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Opening Doors 2012: Moving on from Care

Wednesday 24th October 2012:
9.30am - 3.30pm
Main Open Event from
12.30pm to 3.30pm
(lunch is provided)



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Keele University, working in partnership with Staffordshire University supports a full day event to raise awareness of National Care Leavers Week, highlighting the challenges facing young people leaving care and entering University life.

As part of Keele and Staffordshire Universities' commitment to diversity and incorporating the Care Leavers' Foundation annual Care Leavers' Week, the universities are holding a day of talks and events. The aim is to highlight the challenges facing young people leaving care who want to enter university and inform our University Communities of issues facing care leavers and other young people unsupported by family.

The week starts with an information stand and **giant interactive 'snakes and ladders'** game highlighting the ups and downs of leaving home and starting University and the additional challenges faced by care leavers. The stand will be in the Keele Students' Union reception for the beginning of the week.

On the morning of Wednesday 24th October, Keele will host a day of activities for Education and Social Services staff, foster carers and young people offering an experience of university life and learning. This will be followed by lunch and a range of talks for visitors and university staff and students on the experience of care leavers in Higher Education and the work of the Staffordshire Through Care Team and Virtual School Programme.

Everyone's welcome

Opening Doors 2012 is an inclusive event open to staff, students, and local community groups and agencies. Attendance at events is free and run on a drop-in basis – no need to book.



Timetable of events

Opening Doors 2012; Moving on from Care Event

Wednesday 24th October 9.30am to 3pm

Time	Session	Open To	Venue
9.30am to 10am	Session 1: Event for Care Leavers and Carers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to Opening Doors 2012: Moving on from Care Event: Ian Munton (Head of SSDS, KU) Introduction to sessions: Ian Ronald (Student Developer, KU), and Elsa Heffernan (Student Advisor, Staffs University) 	Care Leavers and Carers	Chancellor's Building (CB) CBA0.061
10am to 10.50am	Activity 1 - Stardome	Care Leavers and Carers	Sports Hall
11am to 11.50am	Activity 2 Library and Research Skills or Activity 3 Information for Carers: Financial Support, accommodation	Care Leavers and Carers	CBA0.52 (CB)
12pm to 12.30pm	Campus Tour	Care Leavers and Carers	
12.30 to 1.00pm	Lunch	ALL	CBA0.052 (CB)
1.1pm to 1.15pm	Open and Welcome; Marilyn Andrews, Pro-Vice Chancellor	ALL	DHO.051, Dorothy Hodgkin Bldng.
1.15pm to 2.00pm	Keynote Address; Georgina Hyde-Dryden, PhD Researcher, Loughborough University <i>"Overcoming by degrees": exploring care leavers' experiences of Higher Education</i>	ALL	DHO.051, Dorothy Hodgkin Bldng.
2pm to 2.45pm	Chris Tyler, Head of Staffordshire Virtual School and Sam Hubszer, Manager Staffordshire Through Care Team <i>"The Virtual and The Real": support for looked after learners, pre and post 16</i>	ALL	DHO.051, Dorothy Hodgkin Bldng.
2.45pm to 3.30pm	Video Screening: <i>"Careless Whispers"</i> Q&A with panel of Student Care Leavers	ALL	DHO.051, Dorothy Hodgkin Bldng.
3.30pm	Close		



**Further information can be found on the
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