



# EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL

## WHAT IS THE EQUAL ACCESS SURVEY?

The Equal Access Survey is an annual **voluntary** survey of first year full-time and part-time undergraduate new entrants to Higher Education Authority (HEA)-funded colleges.

## WHO CONDUCTS THE EQUAL ACCESS SURVEY?

The Equal Access Survey is conducted by your college and data from the survey is returned to the HEA for analysis purposes<sup>1</sup>.

## WHY IS THE EQUAL ACCESS SURVEY CONDUCTED?

With information obtained from the Equal Access Survey, the HEA can **measure equality of access to higher education** and allocate the resources needed to support students of all backgrounds and abilities. This will help progress the goal of equal access to higher education for all.

## WHAT INFORMATION IS COLLECTED?

To help progress the goal of equal access to higher education for all, information is gathered on the **disability, ethnicity (including members of the Irish Traveller community) and lone parenthood status** of new entrants to higher education<sup>2</sup>.

## IS COMPLETING THE EQUAL ACCESS SURVEY MANDATORY?

While all new entrants are encouraged to complete the Equal Access Survey, it is **not mandatory**. However, non-response may have implications for the amount of State funding allocated to your college.

If you would like further information, or an accessible version of this leaflet, please contact [access@hea.ie](mailto:access@hea.ie)

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, the Programme for Access to Higher Education and the Springboard+ initiative.

<sup>1</sup> Only aggregate anonymous data is published.

<sup>2</sup> 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.



# COTHROIME ROCHTANA AR AN ARD-OIDEACHAS DO CHÁCH

## CÉARD IS SUIRBHÉ AR **CHOTHROIME ROCHTANA** ANN?

Is suirbhé bliantúil **deonach** é an Suirbhé ar Chothroime Rochtana a bhaineann le hiontrálaithe lánaimseartha nua agus iontrálaithe páirtaimseartha nua atá sa chéad bhliain ar choláistí atá á maoiniú ag an Údarás um Ard-Oideachas (UAO).

## CÉ A DHÉANANN AN SUIRBHÉ AR **CHOTHROIME ROCHTANA**?

Is é do choláiste a dhéanann an Suirbhé ar Chothroime Rochtana agus cuirtear sonraí ón suirbhé ar ais chuig an UAO le haghaidh anailíse<sup>1</sup>.

## CÉN FÁTH A NDÉANTAR AN SUIRBHÉ AR **CHOTHROIME ROCHTANA**?

Leis an eolas a bhailítear ó Shuirbhé ar Chothroime Rochtana, 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. Cuideoidh sé sin chun dul chun cinn a dhéanamh i dtreo chuspóir cothroime rochtana do chách.

## CÉN T-EOLAS A BHAILÍTEAR?

Chun cuidiú le dul chun cinn a dhéanamh i dtreo chuspóir cothroime rochtana ar an ard-oideachas do chách, bailítear eolas maidir leis an stádas míchumais, **an stádas eitneach (baill de Lucht Taistil na hÉireann san áireamh) agus an stádas tuismitheoireachta aonair** a bhaineann le hiontrálaithe nua san ardoideachas<sup>2</sup>.

## AN BHFUIL SÉ ÉIGEANTACH AN SUIRBHÉ AR **CHOTHROIME ROCHTANA** A DHÉANAMH?

Cé go spreagtar na hiontrálaithe nua uile chun an Suirbhé ar Chothroime Rochtana a líonadh, **ní hé gur éigeantach atá sé**. É sin ráite, d'fhéadfadh neamhfhreagartha tionchar a bheith aige ar mhéid an mhaoinithe ón Stát a leithroinntear le do choláiste.

Má tá tuilleadh eolais uait nó má tá leagan inrochtana den bhileog seo ag teastáil uait, déan teagmháil, le do thoil, le [access@hea.ie](mailto:access@hea.ie)

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 Míchumas, an Ciste Cúnaimh do Mhic Léinn, an Clár Rochtana don Ardoideachas agus an Tionscnamh Linghláir+.

<sup>1</sup> Ní fhoilsítear ach sonraí comhiomláin gan ainm.

<sup>2</sup> 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.