

BELONGING IN A COST OF LIVING CRISIS

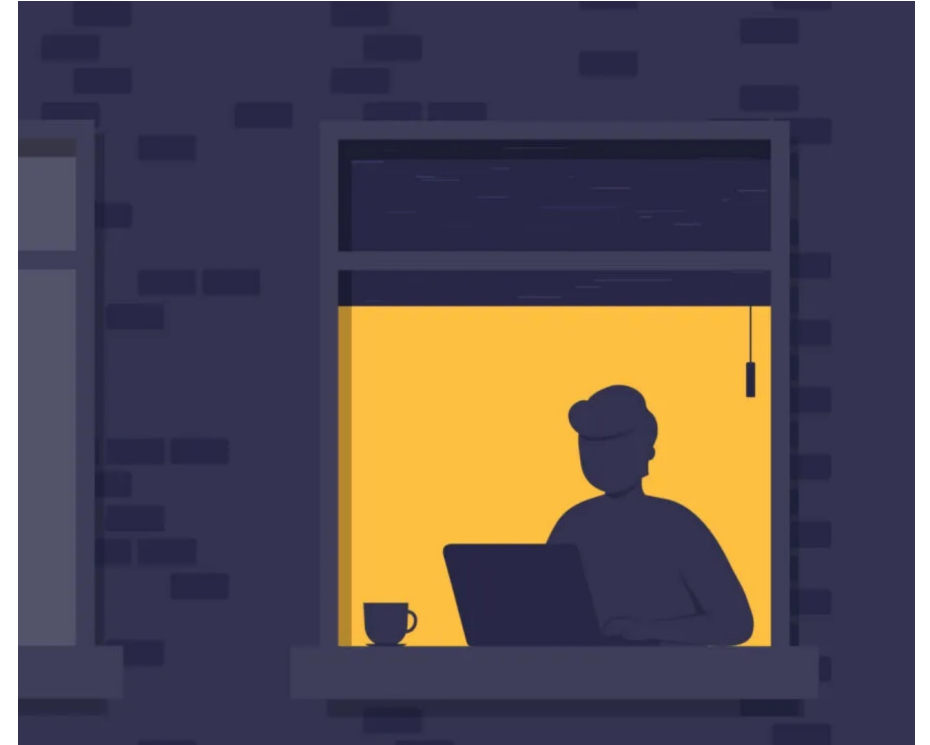
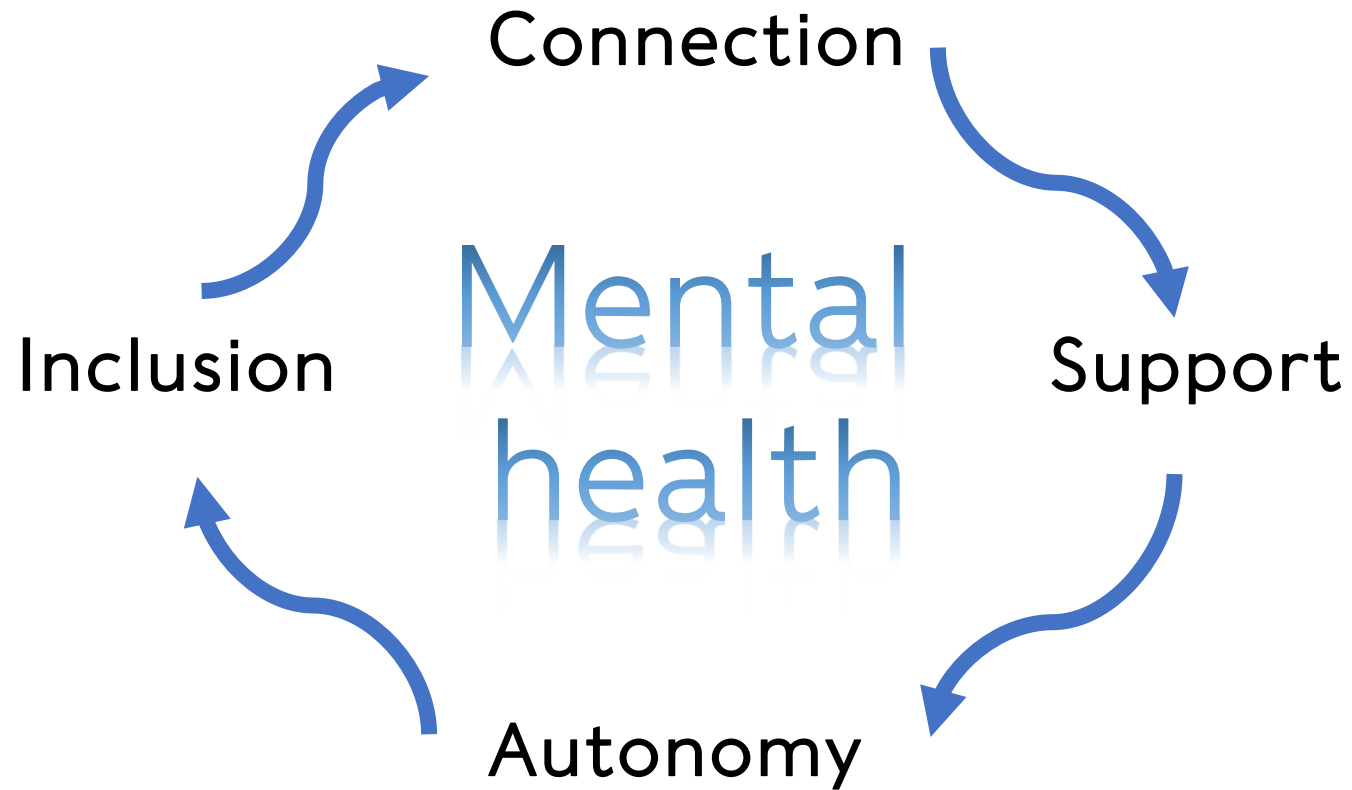
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The four foundations of belonging



