








Supporting Care-experienced Young People into Higher Education CPD


Contacts and Resources for Partner Universities



Outreach Offer	https://www.kent.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/outreach	
Open Days	https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/open-days	
Unibuddy – talk to a current University of Kent student	https://www.kent.ac.uk/ask-a-student	
Outreach email	outreach@kent.ac.uk	
Support for care leavers	https://www.kent.ac.uk/guides/support-for-care-leavers	



Outreach Offer	https://www.uca.ac.uk/study-at-uca/outreach/	
Open Days	https://www.uca.ac.uk/study-at-uca/opendays/	
Unibuddy – talk to a current University of Kent student	https://www.uca.ac.uk/chat/	
Outreach email	outreach@uca.ac.uk	

Support for care leavers	https://students.uca.ac.uk/student-services/care-leavers/	
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Outreach Offer	https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee/past-present-and-future/learning-together/schools-outreach	
Open Days	https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/applying/visit-us	
Unibuddy – talk to a current University of Kent student	https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/student-life/join-our-community/chat-to-our-students	
Outreach email	outreach@canterbury.ac.uk	
Support for care leavers	https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/our-students/ug-current/support-services/personal-support/support-for-care-leavers	





KMPF	https://kmpf.org/	
Email	kmpf@canterbury.ac.uk	

Researching Universities



<p>Propel A comprehensive online resource for care leavers with information about the support available to them from universities and colleges in the UK.</p>	<p>https://propel.org.uk/UK/</p>	
<p>UCAS UCAS connects people to University, post Uni studies including teacher training, apprenticeships & internships. Find all the information for your next step.</p>	<p>https://www.ucas.com/</p>	
<p>The Complete University Guide We help students around the world research degree courses and universities. Independent UK university league tables and rankings, overall and by subject.</p>	<p>https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/</p>	
<p>The Uni Guide Formerly part of the Which? University website. The Uni Guide is the free and independent way to search and compare UK degree courses and universities.</p>	<p>https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/</p>	
<p>What Uni? Find courses at top universities. Free, trusted advice to help you decide which university is best for you. The UK's biggest student reviews site.</p>	<p>https://www.whatuni.com/</p>	
<p>The Student Room The Student Room is the UK's largest online student community. 75% of UK students aged 14-24 visit us. 240,000+ posts a month.</p>	<p>https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/</p>	

<p>Open Days The university and college open day directory.</p>	<p>https://www.opendays.com/</p>	
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University Accommodation

<p>The Unite Foundation With the Unite Foundation scholarship, students have accommodation and bills covered for up to 3 years of study, including over the holidays.</p>	<p>https://thisisusatuni.org/unite-foundation-scholarship/</p>	
<p>The Scholarship Hub Details of scholarship options to help cover accommodation costs</p>	<p>https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/student-accommodation-scholarships-pay-towards-your-student-accommodation-costs/</p>	

Support from the Local Authority







<p>Kent County Council Care Leavers Local Offer</p>	<p>https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/childrens-social-work-and-families-policies/care-leavers-local-offer</p>	
<p>Medway County Council Care Leavers Local Offer</p>	<p>https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200260/local-offer-for-care-leavers</p>	

Support for Care Leavers

<p>Become Become is the national charity for children in care and care leavers. For 30 years, we've stood shoulder to shoulder with young people.</p>	<p>https://www.becomecharity.org.uk/</p>	
<p>Become Helping You Reach Higher Fact Sheet Details of support available for care experienced students</p>	<p>https://becomecharity.org.uk/media/1685/factsheet_english_upp_final_v2.pdf</p>	
<p>The National Network for the Education of Care Leavers</p>	<p>https://nnecl.org/</p>	
<p>This Is Us student-led community A new dedicated and safe online space for estranged and care-experienced students (and recent graduates) in the UK to connect, share info, arrange meet-ups and more! It's free, national, and open to all ages & years of study.</p>	<p>https://thisisusatuni.org/this-is-our-community/</p>	
<p>The HEPP Guide to Higher Education for Care Experienced Students</p>	<p>https://www.hepp.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/210318-Hepp-CES-Booklet-v5-2x2.pdf</p>	
<p>Care Leaver Progression Partnership (CLPP) A partnership of organisations in Kent and Medway, committed to improving the post-16 education and training</p>	<p>https://careleaverpp.org/</p>	

experience for local
children in care



Applying for University

UCAS Care Experienced Students	https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/individual-needs/ucas-undergraduate-care-experienced-students	
UCAS Should I mention my care experience in my personal statement?	https://www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/should-i-mention-my-care-experience-my-personal-statement	
UCAS Advice on What to Put in a Personal Statement for Care Experienced Students	https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-your-personal-statement/writing-your-personal-statement-carers-estranged-students-refugees-asylum-seekers-or-those-limited	
UCAS Video from a student about her personal statement as an independent student	https://www.facebook.com/watch/?extid=W9dnGu4C8CgsBgWw&v=829754677769003	
EACES Handbook This site was created by current Estranged and Care Experienced Students (EaCES) in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, to summarise all of the advice and information we know about to support students like us in higher and further education and to share our own lived experiences and stories	https://sites.google.com/view/eaces-handbook?pli=1	
UCAS YouTube A wealth of really helpful and informative videos on the application process	https://www.youtube.com/@Ucasonlineofficial/videos	






