



## Young people from a care experienced background

Young people who have experience of local authority care are a priority group for GM Higher. Our events will provide tailored IAG about Higher education and the range of support available.

### Greater Manchester Care Leavers Week #GMCLW 3 7

**Venue:** Online

**Date:** 2nd November 2020 – 6th November 2020

**Audience:** Care Leavers and their supporters

The 2020 Care Leaver Awards have been adapted into a week-long social media celebration. We will be sharing pictures, videos, animation and short pieces of text to illustrate and highlight the achievements and talents of care leavers over the past year. Join in throughout the week using the hashtag #GMCLW.

### Step Up to Uni+ 3 7

**Venue:** Various

**Date:** Spring Term 2021

**Audience:** Y12

During this 8-week programme learners will gain an overview of HE, including financial and pastoral support and tips on how to make well informed decisions about life after further education. We will cover all routes into higher education with an emphasis on choosing a desired pathway that is right for YOU. Our sessions will include an invitation to the Step Up To Uni event as well as a designated Student Ambassador mentor to help guide you through each week and be on hand to answer any questions.

## Step Up to Uni 3 7

**Venue:** Online

**Date:** 17th March 2021

**Audience:** Y11+

This event is a VIP Open Day for young people who are care-experienced and considering applying to university. It aims to increase their understanding of the pastoral and financial support they can access from local universities and their local authority. Learners will interact in small groups with care experienced university students who can offer insight into their educational journey and answer questions.

## Success 4 Life 3 7

**Venue:** Various

**Date:** Various

**Audience:** Y8 – 10

This programme brings together looked after young people to take part in interactive sessions to develop their confidence, key skills and raise their awareness of HE, supported by current HE students who are care-experienced. We have a number of programmes running throughout the year.

## Transition Mentoring 3 7

**Venue:** Online

**Date:** 26th July – 24th September 2021

**Audience:** Y11

This mentoring programme has been developed to support care-experienced learners with their transition from school to college. Young people will be matched up with a Care Leaver Ambassador/Champion as a mentor. Mentors and Mentees will work through a loosely structured programme of mentoring content- intended to support transition to college and build confidence in the following things: transition to college, settling in and making the most of opportunities.

## Supporting the Supporters

CPD 3 7

**Venue:** Online

**Date:** 6th May 2021

**Audience:** Professionals and supporters including social workers, foster carers, personal advisors and designated teachers

By attending this event, we hope you'll feel more confident advising the young people you support. You'll find out about the benefits of attending HE, including how to apply, and the specific and financial support available for care leavers. The event will also contain information about post-16 pathways; a variety of workshops and give you the chance to meet current HE students who have been through the care system.

## Ad-hoc CPD 3 7

**Venue:** Various

**Date:** On request

**Audience:** Professionals and supporters including social workers, foster carers, personal advisors and designated teachers

These bespoke sessions can be delivered at a time/venue of your choosing, either as a standalone session or as part of a wider training day. We will cover key themes such as the benefits of attending HE, how to apply, financial and pastoral support and how best to support your young person.

For further information about support for care experienced learners visit: [gmhigher.ac.uk/careleavers/](http://gmhigher.ac.uk/careleavers/)