

Student Assistance Fund

Student Assistance Fund (SAF) is a limited fund which may be available to students who are experiencing financial hardship and is advertised on the student notice boards. The SAF is open to full-time registered students. Students on part-time courses or Access students are not eligible to apply.

The SAF is to assist students who are unable to meet costs associated with day-to-day participation in higher education, including:

- Books and class materials
- Essential travel
- Rent, heat and lighting bills
- Medical costs and childcare costs

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Are you unemployed and/or in receipt of social welfare benefit? You may be able to up-skill for free by doing a Springboard course.

LYIT through the Springboard+ initiative in higher education offers free courses at certificate, degree and masters level, leading to qualifications in areas where there are employment opportunities in the economy. To view our Springboard courses

www.lyit.ie/springboard20162017/

Springboard+ is co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Social Fund as part of the ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020.

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Testimonials

I am a fourth year student, who has used the facilities in the Curve since the beginning of first year. My time spent at LYIT would not have been as enjoyable or even possible without the outstanding help from the staff in the Curve. Help with mathematics and proof reading assignments and essays was always available to me. However, it's the staff's ability to make you feel welcome and that anything's possible where obstacles can be overcome to suit the student is where I believe the Curve stands out.

Kieran

The support I receive from the Curve has been extremely essential to me in reaching my potential ...especially the assistance of the Note taker which allows me concentrate better in class.

Shauna

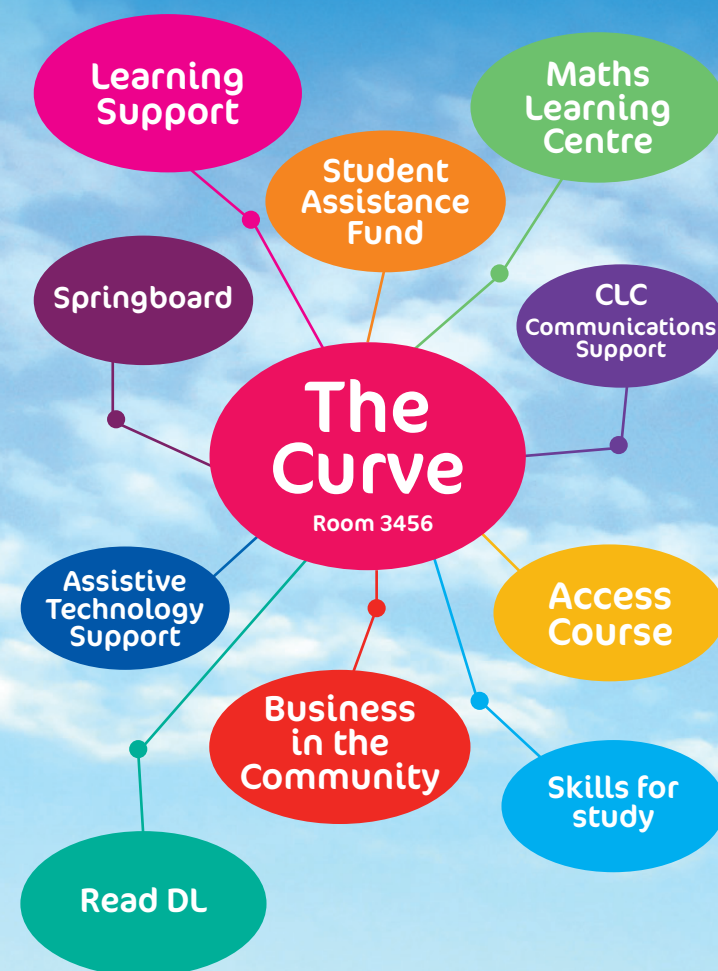
Throughout my fourth year in college I found the staff in the curve to be very helpful and supportive.

Shannon

I am a masters student at LYIT. I started my student life back in 2011 when I enrolled for the Access course as a mature student. I had left school at a young age so to allow me to enter a chosen course in LYIT I was granted a place first on the Access course. This was a great way to break into student life, the skills gained transferred over to the start of my degree and eased the feeling of being overwhelmed. Through the Access course and my further studies at LYIT I have not only gained the skills I need in the computing industry but also the confidence needed to succeed.

Denis

The Curve supports students to achieve their potential at LYIT



“without the support of the Curve, I wouldn't be where I am today” ... Declan; successful Business Owner and former LYIT student.



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Learning Support

We are committed to providing ongoing support for students with disabilities to enable them to achieve their potential.

Approximately 250 students are registered with the Curve annually.

We will provide you with the following supports if needed, subject to funding and submission of relevant information:

- Learning support tuition
- Personal assistants
- Speed text operators – quality assured by Deaf/Hear
- Study skills tuition
- Exam techniques
- Dyslexia support
- Access to specialised software, e.g., Read and Write Gold and Dragon Naturally Speaking
- Access to special exam arrangements
- Access to assistive technology
- Access to maths tuition
- Transport

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As a wheelchair user I have found the computer room which is provided by The Curve invaluable as it is easily accessible. The staff in the centre have always been more than helpful providing me with extra tuition where needed.”

Nicole, Honours Degree Student

Access Course

The Access Course (CPSHE) is a 1 year course designed as an entry route for students irrespective of previous education who wish to progress and study at Letterkenny Institute of Technology. It is a fulltime course and students on social welfare may qualify for BTEA. Over 1500 have completed the Access Course to date.

Who can apply?

Mature students (23+) or early school leavers who are out of school more than 2 years.

Students who sat the LCA programme and achieved a minimum of 160 credits.

Subjects

- Learning skills
- I.T.
- Maths
- Communications
- Introduction to Business Studies
- Introduction to Science
- Introduction to Computing
- Introduction to Arts module NUI Galway

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Mathematics Learning Centre

The purpose of the Mathematics Learning Centre (MLC) is to support students' mathematics learning across all courses in LYIT. Perhaps you lack confidence in your ability to do mathematics? Perhaps you missed out somewhere along the line or had a negative experience learning maths? Whatever the reason, don't wait until it's too late. We are here to help all students and offer the following services:

- Small group tutorial support in Maths and Physics
- Limited individual consultations
- Exam revision support sessions
- Online support via Blackboard and email
- Access to special resources including digital pencasts.

Please call up to Room 3460 and talk to us about how we can help you. Alternatively email our two staff members Joe (joe.english@lyit.ie) and Lucia (lucia.ramsey@lyit.ie).

It is important to understand that the MLC is not a replacement for attending lectures. Also, we do not offer a service for completing maths assignments.

Communication Learning Centre

The aim of the Communication Learning Centre (CLC) is to help students with academic writing and study skills. This service is for all students of LYIT.

The CLC provides a number of workshops through the academic year:

- Preparing and delivering an effective presentation
- Writing an essay: advice on process and structure
- Advice on referencing and avoiding plagiarism
- Advice on exam preparation and technique
- Turnitin advice and information.

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