**The DCIL Independent Living Scholarship**

**Terms & Guidelines for Application**

**Overview**

DCIL has introduced this scholarship as part of a project to support students with a disability by means of a financial bursary. The budget for this project is currently € 750.00 per annum per Student, awarded each year over the span of their chosen course. The Scholarship is to enable the student to achieve greater independence and empowerment through participation in college life and to enhance their confidence to live independently.

**Conditions of Applications under this fund:**

1. The student must be accepted into their chosen course at LYIT.
2. The chosen course must be of no less than two academic years duration and capped at a four-year honour’s degree.
3. The Scholarship will cease should the course not be completed or the student fails to progress to the next year. If a repeat year is successively completed, the Scholarship will resume in the following year.
4. This Scholarship is for a student with a disability accessing or due to access the support of an Educational Support Worker or Personal Assistant.
5. The recipient must agree to promotional/acknowledgement photograph and article for DCIL website/social media and or Newspaper.

**Application Process**

1. Application Form must be accompanied by a written essay, titled ‘Independent Living’. We want to hear what your understanding of Independent Living means to you personally. We would like you to reflect on your journey, the barriers you have had to overcome and share with us what you believe the obstacles and opportunities are to true Independent Living in Ireland at the present time as a person with a disability. Minimum 250 words, Maximum 500 words.
2. Application form and Essay to be addressed to The Financial Controller either via post or email; jennifer.arenhold@donegalcil.com . Initial Approval in Principle will be granted/refused by the DCIL Finance Sub Committee.
3. Final Decision will be made on recommendation from the Finance Sub Committee by the DCIL Board. If a Board meeting is not scheduled within a time frame to suit the application, DCIL Chairperson will have the authority to approve and report to Board at their earliest convenience.