

EQUAL ACCESS

Access to Higher Education for all

To help make progress on this equality goal, your college gathers Equal Access information each year on the socio-economic background, disability and ethnicity of new entrants to higher education and returns it to the Higher Education Authority (HEA).

With the information, the HEA is able to measure equality of access to higher education and allocate the resources needed to support students of all backgrounds and abilities.

The information gathered is protected by robust data protection policies in your college and in the HEA, in full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and data protection legislation, and subject to audit by the Data Protection Commission.

Anonymous Equal Access data is shared with the HEA to support the allocation of funding for access programmes and students. The data is also analysed to advise national access policy. Only aggregate anonymous data will be published. No individuals or small groups can be identified in this analysis.

All new entrants are encouraged to respond to the Equal Access questions, however it is not mandatory and non-response will not prevent your registration at college or affect your eligibility for financial support.

Non-response may, however, have implications for the amount of State funding that is allocated to your college, and to the supports available to students who need them.

The HEA is responsible for funding higher education institutions and advising the Minister for Education and Skills on policy formulation to develop the highest standards in our higher education system. The HEA promotes equality of access to higher education for people with disabilities, mature students who previously had not the opportunity to access higher education, those facing social and economic barriers and minority groups, including the Traveller community. The HEA also administers the Fund for Students with Disabilities, the Student Assistance Fund and the Springboard Initiative.

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COTHROIME ROCHTANA

Rochtain ar an Ardoideachas do chách

D'fhonn dul chun cinn a dhéanamh ar an sprioc chomhionannais seo, bailíonn do choláiste eolas Chothroime Rochtana gach bliain ar chúlra socheacnamaíocht, mhíchumas agus eitneacht iontrálaithe nua san ardoideachas agus cuireann sé ar ais é chuig an Údarás um Ard-Oideachas (UAO).

Leis an eolas, tá an UAO in ann cáilíocht an rochtana ar an ardoideachas a thomhas agus na hacmhainní a theastaíonn le tacú le mic léinn ó gach cúlra agus cumas a leithroinnt.

Tá an t-eolas a bhailítear faoi chosaint polasaithe láidre cosanta sonraí i do choláiste agus san UAO, a lánchomhlíonann an Rialachán Ginearálta maidir le Cosaint Sonraí (RGCS) agus an reachtaíocht um chosaint sonraí, agus faoi réir iniúchta ag an gCoimisinéir Cosanta Sonraí.

Roinntear sonraí Chothroime Rochtana anaithnid leis an UAO le tacú le riar an mhaoinithe do chlár agus mhic léinn rochtana. Déantar anailís ar na sonraí freisin le moltaí a thabhairt maidir le polasaí náisiúnta rochtana. Ní fhoilseofar ach sonraí comhiomlán anaithnid. Ní féidir aon duine aonair nó grúpaí beaga a aithint san anailís seo.

Spreagtar gach iontrálaí nua na ceisteanna Chothroime Rochtana a fhreagairt, ach níl sé éigeantach agus ní chuirfidh neamhfhreagartha cosc ar do chlárúchán sa choláiste ná do cháilitheacht do thacaíocht airgeadais.

D'fhéadfadh neamhfhreagartha tionchar bheith aige ar mhéid an mhaoinithe ón Stát a leithroinntear le do choláiste, agus leis na seirbhísí tacaíochta ar fáil do mhic léinn a dteastaíonn siad uathu.

Tá an UAO freagrach as institiúidí ardoideachais a mhaoiniú agus comhairle a chur ar an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna ar cheapadh polasáí d'fhonn na caighdeáin is airde inár gcóras ardoideachais a fhorbairt. Cuireann an UAO cothroime rochtana ar an ardoideachas chun cinn do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, mic léinn lánfhásta nach raibh an deis acu riamh cheana an t-ardoideachas a rochtain, iad siúd ag tabhairt aghaidhe ar bhaic shóisialta agus eacnamaíocha, agus grúpaí mionlaigh, an Lucht Taistil san áireamh. Riarann an UAO an Ciste do Mhic Léinn faoi Mhíchumas, an Ciste Cúnaimh do Mhic Léinn agus an Tionscnamh Lingchlár.

Má tá tuilleadh eolais uait, déan teagmháil, le do thoil, le

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