



**CARLOW
COLLEGE**
ST. PATRICK'S

Information for Learners

Under the terms of the Equal Status Acts 2000 to 2012, the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act (EPSEN, 2004) and the Disability Act 2005, Carlow College, St. Patrick's is committed to providing an equal opportunity learning environment for all learners.

If you are a learner with a disability / specific learning need and require disability-related support to access your teaching and learning environment in Carlow College, you must first identify your support needs. This usually involves an educational needs assessment which is conducted by the Academic Resource Officer. This assessment report makes recommendations about your support needs to the Fund for Students with Disabilities.

This fund is sponsored by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) with assistance from the European Social Fund (ESF). The National Office for Equity of Access to Higher Education co-ordinates the fund and reviews applications on behalf of the DES. Funding is allocated on the basis of a needs assessment of each individual learner in the learning environment.

First time applicants need not be exclusively those in the first year of a course.