

Student Carers Online Event

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Meet our Presenters

Towards ‘care-full’ academic futures?

Professor Marie-Pierre Moreau, Anglia Ruskin University

Marie-Pierre Moreau is Professor in the Sociology of Education, Work and Inequalities at Anglia Ruskin University, UK, where she is also the Education Research Lead and Director of the Centre for Education Research on Identities and Inequalities (CERII). Her current research concentrates on two key areas: teachers’ identities and careers, with specific reference to gender and the ‘feminisation thesis’, and the relationship between care and academic work, with specific reference to the way students and staff with caring responsibilities are positioned in academic discourses.

Who Cares? Supporting students with caring responsibilities

Dr Rachel Spacey, University Mental Health Advisors Network (UMHAN)

Dr. Rachel Spacey has worked as a researcher and evaluator in Higher Education and the Third Sector for over 20 years. Her career has focused on inclusion/exclusion in a range of learning environments. She worked as an Access and Participation Plan evaluator at the University of Lincoln and more recently moved to the charity, UMHAN (University Mental Health Advisers Network), inspired by her own mental health experiences as a student.

<https://www.umhan.com/pages/our-staff>

Supporting the educational progression of young carers

Claudia Lusardi, Study Higher, Oxford Brookes University

Claudia is an Outreach Projects Manager with Study Higher, a Uni Connect Partnership of universities, further education colleges and other stakeholders in the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Swindon areas that work together to provide young people with high quality impartial advice and guidance about education opportunities. Claudia oversees three Study Higher programmes for underrepresented groups including young carers, care experienced students, service pupils and students of Black African, Caribbean, South Asian or mixed heritage that support students to achieve their education and career goals.

Supporting student parents and carers on-course

Lauren Huxley, University of Leeds

As Student Experience Officer Lauren's role is to ensure that students studying with the Lifelong Learning Centre and mature students from across the University are having an excellent experience during their time at Leeds. To support these students outside of their studies, Lauren works with the Student Support Officer, Student Experience Assistants and wider Lifelong Learning Centre team to organise events and workshops throughout the year. She also works with Course and School Reps to ensure that student voice plays a key role in the University's decision-making and the services it delivers.