Impact of cost of living on student experience

Cost of Living 2023 – University Students, Sutton Trust (Jan 23)

63% spent less on food and essentials

47% reduced social activity

18% avoided buying university course supplies

16% travelled less to campus/13% travelled more often to campus

9% scaled back or dropped out of university societies

57% are worse off financially this year than last

Cost of living and HE students, England, ONS (Jan-Feb 23)

91% somewhat or very worried about rising cost of living

49% report financial difficulties

58% said student loan does not cover living costs – 30% had taken on new debt

78% concerned that rising costs will affect studies

46% report worsening mental health since start of autumn term 2022

Student cost of living report, UCL SU for Russell Group SUs (March 23)

79% agree their student experience has suffered due to cost of living

72% agree their mental health has suffered due to cost of living

54% agree their academic performance has suffered

43% are confident about finding work after study

25% regularly go without food



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71%



Socialising

Socialising was the top activity mentioned when asked "**have money worries have stopped you from doing things you want to**".

This was followed closely by "**travelling home**"

Support

60% of respondents said they **strongly disagree** or **disagree** when asked, "In relation to cost of living, do you feel supported by the University?"

60%



SURVEY 1



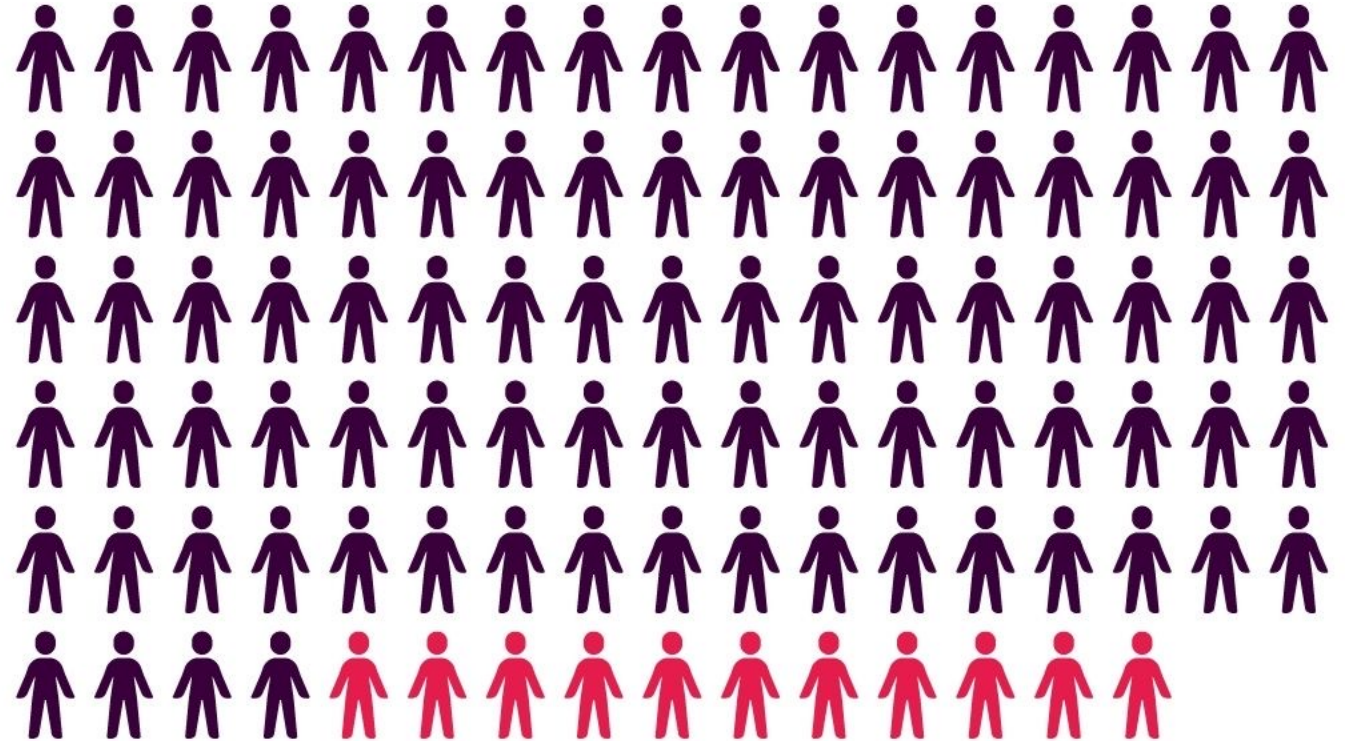
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"My general student experience has suffered due to the cost of living crisis"

88.9% Strongly agree or agree
7.2% Neither agree nor disagree
3.9% Strongly disagree or disagree



SURVEY 2