bursary for first year students
- Prioritised applications to the Access to Learning Fund
- Offered a pre entry appointment with a Student Welfare Adviser to discuss support needs
- Student Welfare Adviser can liaise with the applicant's local authority (with their permission) to assist with the transition to University
- Personalised signposting to the comprehensive range of student support available
- Help with arranging 365 day accommodation in student halls of residence if required. Care leavers are not required to pay the £200 booking fee for accommodation.

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York St John University

OUTREACH FOR LAYP AND FOSTER CARERS

- Mentoring program for looked after children in York & North Yorkshire schools.
- Partnerships with local and regional Virtual Schools and Pathways / Leaving Care Teams to raise aspirations, knowledge and confidence about Higher Education.
- Looked After Young People are given priority places in annual summer schools.
- Individualised visits to campus for young people and key influencers.
- Development of training and education resources for care professionals and influencers including accreditation of Foster Carer training.
- Web based advice guide designed specifically for care leavers: www.yorks.ac.uk/careleavers/adviceguide

TRANSITIONAL/CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

- Dedicated contact person for advice and support from point of application to graduation.
- Opportunity to attend 'Transitions to Uni' workshops or visit individually before starting.
- Year round accommodation available in University Residences.
- £1000 a year bursary for all students who have been in care within 3 years of starting their course.
- Personalised advice on welfare, finance and accommodation issues, including liaison with local authorities if required.





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