Student Finance

The Student Room Advice and guidance.	https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance/student-finance-for-care-leavers	
Student Finance England A really easy to follow overview of student finance.	https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/	
Applying for Student Finance Government guidance and application forms.	https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance	
Money Savings Expert Advice for students on affording university and managing finances.	https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/	
UCAS Other funding options	https://www.ucas.com/student-finance-england/other-funding-full-time-students	
Disabled Students Allowance	https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa	

For Care Leavers Returning to Education



Funding University as a Mature Student	https://www.gov.uk/mature-student-university-funding	
University of Kent Access to HE	https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access	

For Refugee and Asylum Seeking Students





<p>Kent Refugee Action Network (KRAN) We work with separated young refugee and asylum seekers also known as UASC's (unaccompanied asylum seeking and refugee minors)</p>	<p>https://kran.org.uk/</p>	
<p>Alternative Courses For students who are unable to access Higher Education at the moment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Compass Project at Birkbeck • The OLive Project at UEL • Aim higher: online course for refugees about entering university in the UK • MOOCs (university level online courses) • Foundation year courses 	
<p>Funding Refugee Action UK has a comprehensive list of funding options for refugee and asylum seeking students</p>	<p>https://www.reuk.org/funding</p>	
<p>UCAS Advice</p>	<p>https://www.ucas.com/faqs/where-can-i-get-more-information-about-applying-university-if-i-have-refugee-or-limited-leave-remain</p>	
<p>Refugee Study Scholarships, grants and free courses for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants</p>	<p>http://www.refugee-study.co.uk/</p>	
<p>UCAS – Student Finance Advice</p>	<p>https://www.ucas.com/finance/additional-funding/student-finance-refugees-asylum-seekers-and-those-limited-leave-remain</p>	




Support for Professionals Guiding Young People Through Their University Application

UCAS Advisers Toolkit	https://www.ucas.com/advisers/toolkits/adviser-toolkit-supporting-students-individual-needs/supporting-care-experienced-students	
Refugee Education UK Resources for Practitioners	https://www.reuk.org/resource-educationtransitions	

Resources About Care Experienced Students and Higher Education

<p>Next Steps: What is the experience of students from a care background in education? (November 2022) UCAS, in partnership with the Unite Foundation, examines the educational experiences of students from a care background.</p>	<p>https://www.ucas.com/file/658381/download?token=CjzUGJ79</p>	
<p>The Rees Centre Supporting higher education participation for care leavers and other care-experienced young people</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZPSyFZuLEk</p>	
<p>The Care-Experienced Graduates' Decision-Making, Choices and Destinations Project : Phase one report (November 2022) This report explores findings from interviews with 23 care-experienced final year undergraduate and taught postgraduate higher education students.</p>	<p>https://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/193737/</p>	
<p>Patterns of postgraduate transitions amongst care-experienced graduates in the United Kingdom (2021) This article focuses on progression to postgraduate study for care experienced students.</p>	<p>https://doi.org/10.1080/0305764X.2021.1994922</p>	
<p>Supporting care experienced students in English higher education: towards a more consistent approach (April 2021) The Office for Students commissioned the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (NNECL) to undertake a short feasibility study on the potential</p>	<p>https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/supporting-care-experienced-students-in-english-higher-education/</p>	

<p>development of a more consistent offer for care experienced students.</p>		
<p>Consistency needed: Care experienced students and higher education (April 2021) This brief looks at the obstacles these students face and how they can be addressed, including examples of good practice and the recommendations of a recently commissioned report.</p>	<p>https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/consistency-needed-care-experienced-students-and-higher-education/</p>	
<p>Greater Manchester Higher: Care experienced consultation report (July 2020) The consultation surveyed 20 care leaver students studying at various universities in Greater Manchester. The report provides valuable insights into the students' thoughts and feelings about the transition from pre-16 to post-16 study. It also includes recommendations for developing an approach to supporting care experienced young people.</p>	<p>https://gmhigher.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Care-Leaver-Consultation-report.pdf</p>	