



TARGETED LEARNERS

PROGRAMME 2018-19



Greater Manchester Higher

Is a collaborative network of higher education (HE) providers in Greater Manchester who are working together to raise the ambitions of young people and the awareness of higher education through providing impartial information, advice and guidance (IAG), alongside a menu of outreach activities.

We work with under-represented groups in HE, including care-experienced young people, disabled learners, young carers and estranged learners. Schools are encouraged to include these learners in all of our activities; however, we have also developed an exciting programme of activities specifically for targeted learners.

For more information about our programme, the activities featured in this leaflet and how to book, please visit: gmhigher.ac.uk and use the search tool 'targeted learners'



Bespoke Campus Visits

Our partners are happy to arrange bespoke visits for small groups of young people and their supporters who may require additional support in applying to and studying at university.

This includes looked-after-children, care leavers, young carers and learners with a disability or additional needs and estranged learners. **Please get in touch with us via gmhigher@mmu.ac.uk**

Young people from a care background

Success4Life project Y8 – 10

Duration: 10 weeks

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.

This programme is delivered at The University of Manchester throughout the autumn term for Y8-9 learners and at The University of Salford during the spring/summer term for Y9-10 learners.

We also deliver condensed versions of the programme in a venue within target local authorities. The programme ends with a graduation to mark the students' success.

'HE for me' (Presentation or Workshop)

Session: 20 mins presentation, 45 mins workshop

Developed in conjunction with care-experienced young people, this presentation or workshop gives a general overview of HE, as well as specific information about the support available and can be delivered in a venue of your choice.

Greater Manchester Care Leaver Awards

18 October 2018

Hosted at the Royal Northern College of Music in conjunction with the Greater Manchester local authorities, the annual Care Leaver Awards celebrates and rewards the achievements and successes of Care Leavers from across Greater Manchester.

Nominations are open from July and close on 14 September 2018.

More information:
gmhigher.ac.uk/events/gmcl2018/

Step up to Uni Y11 – 13

25 April 2019

This event is a VIP Open Day hosted by the University of Salford 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.

Learners with disabilities

The following activities are for learners who may access additional support at university, including learners with disabilities, learning difficulties, long-term health conditions and mental health conditions.

HE Visit Days

These visit days offer an introduction to information about the specific support available. Learners will have the chance to meet disabled university students who can talk about their own experiences and share an insight into student life.

EVENT	HOST INSTITUTION	DATE
Pre-16 Visit for Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties	University of Salford	Autumn Term Date TBC
Pre-16 Visit for Learners on the Autistic Spectrum	Manchester Metropolitan University	Spring Term 25 & 26 April 2019

Support4Students information event Y10 – 12

26 February 2019

This early evening event for **prospective students and parents/carers** is hosted at The University of Manchester and covers the range of pastoral and financial support available, including Disabled Student's Allowance. The event will include a Q&A panel with current HE students who have disabilities. There will also be the opportunity for attendees to find out more about specific support available from HEIs and the third sector by visiting a range of information stands.

Student Support Presentation Y11 – 13

Session: 20 mins

We can visit your school/college to deliver a stand-alone presentation that details the kind of support available to disabled learners, how to access it and how to apply.

Young People with Caring Responsibilities

HE for Me

Session:
20 mins presentation, 45 mins workshop

This presentation or workshop provides a general overview of HE, as well as specific information about the support available and can be delivered in a venue of your choice.

Young Carers Day event

31 January 2019

Many young carers aspire to attend university but the caring responsibilities they have can seem like a barrier to higher education. This one day event at The University of Salford will give young carers an insight into what studying at university is like, an opportunity to find out more about the support available during their higher education journey and a chance to hear from young carers who are currently studying in higher education.

Key Influencer Events

We offer a range of bespoke events for key influencers of targeted learners. These sessions provide an interactive forum for professionals to find out more about HE and to explore how best to support learners.

Supporting the Supporters (LAC/care leavers)

6 February 2019

This event is for adults who support looked after children and/or care leavers and offers the opportunity to ask questions about how to apply to HE, what the benefits are and what support is available. This helps to increase your confidence when advising the young people you support. The event will also contain information about post-16 pathways and a Q&A with current HE students who have been through the care system. The event will be hosted at either the University of Manchester or Manchester Metropolitan University.

