



SFC is proud to have worked with Stand Alone to drive forward the visibility of and support for estranged learners

We have supported estranged learners through various mechanisms including our Outcome Agreement guidance to the sectors, prioritising estranged FE students for financial support within discretionary fund guidance to colleges, working closely with Stand Alone and other partners on their Scottish stakeholder group and since 2020-21 reporting annually on numbers of estranged students at colleges and universities within our Report on Widening Access publication.

We are very grateful to the team at Stand Alone for their work to raise the profile and needs of estranged students. It has been a privilege to work with them. Looking forward we will continue to work to:

- ensure inclusivity of estranged students within our data collections and publications which are continually reviewed and enhanced
- maintain estranged students as a priority group within our FE Discretionary Fund guidance to colleges
- support and elevate the work by our sectors to support estranged students
- work in partnership with our sectors and stakeholders to support estranged students as part of our wider priority to protect the interests of current and future students, including enabling students to access tertiary education and receive the services and support they require to flourish and succeed.

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