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Stand Alone,
34B York Way,
London N1 9AB

Dear Stand Alone,

Supporting Estranged Students: The Stand Alone Pledge

Newcastle University is committed to supporting estranged students throughout their academic life. As part of this goal we are delighted to commit our institution to the **Stand Alone Pledge**. We appreciate the work Stand Alone undertakes to raise awareness and support the needs of current and potential Students who do not have the support of a family network.

We understand the additional challenges faced by estranged students; particularly regarding **Finance, Accommodation, Mental Health and Wellbeing** and **Feeling Connected (Outreach)**. Therefore, we are dedicated to developing and expanding our student support in these and other key areas of life.

We have long strived to support our students in these areas and have a dedicated contact that anyone who needs support can reach at Estrangement.Support@ncl.ac.uk. We additionally have easily accessible online information and resources: [Support & Resources for Estranged Students at Newcastle University \(office.com\)](#)

We greatly look forward to working with Stand Alone and to continue to develop our good practice alongside other dedicated Higher Education Institutions.

Finally, we would like to encourage any current or potential Newcastle University student concerned about barriers impacting their ability to access higher education with us to reach out to us for support and guidance at Estrangement.Support@ncl.ac.uk

Kindest Regards,



Professor Chris Day

Vice-Chancellor and President