

Widening Participation Programme Eligibility Criteria Definitions

Live in an area that has an SIMD decile 1 – 4: [The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#) (SIMD) is a tool created by the Scottish Government to measure how deprived different areas in Scotland are. It gives each home postcode a number between 1 and 10, called a 'decile.' Decile 1 represents the most deprived areas, while decile 10 are the least deprived. Pupils who live in an area which is decile 1, 2, 3, or 4 can register for the WP programme at the Glasgow School of Art.

Care experience: Young people who have been looked after by a local authority for any length of time, including adoption, foster care, residential or secure care, formal kinship care or looked after at home with support from social work. [Learn more about the ways we can support care experienced students.](#)

Young carer: Those who care for someone, who due to illness, disability, mental health issues, or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

Estranged from parents or legal guardians: Young people who are studying without the support of their parents or legal guardians through an irreconcilable breakdown in relationships or through being disowned. Young people in this position often have no verbal or written contact at all with both of their parents or legal guardians for a significant period of time and this would be very unlikely to change.

Refugee or seeking asylum in the UK: Someone who is forced out of their country to escape war, indiscriminate violence or persecution. A person who is seeking asylum has also fled their country for their own safety but is still awaiting the outcome of their application to be recognised as having refugee status by the Government

Young Black person or young Person of Colour (BPOC): Someone who identifies as belonging to a racial or ethnic group that is not white or has experienced discrimination based on their ethnicity or race.

Remote rural or island community: The Urban Rural Classification was created by the Scottish Government to define which areas in Scotland are urban or rural. It assigns each postcode a number between 1 and 8, based on how populated and accessible the area is. Pupils who live on an island or in an area ranked 7 or 8 can register for the WP programme at the Glasgow School of Art. Please email wp@gsa.ac.uk with your home postcode and a member of staff will check this for you.