

This information pack, Making Education Work for Young Carers, contains Fact Sheets that provide information and guidance for teacher and student welfare workers to; support young carers to continue their education to the level they aspire, identify the challenges young carers have in pursuing a formal education while attending to their caring tasks, and return; reduce some of the challenges teachers have in identifying, understanding and assisting young carers.

This pack was produced as a result of the feedback given from 139 teachers surveyed during the **CYCLOPS<sub>ACT</sub>** Making Education work for Young Carers project in 2004/05. They called for an information pack that would assist them and student welfare workers as they support young carers in their schools. The pack was also shaped by the 46 young carers who were interviewed during this time. The young people were clear that they had had very positive experiences with teachers who had been understanding and supportive. The majority of the young carers wanted their teachers and support workers to have more information about what challenges they face daily that can hinder their ability to participate in a formal education setting.

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