



## TU Dublin SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

The vision for TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 is to *'Create a Better World, Together'*. In developing our TU Dublin strategy, and over the course of our conversations with over 2,500 stakeholders, we viewed the challenges facing us through the lens of the UN Sustainability Goals (SDGs). Some clear areas of focus emerged which resulted in shaping our plan to tackle our task through the following themes - People, Planet, Partnership and underpinned by the key SDG goal of 'Quality Education'. These pillars inform our approach to educational, research and engagement practices, ensuring that TU Dublin delivers real change, innovation and impact for society.

This is TU Dublin's third report on how the University has been addressing the SDGs. It includes examples of initiatives, events and project work that are having an impact across the 17 SDGs.

Year	Event
September 2022	Dyson unveiled this year's <a href="#">National James Dyson Award winner</a> , Méadú, by Wicklow-born Product Design graduate from TU Dublin, Paul Hendrick. With Méadú, Paul has attempted to solve a problem connected with primary school students learning and engaging with mathematics in both the classroom and home.
September 2022	Language Studies at TU Dublin, in collaboration with language, culture and history of empire scholars in the University of Sussex (UK), Mary Immaculate College (University of Limerick) and University College Cork, presented: <a href="#">Algeria – Ireland: Resistance Cultures Festival</a> .
August 2022	TU Dublin's Student <a href="#">Accommodation Guide</a> offers students advice on accommodation options available to them and tips when looking for accommodation.

August 2022	A new four-day programme <a href="#">LEVEL-UP for Access</a> was introduced to support those interested in returning to education or continuing their education but not sure where to start. The programme was managed by the <a href="#">TU Dublin Access Service</a> which was established to assist individuals and communities in overcoming socio-economic barriers to accessing higher education.
August 2022	TU Dublin has purchased over two thousand laptops for students in the University, following the provision of funding by the Irish Government and the Higher Education Authority (HEA) to make <a href="#">laptops available on long-term loan</a> to students in need.
July 2022	TU Dublin announced the launch of the <a href="#">2022 Breakthrough Scholarship</a> in association with THINKHOUSE and Yugo. This is a unique, tri-party scholarship designed specifically to help overcome barriers faced by young, marginalised students living in Ireland whilst fueling a more diverse marketing industry in Ireland.
June 2022	The <a href="#">TU Dublin Student Cost of Living Guide</a> is published annually to assist students in preparing financially for university.
June 2022	TU Dublin has introduced an <a href="#">Entrepreneurship Programme for People with Disabilities</a> . The course was launched in conjunction with the <a href="#">Open Doors Initiative</a> , an early supporter and co-founder of the programme.
June 2022	TU Dublin is part of a consortium of Technological Universities in Ireland awarded €18.81m under the <a href="#">National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)</a> to support teaching and learning reforms arising from the experiences of digitally enabled education during the Covid-19 pandemic. The NRRP is funded by the European Union and is the largest component of <a href="#">NextGenerationEU</a> – the European Union’s response to the global pandemic. This is the first tranche of €40m in NRRP funding, which will be made available to the technological sector over two years (2022-2024) to support flexible course provision and increase participation in higher education by underrepresented groups alongside innovative approaches to addressing regional skills needs.
May 2022	TU Dublin announced 600 places under <a href="#">Springboard+</a> . Springboard+ courses are from Level 6 (certificate) to Level 9 (masters) on the National Framework of Qualifications and are delivered by public and private higher education providers around the country.
May 2022	Minister Niall Collins today launched a <a href="#">TU Dublin Report</a> , which highlights the need to increase progression rates of students on Access Foundation Programmes to further undergraduate study.
April 2022	The School of Media and the Centre for Critical Media Literacy at TU Dublin <a href="#">hosted a seminar</a> on how intellectual disability, care and the meaning of freedom are represented in media.
March 2022	TU Dublin created a <a href="#">Crisis Support Fund</a> to assist researchers fleeing crisis situations. Across the World, researchers face threats to their lives, freedom, and careers in research.
Ongoing	TU Dublin leads the open research agenda with <a href="#">Arrow</a> , our publicly accessible research repository. Arrow has now surpassed an 11m download ( <a href="#">TU Dublin’s Annual Report, p.41</a> )

Ongoing	<a href="#">Access to Apprenticeship (ATA)</a> , run by TU Dublin, supports the transition of young people (16-24 years old) from disadvantaged backgrounds into an apprenticeship scheme. It is a 12-week full-time programme and is delivered by the <i>College of Engineering &amp; Built Environment</i> on the Bolton Street campus of TU Dublin.
Ongoing	The <a href="#">TU Dublin PATH 3</a> project brings together the various campuses of TU Dublin, along with community partners, to collaborate on delivering strategies to increase access to higher education for under-represented groups.
Ongoing	The <a href="#">Fund for Students with Disabilities (FSD)</a> allocates funding to third-level colleges, including TU Dublin, for the provision of services and support to full-time and part-time students with disabilities.
Ongoing	The <a href="#">Exceptional Circumstances Fund</a> helps TU Dublin students who cannot access traditional funding, by providing assistance directly to those experiencing extreme and immediate financial difficulty.
Ongoing	<a href="#">TU Dublin appointed a Directorate of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</a> as part of our <a href="#">Strategic Intent 2030</a> under the People pillar have committed to <i>'Being recognised as an exemplar in equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)'</i> .
Ongoing	<a href="#">The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) Scheme</a> is available at TU Dublin, encouraging school-leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to apply for full time undergraduate programmes.
Ongoing	The <a href="#">DARE</a> (Disability Access Route to Education) is available at TU Dublin offering a third-level alternative admissions scheme for school-leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second-level education. It offers reduced points places to such school-leavers.
Ongoing	The <a href="#">TU Dublin Access Foundation Programme</a> is a one-year full-time course preparing students, both personally and academically, to pursue undergraduate programmes at TU Dublin. The course is of particular benefit to adults who have been out of education for a long time, or who did not complete a Leaving Certificate. In addition, applications from people whose skills no longer allow them to access the labour market can participate.
Ongoing	TU Dublin offers <a href="#">Counselling Services</a> and <a href="#">Continuing With Your Studies</a> support services to assist students on their education journey.
Ongoing	TU Dublin recognises that some students may face financial difficulties during their time at college. The <a href="#">Student Assistance Fund</a> is in place to support such students.
Ongoing	<a href="#">TU Dublin Student Dignity and Respect Policy and Procedures</a> highlights our commitment to providing a safe and positive environment in which to work and learn preventing discrimination and harassment.
Ongoing	The <a href="#">1916 Bursary Fund</a> was first established in 2017 to encourage participation and success by students who are most socio-economically disadvantaged and who are from groups most under-represented in higher education.
Ongoing	<a href="#">TU Dublin Institute For Minority Entrepreneurship</a> was established to offer different minority groups in Ireland equal opportunity through entrepreneurship education and training.