



TU Dublin SDG 1: No Poverty Progress Report 2020

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.

TU Dublin was formally established on the 1st of January 2019 as the first technological university in Ireland. The TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 was launched in January 2020 and this document forms the first 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
Ongoing	TU Dublin Access Service was established over 20 years ago to assist individuals and communities in overcoming socio-economic barriers to accessing higher education. TU Dublin has one of the largest cohorts of access students participating in higher education in Ireland.
Ongoing	Our TU Dublin Access Foundation Programme is a one-year full-time course preparing students, both personally and academically, to pursue undergraduate programmes at TU Dublin. The programme forms part of TU Dublin's commitment to extending access to education to people from communities lacking a strong tradition of participation in third-level education.

Ongoing	TU Dublin HEAR Scheme encourages school-leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to apply for full time undergraduate programmes at TU Dublin.
Ongoing	TU Dublin Financial Aid Programme in conjunction with the Government of Ireland provides financial support to full or part-time students who are experiencing financial difficulties while attending college. It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds for Students with Disabilities - Student Assistance Funds
Ongoing	TU Dublin academic supports offers additional support in maths, writing and grinds to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to graduate.
March 2020	The Pathway to Entrepreneurship for People with Disabilities in Ireland report published by TU Dublin has found that the loss of income from social security benefits or supplemental disability programmes is considered the biggest barrier to self-employment. This report provides policymakers with a clear blueprint for developing the entrepreneurial potential of people with disabilities.