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## Colleges reach out to students with disabilities

THE University of Limerick has joined 10 other colleges in a drive to fill over 1,000 higher education places for students with disabilities.

The Disability Access Route to Education

(DARE), is aimed at all school leavers with disabilities and this supplementary admissions scheme recognises the impact of disability on educational attainment and on progression to higher education.

Approximately three-hundred students accepted places through the DARE scheme in 2009, and the eleven participating colleges aim to greatly increase this number in 2010 by offering on average 5% of first year

places on a reduced points basis.

Significant improvements have been made to the DARE scheme through funding provided by the government's Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF).