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To Whom It May Concern

Stand Alone Pledge

Dundee and Angus College (D&A) publicly pledge to support students who are estranged from their families and who are studying at our college without the support of a family network. At Dundee and Angus College we aspire to be “Leading Learning, Inspiring Success” and this is vital to our ethos.

D&A students are supported fully to achieve their full potential and this is integral to our success as one of Scotland’s top performing colleges in both FE and HE.

Our support of the Stand Alone Pledge is commitment to the raising of awareness within College, the community in which we proudly serve, but also regionally and nationally.

D&A understands and acknowledges that estranged students have similar challenges and experiences and support requirements of our students who are care leavers and looked after students.

The logo for 'WE CARE @ D&A', where 'WE CARE' is in a multi-colored font, '@' is a blue circle, and 'D&A' is in a large, stylized font with 'D' in purple and 'A' in blue. **WE CARE @ D&A** is the college’s commitment to Looked after Children, Care experienced students and Care Leavers and our continued support of this will be extended by the community of estranged students.

D&A College pledges to support our estranged students by:

Providing campus specific contacts

Providing support and advice around all aspects of funding

Training appropriate staff in having the knowledge and expertise to support and provide guidance for estranged students

Work closely with Students Services Students Association and Learner Engagement to promote support available for estranged students

Ensure signposting to internal and external support organisations is appropriate and sufficient.

In signing this pledge, we at D&A, confirm we will be working across the College to further develop We Care @D&A for estranged students in partnership with college support and academic staff.

Our dedicated contact for our estranged students is Student Services Manager, Sarah Thom. [s.thom@dundeeandangus.ac.uk](mailto:s.thom@dundeeandangus.ac.uk)

D&A College would be immensely proud to be associated with Stand Alone and we very much look forward to ensuring our estranged students have a holistic and positive experience as students of a supportive environment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Hewitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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