

DID YOU KNOW?

our university

ACTS AS A CORPORATE PARENT TO ALL STUDENTS WHO GREW UP IN CARE



NOW THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE THIS TERM

- Would you have been able to rent your flat or accommodation if your parent hadn't signed up as a guarantor?
- We want to show that **we care** by asking our university to **act as a parental guarantor** for care-experienced young people studying here.

Show your support

SIGN our petition on campus today

OR sign online at: www.scottishlabour.org.uk/wecare

JOIN US celebrating National Care Day in George Square on Thursday 18th February at 6pm as the City Chambers is lit up in Care Leavers Tartan.

CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE



Who are they?

Looked after or care experienced young people are those who grow up in the care system, the state is their parent. Too often society writes them off as bad kids not worthy of sympathy, rather than fundamentally good children who find themselves where they are because of a life that has been free from care and full of neglect. Young people who are more likely to have experience of violence than of affection. Right now they are more likely to go to jail than to university, Labour wants to change that and has pledged to help more care experienced young people to university with full grants worth up to £6,000 per year.

What is a corporate parent?

An organisation, local authority or care provider who are responsible for physical, emotional, spiritual, social and educational development to any looked after child or care experienced young person. These parents, including our university, have a responsibility to report to the government every three years on how they're stepping in and being a good parent to the young people they are responsible for in the absence of that young person's family. By stepping in as guarantors, our university would be able to demonstrate to the government that they are being a responsible and caring parent.

How would this work?

Cardiff University already runs a successful guarantor scheme through their Student Support Centre and we would like to see our university follow their lead. Students apply to the scheme before you agree to a tenancy. The scheme doesn't pay rent, the student is responsible to make payments for rent directly to the landlord, in line with their tenancy agreement. Students are protected as Cardiff Uni has an Approved Housing List to ensure students don't fall ill of slum landlords. Find out more at:

<http://blogs.cardiff.ac.uk/studentlifecu/>