



AIT joins drive to increase disabled intake

Fine Gael Longford/ Westmeath Senator Nicky McFadden has congratulated Athlone IT on its participation in the college admission scheme which aims to make it easier for those with disabilities to access third level education.

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) initiative, which is being launched by seven universities and four colleges including Athlone IT. It's designed to encourage the transition from second to third level education for people with disabilities by making an average of 5% of first year places available on a reduced points basis.

According to Patricia Kearney, AIT Disability Officer: "Students with disabilities experience constant and complex challenges throughout their educational experience which makes it difficult for them to reach their full education potential."

A dedicated website, www.accesscollege.ie, has been developed which contains full details of the scheme and will assist students in making their applications.