Other Useful Contacts

**Student Award Agency for Scotland**
If you are undertaking Higher Education at College you should contact SAAS for further information on the kind of support you may be eligible for, please contact SAAS on 0300 555 0505 or visit the SAAS website [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk).

**Who Cares Scotland**
Who Cares? Scotland is a national voluntary organisation, working with care experienced young people and care leavers across Scotland. 0141 226 4441 - [www.whocaresscotland.org](http://www.whocaresscotland.org)

**Skills Development Scotland (SDS)**
0800 917 8000 - [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)

**Become**
This charity works toward improving the everyday lives and future life chances of care experienced young people. [www.becomecharity.org.uk](http://www.becomecharity.org.uk)

Become created and updates the PROPEL website, which is a great resource about college options with lots of information for children in care and young care leavers. For further information please visit the website: [www.propel.org.uk/Scotland](http://www.propel.org.uk/Scotland)

Contacts and Links

For further information about the support available at New College Lanarkshire please visit our website [www.nclanarkshire.ac.uk/students/care-experienced](http://www.nclanarkshire.ac.uk/students/care-experienced) or contact the relevant person at each of our campuses:

- **Linda Buchanan (Coatbridge Campus)**
  01236 460 028 / linda.buchanan@nclan.ac.uk

- **Paula Etherson (Cumbernauld & Coatbridge Campuses)**
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- **Alison Fernand (Cumbernauld)**
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- **Billy Findlay (Motherwell Campus)**
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It operates from campuses in Coatbridge, Cumbernauld, Kirkintilloch, Broadwood Stadium, Hamilton and Motherwell, with links to community learning centres across the region.

Children and Young People Act 2015

In line with the Children and Young People Act 2014, which came into force in April 2015, the college is recognised as a corporate parent to all children and young people who are looked after or classed as a care leaver up to 25 years of age.

Committed to looked after young people/care leavers

We welcome applications from individuals who are looked after young people or care leavers and we are committed to providing the right support. We understand that coming to College can be an unsettling experience, and we want to support you when taking this step. We, therefore, offer advice and guidance to help at all stages of your learner journey, pre-entry, on course, and support with next steps after College. For more information about support available and a note of local contacts for each of our campuses please log onto our website for more information www.nclanarkshire.ac.uk/students/care-experienced

How do you inform the college that you are looked after or a care experienced learner

To make sure you get the support you need the college requires to know if you are looked after or a care leaver. You will be asked to highlight this on internal forms such as the application form, enrolment form and bursary application forms. The college will keep this information confidential and this will be used to support you.

What question will the college ask you?

Are you a looked after young person or classed as a care leaver up to 25 years of age.

This includes young people who are in Kinship care, foster care, residential care or who are being supported through a continuing care package or aftercare package.

Evidence

In order for your looked after/care leaver status to be taken into account when your application is processed, you may be asked to provide evidence of this. This is usually in the form of a letter from your social worker, children’s house manager, key worker or other relevant person.

Please do not hesitate in contacting the college’s Student Advisers at each of our campuses if you need help with this.

Once you have informed the college that you are looked after or a care experienced learner what can you expect?

- Information about support available;
- Support completing your application and deciding which course is right for you;
- The college can liaise with your local authority to ensure a smooth transition into college Life, if required;
- We can arrange individual visits for you and a friend, adviser or parent/guardian to introduce you to the college and cover anything you need to know;
- If your application for college is unsuccessful you can request an interview with a Careers Adviser from Skills Development Scotland and if appropriate the college’s Student Advisers

Funding support for care leavers/looked after and accommodated students

Starting college can be a daunting thought for any potential student but knowing your funding entitlements can help make your journey easier.

Our aim at New College Lanarkshire is to ensure every care leaver/looked after and accommodated student is offered the support from our Student Funding Team to advise of your entitlements and assist with your application, if necessary. Contact our office at any of the three campuses on 0300 555 8080 to speak with a funding adviser or to arrange a drop-in time.

A letter from the Social Work Department/Head Teacher confirming you are a care leaver/looked after and accommodated young person up to the age of 25 years of age will assist you in your application for funding.

Support for Learners

We are committed to providing a range of learner support services in order that learners can achieve their full potential whilst at college.

This can include support with childcare arrangements, literacy or numeracy support, learning and study support, emotional support or counselling.

Keeping in touch

The College will keep in touch with you, you can expect to be contacted bi-monthly throughout your time at College. We will make you aware of events and activities relevant to your College experience.

Corporate Parenting Administrator

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