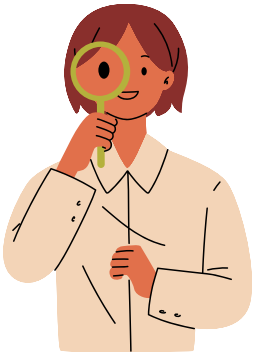


# ***Graduate Bursaries for Care-Experienced Students***

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DO THEY  
MAKE?**



**This is Geraldine. She has graduated from University with a degree in Applied Social Science.**



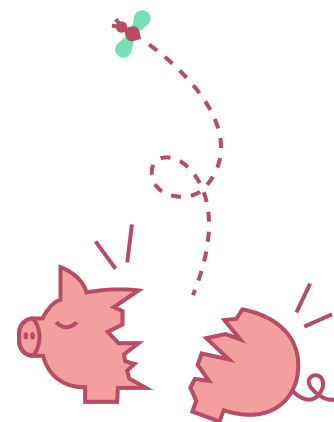
**This is Martha. She has graduated from University with a degree in Sociology.**



**Geraldine's university provided a Graduate Bursary for care-experienced students.**



**Martha's university did not.**



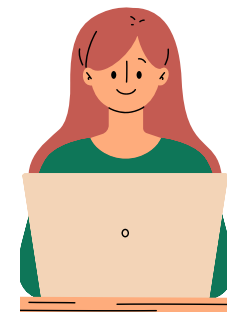
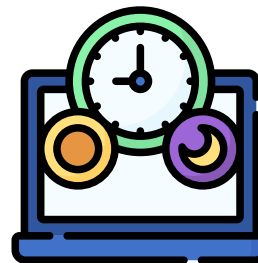
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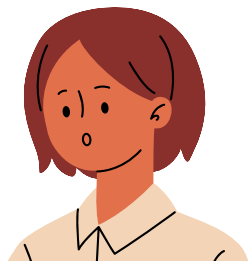
**'I'm able to pay the rent, I'm able to live... I can pretty much survive on it'**



**'I was working 50-60 hours a week to make ends meet on everything as there was that gap in funding'**



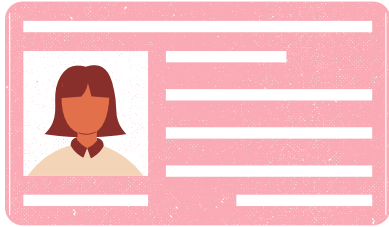
**'The finance that I got I used to put down a deposit and to pay the rent'**



**'We didn't have a guarantor... they've made us pay four months of rent up front which was over £3000'**



**'I'm using the money that I have – my savings and the money from the graduation bursary - so that's been very useful that I have that to pay for driving lessons'**



**'I got my four jobs set up, all of which were part time and all of which were fairly casual with no sick leave, or no annual leave'**



**'The financial support was, oh, amazing... that really supported me'**



**'The graduate bursary would have been really helpful... it still would have kind of offered a bit of a stepping stone... It would have made the summer a lot less stressful, and I would have been able to have a bit of a break'**



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