Student Support Presentation (LAC/care leavers)

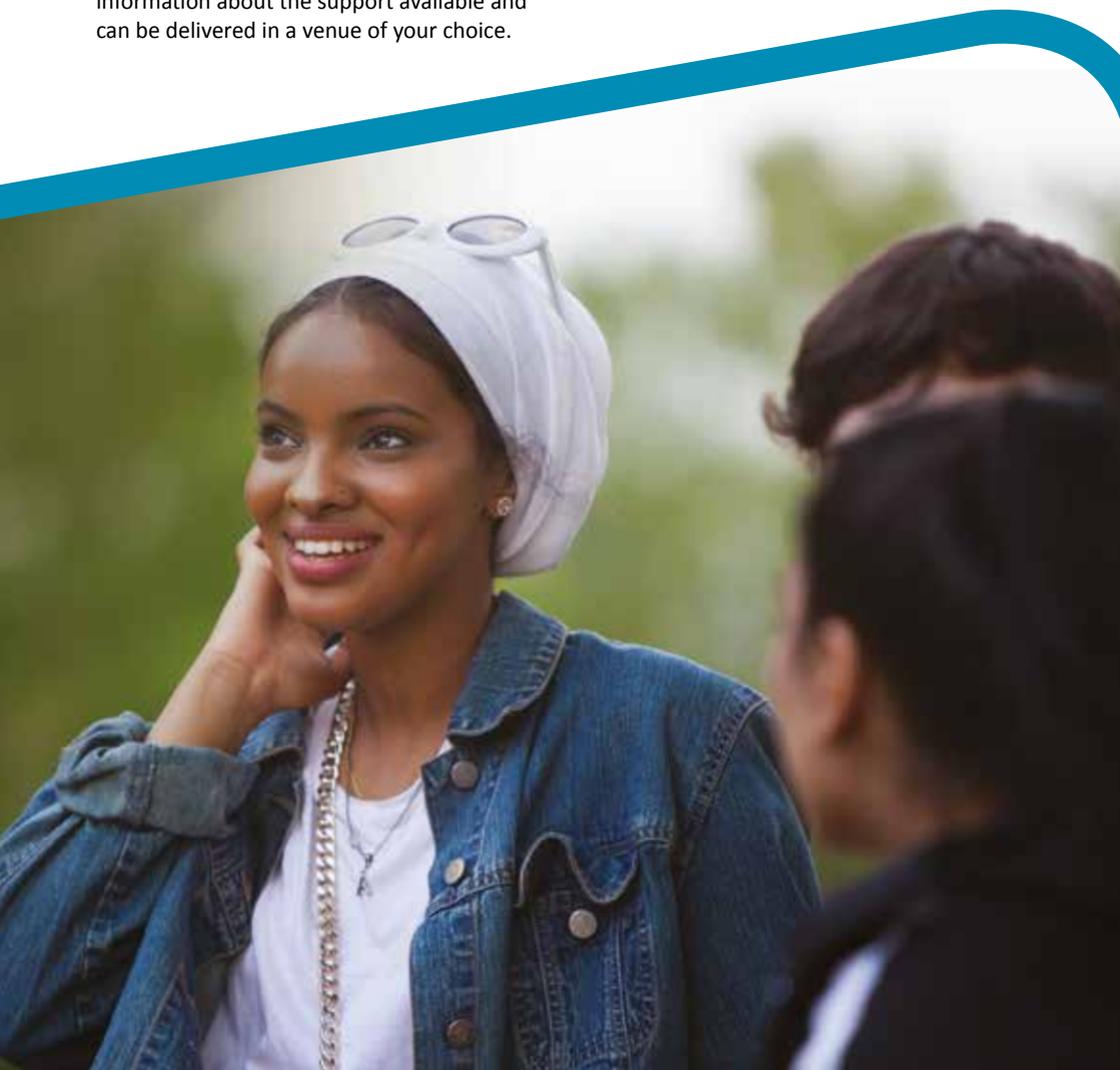
Session: 20 mins

This session is suitable for foster carers, social workers and other key influencers of care-experienced young people and gives an overview of HE, including financial and pastoral support and tips on supporting young people making decisions. We are happy to deliver this session as part of any training or information events that may be happening locally.

Breaking Barriers (Disabled learners)

26 June 2019

Breaking Barriers is aimed at staff in the FE sector who support students with disabilities in their transition to HE. The event will include networking, workshops and a marketplace with internal and external specialists in disability and student support/guidance. This event will be hosted at the University of Bolton.





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