

Student Carers

Wednesday 11 December 2024

In January 2024 the Office for Students added two groups of students with care responsibilities to their Equalities of Opportunity Risk Register: [young carers](#) and [students with parental responsibilities](#). However, student carers form a broader group that includes young carers in school or in further or higher education, and higher education students with parental or other care responsibilities. The particular challenges that young carers and student carers may face include accessing a sufficiently wide variety of further or higher education opportunities, restricted access to academic, personal support and extra-curricular activities, increased cost pressures that may affect their course outcome and reduced opportunities to access further study or progress into employment that is reflective of their qualification levels.

- ◆ **09.45 Registration**
- ◆ **10.00 Welcome and introductions**
Annette Hayton, Senior Research Fellow & NERUPI Convenor.
- ◆ **10.05 Towards ‘care-full’ academic futures?**
Professor Marie-Pierre Moreau, Professor in Sociology of Education, Work and Inequalities, Anglia Ruskin University.
- ◆ **10.25 Who Cares? Supporting students with caring responsibilities**
Dr Rachel Spacey, University Mental Health Advisers Network (UMHAN).
- ◆ **10.45 Initial Question and Answer Session**
- ◆ **11.00 Short Break**
- ◆ **11.15 Supporting the educational progression of young carers**
Claudia Lusardi, Outreach Projects Manager, Study Higher, Oxford Brookes University.
- ◆ **11.35 Supporting student parents and carers on-course**
Lauren Huxley, Student Experience Officer, Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds.
- ◆ **11.55 Discussion Session**
Building a Care-full academic culture
- ◆ **12.30 Feedback and Roundup**
- ◆ **13.00 Close**