

University of Leicester, De Montfort University and Loughborough University present

'A rough guide to Higher Education' – 17 May 2016

free training event for Foster Carers, Social Workers, Designated Teachers, professionals and volunteers who support Children and Young People in Care

Free event to be held at De Montfort University

Free and informative training event covering the benefits of university and Higher Education for young people in care and what you can do to support them in making decisions about their future. We welcome Foster Carers, Social Workers, Careers Advisors, Key workers, Designated Teachers, Mentors, Youth Workers, Voluntary sector staff, volunteers and anyone involved in supporting young people in care at any age. Free refreshments, lunch and resource goody bag provided.

Book your free place now! Contact Melissa Page if you are interested in attending or have any questions on mpage@dmu.ac.uk or 0116 257 7872.

Benefits of Higher Education (HE) to Care Leavers	
Time	Session
9.45am	Registration and refreshments at venue (<i>details will be confirmed upon booking your place</i>), De Montfort University campus, Leicester
10.00am	Welcome, introduction & housekeeping
10.05am	Improving outcomes for Care Leavers: the HE perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where universities fit in ▪ Student success stories ▪ Raising aspirations and achievement – outreach engagement
10.25am	HE: Benefits, challenges and solutions – participants' views <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10.25-10.30 Participant introductions in small groups ▪ 10.30-10.45 Discussion of benefits, then whole group plenary ▪ 10.45-11.05 Discussion of challenges and solutions, in 3 groups ▪ 11.05-11.15 Groups feedback and discuss
11.15am	Comfort break
11.30am	The current student experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants will have the opportunity to talk directly to care experienced students from De Montfort University and University of Leicester
12.30 pm	LUNCH
Information to help support young people's aspirations	
1.15pm	Quick overview of essential information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.15-1.25 UCAS / Applications process ▪ 1.25-1.40 Student Finance and support from universities ▪ 1.40-1.50 Local Authority Support leading to...
1.50pm	Opportunity for final questions / discussions with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Higher Education staff ▪ Local Authority staff
2.10pm	Evaluation & feedback, plus support pack handout & goody bag
2.20pm	Depart

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find out about the **life-long benefits** that young people can gain from Higher Education and **feel confident in encouraging them** to aim high



be inspired by talking to our care experienced undergraduate students about their journey



discover the range of financial, practical and emotional support that is available to young people in care who go to university



hear about the **exciting outreach activities** we offer that young people can get involved in like our *University Experience Summer School* and *Primary/Secondary University Experience days*



share any concerns or ask us anything you are not sure about connected with going to university



understand how the **UCAS application process** and timings work

Really enjoyable, informative and demystifying

100% of participants said they would recommend this event to a colleague!

Brilliant! Very inspiring and thought provoking

Valuable experience 'where there is a will there is definitely a way'

Students' experiences were very interesting

Exercises very well thought out. Lovely venue and lunch