

Stand Alone national conference

'Moving On'

10am – 3pm / 28 March 2023

ZOOM



PROGRAMME

- 10am** **Welcome**
Susan Mueller, Higher Education Project Director, Stand Alone
- Stand Alone's report 2019: 'What Happens Next': key findings**
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- 10.15am** **Estranged after education: navigating the world of work without family**
Sunday Blake, Associate Editor, WonkHE
- 10.45am** **Bridging the gap: supporting estranged students moving from education into graduate employment**
Annie Gainsborough, Senior Consultant, Gradconsult
This session will be an interactive exploration of a student's journey through university and into the working world. Using case studies and examples to consider key points of transition, we will consider some of the barriers and obstacles faced by students estranged from their families, before working together to identify steps universities, employers and other stakeholders can take to support and empower estranged students to thrive as they move from education into graduate employment.
- 11.15am** **Q&A with a panel of students and graduates**

SCREEN BREAK

- 12.00pm** **A collaborative approach to enabling estranged students to take positive next steps**
Jenn Coates, Plus Programme Lead (Educational Engagement), Daria Orzechowska, Employability and Progression Assistant and Karen Shaw, Mentoring and Widening Participation Manager (Careers Service), University of Leeds
- 12.30pm** **Cardiff University Career Confident Programme.**
Career Confident: tailored support for underrepresented students at Higher Education supports eligible students with tailored employability support, bespoke work experience and training opportunities. Estranged students are one of our eligibility groups. Charlotte will give an overview how of we support students at Cardiff University to develop their employability

confidence. You will hear first-hand from Estranged students on their experience of Career Confident.

Charlotte Miles, Career Confident Manager, Cardiff University

1pm LUNCH BREAK

1.30pm Wendy Price OBE, Head of Widening Access and Participation and Eddy Conniff, Level 3 Psychology student, University of Sunderland

The University of Sunderland's We Care team supports estranged students from initial enquiry to graduation and beyond. Wendy will present the practical support provided to students who are graduating and moving into employment or next steps.

Karen Archer, EDI Projects Officer, UWE Cares, UWE Bristol

Find out how UWE Cares' enhanced career offer, including bespoke workshops, dedicated careers coaches & priority access to international placements, has enabled estranged students to better prepare for life after university. Hear about the successes and challenges of using positive action approaches to set up new innovative opportunities just for disadvantaged students. Learn how partnerships and a "whole university approach" has enabled students to access enhanced and targeted support, including extra funding and how Careers, Cash and Community Support are crucial to help estranged students launch their graduate lives. Example: Pagoda Project.

2.30pm Panel Discussion: Recommendations for HE and employers going forward

Wendy Price OBE, University of Sunderland

Annie Gainsborough, Gradconsult

Jaira Warner, Sheffield Hallam University

Sunday Blake, WonkHE (TBC)

3pm End

Programme correct at time of publication. Sessions and timings of sessions are subject to change.