



Stand Alone
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Leeds Conservatoire's commitment to the Stand-Alone Legacy Pledge

At Leeds Conservatoire, we are proud of our supportive environment ensuring students receive personalised support and providing all students the opportunity to reach their full potential. We commit to supporting students who are estranged from their families, studying without the support of a family network. We commit to the Stand Alone Legacy Pledge by the following:

Finance:

To help support new students who are estranged from their families to start full time higher education at Leeds Conservatoire, we offer the following financial support:

- Bursary (up to £800 awarded by Leeds Conservatoire)
- Supporting the cost of gown hire at Graduation for our estranged students
- We also provide advice and support to estranged students on how to apply for any available funding and associated benefits

Accommodation:

We will work to develop links with accommodation providers who will be flexible about the need for a guarantor.

Mental health and wellbeing:

We will provide estranged students:

- Designated support within the Health and Wellbeing Team which can support with any practical, emotional, or mental-health-related issues that are affecting estranged students lives at the Conservatoire.
- There will be continued dissemination to, and training of, appropriate staff working with estranged students, so that they have the knowledge and understanding to provide guidance

Outreach and Transition

We will tailor our messages to include ones which estranged students will find supportive. We will also communicate the support available to estranged students via our work with schools, colleges, community organisations, external partners and on our website.

We are proud to be associated with Stand Alone and welcome the opportunity to sign this legacy pledge to ensure that estranged students are continued to be supported in making informed choices.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Tyssen".

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