Independent Student Meet-up (in person!)

We’re pleased to let you know that the first independent student meet-up of the year will be happening in person and we would love to see as many of you as possible there! This is a chance for you to get to know other care experienced and estranged students in a really informal environment. There will be free coffee/tea and cake! Please see below for the date, times and location:

**Wednesday 27th October, 2pm-3pm**

**University Place 5.17**

*upReach - Amazing opportunity for first years*

upReach is an organisation that we work with to provide employability support to UoM students from disadvantaged backgrounds through one-to-one mentoring and workshops. They can help you with things like applying to internships and graduate jobs, and have links with some huge companies. upReach will be delivering a session for you in November, but it's not too early to sign up (and we would recommend doing so ASAP!). Visit [www.upreach.org.uk/applynow](http://www.upreach.org.uk/applynow)

Manchester Rising Stars Fund

UoM have recently partnered up with the Manchester Rising Stars Fund (MRSF). MRSF supports ambitious, talented 16 to 24 year olds to achieve their potential - by funding vital equipment, training and resources to enable them take their next steps to success in Work, Qualifications or Entrepreneurship, via grants of up to £2,000. If you would like to apply for the fund, or find out more information, you can do so here: [https://www.welovemcrcharity.org/rising-stars-fund](https://www.welovemcrcharity.org/rising-stars-fund). Email studentsupport@manchester.ac.uk if you have any questions.
Spotlight on Care Leavers Week (25th-31st October) - how can I get involved?

Rees foundation meet up: 29th October
The Rees Foundation support care experienced people of all ages, and understand the importance of a lifelong support network. As part of National Care Leavers Week, they are inviting care experienced students to come along to the Milk and Honey café on Oxford Road for lunch on Friday 29th October 1:30pm-3:30pm. If you would like to attend, please email contactus@reesfoundation.org.

Care-Experienced Students Voice needed: Care Leaver Week 2021
As part of Care Leaver Week 2021 Greater Manchester Higher are running a series of events for adults who support looked after young people and care leavers to encourage access to further and higher education. In the presentations – we’ll be giving information about the support available at University; debunking some myths and explaining things like student finance. The goal is to adults to encourage the young people they work with to consider University as an option to them.

We’d really love to include some anonymous student case studies as part of these presentations; I think it’s really important adults hear from students like yourselves who are now at University – so see what worked well and what can be done better, so we can learn and grow. If you’d like to take part – and ensure your voice is heard then please complete our short survey, which you can find here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTd8bxXJ-Ty8hH1V-cGedoQFy7K9sUEN-G6Oiz4FzRAdiGXQ/viewform

Careers corner


The Fast Stream Social Mobility Network presents an introduction to the Fast Stream, internships, and Social Mobility in the Civil Service: Wednesday 20th October 4.30-6pm
The Fast Stream Social Mobility Network supports people from Lower Socio Economic Backgrounds in applying for and succeeding in the Civil Service.
Before applications close, we wanted to give an introduction and some hints and tips on applying for the Fast Stream and the Summer and Early Diversity Internship Programmes.
Students can book tickets on Eventbrite using the link on CareerConnect: https://careerconnect.manchester.ac.uk/leap/event.html?id=2003&service=Careers+Service

Inclusivity at Work Virtual Event: Thursday 4th November 2021 2-4pm
Many employers have realised that they have work to do in order to make their workforce more inclusive and diverse. Come along to our Inclusivity at Work event to meet employers who are committed to recruiting and supporting a diverse range of graduates, both through the recruitment process and beyond.
The aim of the event is:
- To introduce WP students (those from underrepresented groups) to employers who actively recruit a diverse workforce and support their diverse staff
- To help students to learn how to find employers who are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion
- To inform students about how to approach employers at fairs/panel events
Register NOW here: https://careerconnect.manchester.ac.uk/leap/event.html?id=1575&service=Careers+Service
Stand Alone Pledge Awards 2021 - nominations

For all estranged students participating in the Stand Alone Pledge Awards 2021 nominations, we ask you to consider how well your institution has supported you and the various ways in which they have done so.

As part of the Stand Alone Pledge we ask institutions to support you on your higher education journey specifically in 5 key areas. These are: financial support, accommodation, mental health & wellbeing, pre-entry information and guidance, and graduation & moving on.

If you feel that your college or university has provided you with meaningful support in any of these areas (or multiple) and you want to see them recognised for this, please let us know about it. In addition, if you feel a staff member or staff members deserve recognition for the work they do to support you and estranged students generally at your institution you can include that in your submission.

Please submit your nominations via the google form: https://rb.gy/xh5wvp

Deadline for nominations is 31st October 2021.

Through your contributions we'll be able to issue awards to institutions confident in the knowledge that they have the most important endorsement of all, that of the students the Stand Alone Pledge is designed to help.

If you have any questions about this process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by email to Susan at: s.mueller@standalone.org.uk and we'll be more than happy to help.

Become a student ambassador

First year UG's, second year UG's & PGT's

Being a Student Ambassador allows you to earn money alongside your degree with flexible working hours. The role will give you a chance to work with young people as they discover the opportunities that Higher Education has to offer, and represent the University as prospective students consider their options. From working with targeted learners to supporting large-scale University Open Events, the role is varied, flexible and an excellent addition to your CV. To register your interest please email emma.mcdougall@manchester.ac.uk.

COMING UP...

1st November: Managing Academic Pressure (MLE)
3rd November: Interview Practice Day- Bookable slots (Careers Service)
5th November: Speaking out in groups (Counselling Service)
22nd November: Making the Most of Your Mind: How to Revise and Study More Effectively (MLE)