

Events and activities for looked after children, care leavers and their key influencers

The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and The University of Salford are committed to supporting care-experienced young people and their key influencers access quality information, advice and guidance about higher education in order to be fully informed about their options and support available to them. This document highlights some of our events and activities designed to support these young people and their key influencers, but we are also happy to tailor activities to the needs of the audience, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to work with us in other ways.

Schools and Colleges

We are able to come into schools and colleges or arrange campus visits to our Universities on an ad-hoc basis. These can be tailored to suit the needs and age groups of your young people.

For schools in Manchester local authority, The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University run two **Success4life*** projects for looked after children each year which aim to develop the confidence and key skills of attendees, as well as raise awareness of higher education. The sessions run during term time for one evening a week for a total of ten weeks.

For post-16 students we host a **Step Up to Uni** event each year, where students will be given the opportunity to learn about the support for care leavers at university and attend a workshop with current university students who are care leavers. This is open to Year 12 students from any location.

Event/activity	Year group	Date
Success4life Project 1	10 and 11	October - December
Success4life Project 2	8 and 9	February – May
Step Up to Uni	12	October
Presentations in school/college	7-13	All year round
Campus visits	7-13	All year round

Foster carers, designated teachers and social workers

We can deliver a presentation at **foster carer training** sessions about the support available for care-experienced young people at university, as well as information about higher education in general.

For other key workers such as designated teachers and social workers, we host a **Supporting young people from care into and through university** event every year, which aims to equip key workers with the relevant knowledge about higher education that will allow them to support young people thinking about university.

Event/activity	Audience	Date
Foster carer training	Foster carers	All year round
Supporting young people from care into and through university	Social workers, designated teachers, other key influencers	November
Bespoke presentations	All key influencers	All year round

Contact: schoolsandcolleges@manchester.ac.uk or schoolsoutreach@mmu.ac.uk or studentlife-careleaver@salford.ac.uk with the subject title 'LAC/care leaver events'.

**Please note that Success4life is a collaborative project between UoM and MMU – please use contact details above for further information.*