

A Colleges Scotland spokesperson said:

"We are saddened to hear of the closure of Stand Alone. Stand Alone has advocated tirelessly for estranged students, ensuring this vulnerable group is recognised in Higher Education policy development in Scotland.

Thanks to the efforts of Stand Alone, estranged students now have access to improved financial assistance and pastoral support throughout their student journey. We have enjoyed collaborating with Stand Alone on its Scottish Stakeholder Group to fulfil a shared ambition of supporting vulnerable learners to achieve their full potential.

We reaffirm our commitment to supporting and advocating for estranged students in the future by taking the Stand Alone Legacy Pledge."

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