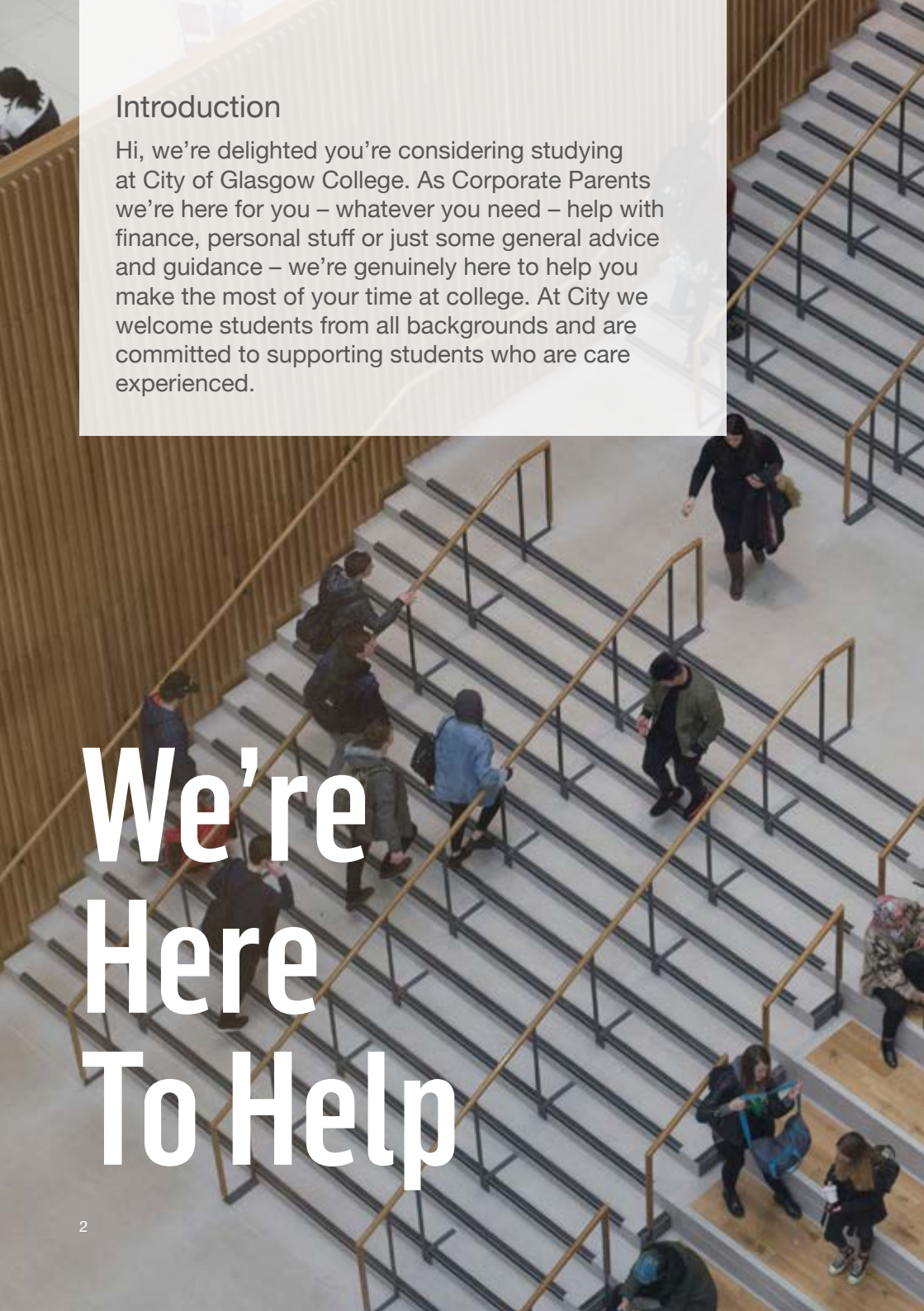


College Information

A Guide for Care Experienced Students

Foster Care
Residential Care
Supervision Kinship Care
Adoption
Looked after at home
Looked after away from home





Introduction

Hi, we're delighted you're considering studying at City of Glasgow College. As Corporate Parents we're here for you – whatever you need – help with finance, personal stuff or just some general advice and guidance – we're genuinely here to help you make the most of your time at college. At City we welcome students from all backgrounds and are committed to supporting students who are care experienced.

**We're
Here
To Help**



Care Experienced

What does that mean? Well, actually, who knows better than you! It may be that you have experience of foster care, kinship care or looked after and accommodated care. We have expert staff and named contacts for you to call on throughout your time at college. Some students may find it difficult to be in a new environment but that's fine – chances are there are lots of other students feeling exactly the same way. We will do our very best to help you feel part of the wider college community.

What We Offer

- **Named contact**
- **Personal Support** – health and wellbeing, counselling, budgeting, general advice, building confidence, mindfulness
- **Accommodation** – advice and guidance on accommodation, homelessness, Riverside Accommodation or other student flats
- **Financial Support** – College Bursary/EMA, Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) or additional financial help through Hardship Funds and help with budgeting
- **Career Advice** – help to apply for university, update your CV, assist you to apply for employment, guidance with your future plans after college and career opportunities
- **Learning Support** – help with additional learning needs or if you have a disability. Support also includes study skills, time management, literacy, numeracy and ICT skills, exam preparation and essay writing

Our College as a Corporate Parent

It means that we have an obligation to provide appropriate support for you. When and how much support you want will be completely up to you. Your CEYP Advisor will make contact with you to ensure that everything is okay and that you're accessing everything you can to make your transition to college and your time here as enjoyable and worry free as possible.

This could be help to access extra funding, study support or personal wellbeing – anything really. We want you to feel safe and secure at college and will do as much as we can do to help you settle in.

We work closely with a number of external agencies including **WhoCares? Scotland, CELCIS, MCR Pathways, SDS, Social Work and Throughcare**. We're happy to meet up with you and your Advisor/Key Worker to help pave the way for a smooth transition into college. We'll support you from the outset by:

- Arranging an initial meeting to make sure you have everything in place (funding etc.) to start college and answer any questions you may have
- Ongoing communication to ensure you're aware of any updates or opportunities to make sure you are getting the most out of your time at college
- Ongoing **CEYP Named Advisor** support
- We'll celebrate your successes and achievements with you – e.g. invite to attend the **WhoCares? Scotland** and **SQA** awards ceremony

And finally we want you to have an amazing time at the **City of Glasgow College** – talk to us. We're here to help you...

- **ENGAGE**
- **DEVELOP**
- **UNDERSTAND**
- **COMMUNICATE**
- **ACHIEVE**
- **TRUST**
- **ENJOY!**







Useful Contacts and Organisations

Email: careexperienced@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk

Telephone: 0141 375 5192

Student Advice and Guidance Manager: Lisa Hardy

Email: lisa.hardy@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk

Telephone: 0141 375 5116

CEYP Named Advisor: Louise Downie

Email: louise.downie@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk

Telephone: 0141 375 5192

Direct: 0141 375 5120

Advisor General

Email: studentadvisors@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk

Buttle UK:

Web: www.buttleuk.org

Contact: Speak to an Advisor who will help with information



My World of Work:

Web: www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Telephone: 0800 917 8000



Skills Development Scotland:

Web: www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Telephone: 0141 285 6000



Propel Scotland:

Web: www.propel.org.uk/scotland

Telephone: 0800 023 2033



Celcis:

Web: www.celcis.org/contact-us/

Telephone: 0141 444 8500



WhoCares? Scotland:

Web: www.whocaresScotland.org

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