

Unite

Foundation

Supporting estranged and care experienced students with a rent-free #HomeAtUniversity.

Stand Alone has been a pioneering force in raising the profile of estranged students and engaging with universities to commit to providing crucial support. Alongside the thousands of students who 'couldn't have done it' without Stand Alone, we are very saddened to hear of the charity's closure.

Stand Alone played an instrumental role in Unite Foundation extending its support to estranged students. We have since collaborated on research, calls to government and higher education for student support and celebrated Estranged Student Solidarity Week – which was launched by Stand Alone in 2017.

We'd like to congratulate the team for everything they have achieved and the profound impact they have had on estranged students across the UK. It's imperative that this legacy lives on.

Our commitment to estranged students across the UK:

- + The Unite Foundation will continue to support estranged students with a rent-free #HomeAtUniversity through our national scholarship
- + This is Us will continue to be a platform for estranged students on the scholarship, and beyond, to talk about their university experience and to advocate for a rent-free #HomeAtUniversity for all estranged, and care experienced, students
- + We will continue to support the growth of community for all estranged and care experienced students so that they feel better connected and seen, safe and supported in Higher Education
- + We will continue to support estranged students to act in an advisory capacity and engage in decision making, both at an organisational and policy level, through open dialogue and training opportunities
- + We will 'carry the baton' of the work Stand Alone has led to push for the capture of relevant and consistent data in relation to estranged students to raise their profile, help the entire sector to better understand the challenges they face, and measurably improve their journey to and through university

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