

Coláiste Íde College of Further Education

College Disability Supports

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Coláiste Íde is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities are able to access and participate fully in college life. We try to provide the necessary support facilities and heighten disability awareness amongst staff and students.

There are currently 3 external bodies associated with the college who provide supports for students with disability.

- **CRC Ability Programme**
- **National Learning Network Student Support Officer**
- **Headway Ireland**

The external bodies liaise with the staff of the college to support students attending programmes at level 4, 5 and 6.

Learning and exam supports for students on the CRC Ability programme is provided by CRC staff.

NLN /CDETB Student Support Service is a joint educational service provided by the City of Dublin Education and Training Board and National Learning network.

The purpose of this service is to support students who, for one reason or another, are having either a temporary or on-going difficulty in accessing their continuing education.

The disability support services in the college works closely with the Principal and Deputy Principal, Guidance Counsellors, Course Coordinators, QQI co Ordinator and members of staff to make sure that the right information, educational and exam support is given to people identifying educational needs.

Recommendation Educational Support forms are supplied by each of the agencies associated with students who have a disability. The information is drawn from the information supplied by students and other supporting documents such as psychological and or Doctors reports. The RES is the student's voice; information agreed to be disclosed and requested supports. Recommendations for Educational Supports are placed on VShare so that staff can have access to relevant information.

Exam accommodations will be determined by the college utilising the RES forms . All students who are entitled to Exam supports and accommodations will be offered supports before their first assignment or exam.

The Student Support Officer associated with each of the three external agencies in the college in conjunction with the college management can assist students with accessing appropriate learning supports as may be required. These can be physical supports such as assistive technology, transport or personal supports such as care attendants, note-takers, scribes, readers, additional time for exams. The relevant Student Support Officer will also assist with the integration of disabled students into the life of the college or to provide counselling and support for those with a learning disability.

External Body Personnel

The Ability programme Co-Ordinator is Sinead Drew. Her office is located beside Room 11

The NLN Student Support Officer Ms Eileen Daly. She is available every Monday in the college. Her office is located in the Arts Building.

The Headway Ireland Rehabilitation Training Officer is Niamh Rowe. Her office is located beside Room 10.