

Stand Alone
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University Centre Leeds commitment to the Stand-Alone Legacy Pledge

At University Centre Leeds we're committed to supporting estranged students to enter and succeed in higher education, and offer a range of support to make transition to university life easier. Our commitment to the Stand Alone Legacy pledge ensures we provide financial, accommodation, mental health and outreach support for estranged students while they study with us.

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 University Centre Leeds, we offer the following financial support:

- Bursary (up to £1000 awarded by University Centre Leeds);
- Supporting the cost of interview travel and/or on-course materials (where applicable – up to 50% of costs);
- 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: University Centre Leeds can act as a guarantor for student accommodation agreements.

Mental health and wellbeing:

- Nominated estranged student support from the University Centre Leeds HE Progression and Welfare Officer
- Short-term counselling from the Student Support Counselling Team
- There will be continued dissemination to, and training of, appropriate staff working with estranged students, so that they have the knowledge and understanding

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,

Dr Jo Tyssen - Group Director of HE Quality and Standards

