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CIT DSS
Orientation Q&A for new students – Sept 2020

WELCOME!

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Who's talking today?

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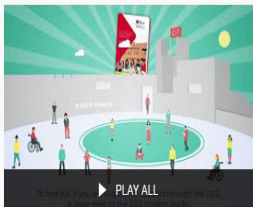**Ruth Murphy and Fiona Downey**
CIT Disability Support Service (DSS)

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DSS Orientation Information

https://tinyurl.com/citdssyoutube   www.mycit.ie/dssstudent guide

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CIT Disability Support Service Overview
R Murphy
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CIT DSS Supports Overview
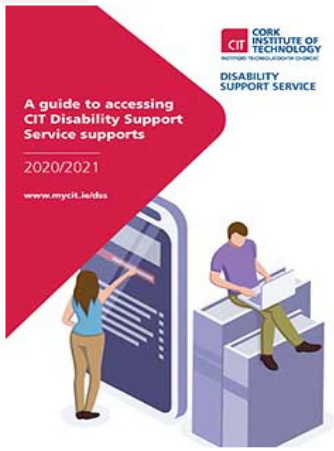R Murphy
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Roisin Ormond - DSS student welcome
R Murphy
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Applying for DSS supports 202021
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CIT DSS 2020/21

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DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICE

A guide to accessing CIT Disability Support Service supports

2020/2021

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Today's session

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Short presentation:

- **Starting college @ CIT and Key dates**
- **DSS supports and information**
- **Applying for supports**

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Live Question and Answer session - send us texts using the app

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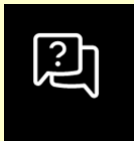2020-09-18   4

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Live Question and Answers

- **You can ask questions on MS Teams using the question chat icon – top right hand corner**

- **You won't see your question coming up immediately in the Featured Questions - we will answer it publicly or privately.**

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Key things to know about college

- You will be studying a mix of online lectures and practical classes on campus - depends on your course.
- CIT Academic Delivery update 10 Sept: https://covid19.cit.ie/

- CIT communicates with you through your myCIT email and through Canvas - the app where you access your recorded/live lectures, lecture notes, submit assignments, online exams.

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Key college 2020/21 dates

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- **Course Registration:** 24th Sept - 2nd Oct in Bishopstown campus. Packs posted out Thurs 17th Sept - www.cit.ie/admissions

- **Good Start support:** student ambassadors #GoodStart2020 Insta: https://t.co/fSuVWJr77I?amp=1

- **Classes start on 5th October.** Online timetables available before – may change!
- College year is in 2 semesters – 50% done by Christmas. Academic calendar dates: www.cit.ie/aboutcit.semesterdatesandcalendar

- CIT becomes MTU in January 2021 – www.mtu.ie

WELCOME TO Good Start ★ CIT ★

OCTOBER 5

MTU MUNSTER TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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Covid-19 @ CIT

Coronavirus **COVID-19**

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All updates for CIT: https://covid19.cit.ie/

- Everyone should wear a facemask in all buildings.
- Campus facilities are open, e.g. library, food court, shop.
- One way system in place in buildings.
- Students will complete a short online course.

Things may and probably will change – depends on government guidelines.

Coronavirus COVID-19

STOP THE SPREAD

WALK ON THE LEFT

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Using technology/ Online learning supports

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- **CIT TEL guides:**
https://tel.cit.ie/tips-for-remote-learning
https://edtechstudents.eu.helpdocs.com/

- **Do a quick course on online learning in college from DCU!**
https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/a-digital-edge-essentials-for-the-online-learner

- **Typing training**: http://typing.com

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CIT Access Government laptop loan scheme

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One of the groups of students who will automatically qualify for one of the laptops:

- First year students who are DARE eligible, also in receipt of a full SUSI grant and who confirm need. The DSS will email DARE students week 21st Sept.
- Check if you are in other categories.
- If not, you must apply through the Student Assistance Fund: www.mycit.ie/saf

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DARE DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

Student Assistance Fund

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Disability Support Service (DSS)

NICE TO MEET YOU

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Online Remote meetings and support using email/MS Teams
Access Service Administrator at front desk - 021 433 5138

Map of Student Centre, Bishopstown Campus

The quickest way to reach us is at dss@cit.ie

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Who does the DSS support?

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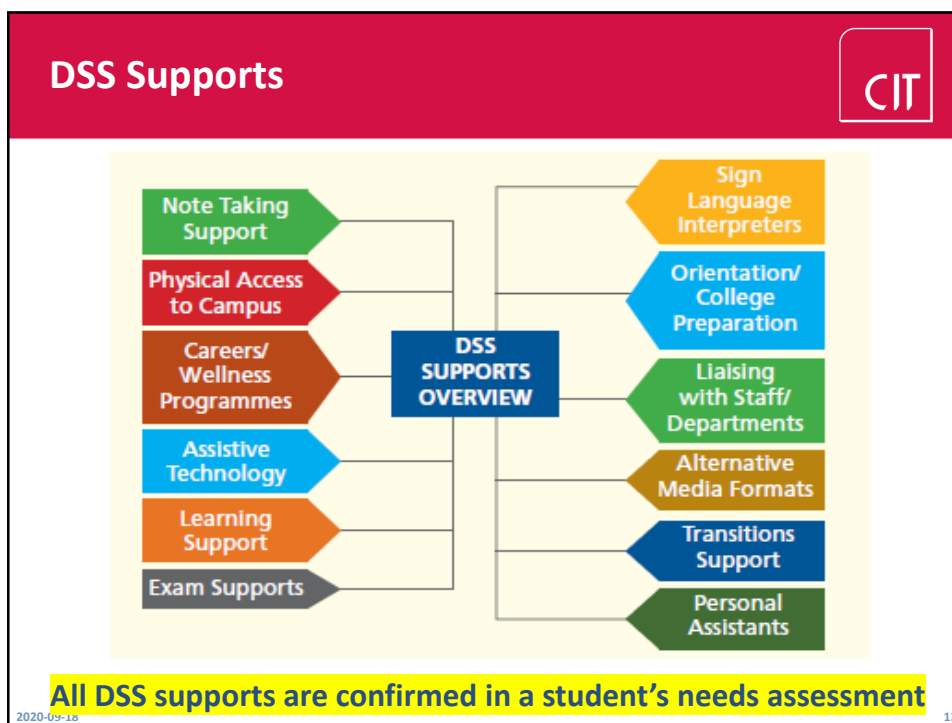INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA CHORCAÍ

