

Care Experienced Support in Wales



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My role at Cardiff University

What is a Transitions Officer?

I am the dedicated contact for Care Experienced, Estranged, Carers, Military Experience and Asylum-Seeking students at Cardiff University.

Dedicated support for Care Experienced Students

- Care Leaver Bursary for Undergraduate and Postgraduate students
- Prospective student support and access to dedicated contact on Open Days.
- Access to accommodation halls out of term time and 2 months after graduation
- Guarantor Scheme after first year to access private accommodation.
- Support with wellbeing and supporting extenuating circumstances

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Basic Income Pilot for Care Leavers

What is the Basic Income Pilot in Wales?

This pilot helps the government find out what young people leaving care need. The government will learn what receiving this new form of support means to young people, and what it has enabled them to achieve.

How much will they get and how long for?

As part of the basic income pilot, care leavers will have £1,280 every month to spend on food, clothing and other things you may need. They will keep getting this money for 2 years after your 18th birthday. It doesn't matter if they are in college or already have a job. It's money on top of what they already get.

How do care leavers take part?

People can take part in the basic income pilot if they are leaving care and they turn 18 between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

A Young Person's Advisor or Social Worker will automatically contact them to help them to work out whether basic income is right for them. They will also help you get ready to receive it.

For more information visit: [Basic income pilot for care leavers | GOV.WALES](#)

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What is the CLASS Cymru network?

CLASS Cymru brings people together from throughout Wales, who are involved in the support of looked after children, care leavers and other vulnerable groups in further and higher education and/or the support of foster carers, social workers and other professionals.

Launch of the CLASS Cymru website

We are committed to ensuring the best possible experience of further and higher education for care-experienced children and young people. We believe that every care-experienced young person should receive the support, resources and opportunities they need to succeed in education.

We are designing and building a practical website offering information, advice and guidance for care-experienced young people and those who support them to facilitate their transition to higher education. This will launch on the 26th October 2022 if you would like to attend tickets to the event are here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/class-cymru-website-launch-tickets->



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