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DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICE

We support over **900 students** with:

- Specific learning differences, including dyslexia
- Dyspraxia (DCD) and dysgraphia
- Physical disabilities
- Significant ongoing illnesses
- Mental health
- ADD/ADHD
- Autism Spectrum
- Blind/ Vision Loss
- Deaf/ Hearing Loss
- Speech and language

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DSS Supports

All DSS supports are confirmed in a student's needs assessment

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DSS Canvas module

- All the Learning Support and Assistive Technology Resources will be here as well as information about Exam Supports, Career and Work placement
- Students will be emailed instructions on how to enroll on the module.

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DSS Learning Support

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Planning and structuring assignments	Academic writing skills	Quoting, referencing and plagiarism
Taking good notes	Managing deadlines	Exam and revision techniques
Presentation skills	Reading and research	Essay writing

1:1 remote support available and workshops

www.mycit.ie/access_disability/disability-support-service/learning-support

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DSS Assistive Technology (AT) Service

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AT computer lab: For DSS students ONLY

✓ Workstations with AT software
✓ Software installed to help students
   with their studies – also available
around campuses and remotely
✓ YouTube channel with online guides:
   https://www.youtube.com/user/AccessATS

Range of software and training videos available to download at home

Full time DSS AT Officer - Mark Burleigh
for AT assessments and queries
mark.burleigh@cit.ie

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Exam Supports

Generally students use technology in exams instead of personal support e.g.
- **Reading software** instead of readers
- **Typing** instead of scribes
- Marking guidelines instead of **a spelling and grammar waiver**

Extra time can also be allocated
Some students will have access to a smaller exam room

Students need to request exam supports from their lecturers /the Exams staff in their campus well in advance of each exam if needed. Follow the instructions you get by email.

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Transition Supports

Available to new students on the autism spectrum for first year of college.
- Support in getting to know college
- Online mentoring sessions after needs assessment
- Julie O'Donovan leads the programme.

JulieA.ODonovan@cit.ie

Online Information session on Wednesday 23rd September @7pm
https://citdsstransitions2020.eventbrite.ie

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DSS Supports

Contact us as soon as possible if you need any of the following:

- ISL interpreter/speed text
- Access to disabled parking, transport, physical access to buildings
- Personal assistant to support you physically access the campus and/or personal care
- Mobility training or alternative format for students with a visual impairment

Email dss@cit.ie

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Your CHOICE!

DARE DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

Student choice

- **All students need to apply if you wish to get DSS supports – but it's your choice!**
- **DARE reduced students must apply for supports.**
- Even you were not eligible for DARE you can still get supports.
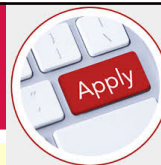
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CIT DSS operates a strict confidentiality policy and we cannot disclose any information about the student registration, academic progress, to parents, lecturers, etc., unless we have the student's consent, or unless there is a health and safety risk.

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How to apply for supports? **3 STEPS!**

- **STEP 1:** Fill out Online Application Form:
  www.mycit.ie/access_disability/disability-support-service/registering

- **STEP 2:** Submit documents by email
  (DSS already has copies of documents from CAO/DARE).
  www.mycit.ie/documents-needed
- Attend classes and sign up to DSS Canvas module.

- **STEP 3:** Receive a needs assessment which confirms DSS supports / reasonable accommodations.
- This is sent to your myCIT email. You may be waiting a few weeks to receive it. You may also be asked to attend a meeting with DSS staff.

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Your Needs assessment /supports

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Student choice

- **Your needs assessment document is yours – you decide what to do with it.**

- **It's your responsibility to engage with supports recommended in your needs assessment.**

- **You can request to review your supports at any time when you are in CIT.**

It starts with you

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Support Services at CIT for everyone

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- ✓ **Academic Learning Centre –** free subject classes
- ✓ **Academic Success Coaching**
- ✓ **Student's Union**
- ✓ **Access Service – financial help /HEAR**
- ✓ **Careers Service**
- ✓ **Counselling Service**
- ✓ **Medical Centre & ERT**
- ✓ **Clubs and Societies**
- ✓ **Sports facilities – CIT**
- ✓ **Mature Student Officer**
- ✓ **Accommodation office**

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Next steps

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- Register for course / Set up your email and Canvas
- Start getting used to technology
- Fill out DSS Online Application Form and look at orientation videos
- Contact us immediately if you need an early needs assessment

If you are having a problem, please to speak to your lecturer, course-coordinator, or head of department or contact us!

JUST ASK

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