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Imagine you've just finished your **leaving cert**, ploughing through all the **hard work and study**. Now your friends are getting ready to **start college** – but your hard work has led you **nowhere**. No matter how well you **performed**, there's a high chance you won't be taking a spot on your **dream degree**. If you are lucky to get a **grant or scholarship**, you'll still face many other **challenges...**

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PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

While many campuses have started implementing scholarships for those in direct provision, the number of places are severely limited and do not go far enough to address issues such as accommodation or travel.

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LOCATION

Tendencies to locate direct provision centres in remote areas isolates many potential students and creates barriers to applying to a huge proportion of third-level campuses as accommodation costs in cities remain high and daily travel is not possible.

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CURRENT GRANTS

International protection applicants must be in the system for 3 years before they can avail of current grants to enter third-level. Those excluded from the government's grant scheme are still required to pay international tuition fees which can cost up to €20,000 a year. The scheme also does not apply to those wishing to engage in education beyond Level 8.

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Institutional Living

Direct provision as a system is **not fit for purpose**. Institutional living with a lack of protections for **physical, mental and emotional** well-being are major barriers for students reaching their potential. This also includes **technology access** supports and adequate **study spaces** which are difficult to access while living in direct provision.

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27TH AMENDMENT

The 27th Amendment to the Constitution in 2004 removed the automatic right to Irish citizenship for children born on the island of Ireland. Due to the length of Ireland's immigration and asylum processes, those faced with deportation in recent years have included children and young people born and raised in Ireland.

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Pledge to action

Pledge Your Action for an Equal Ireland

Name: *

First Name

Last Name

3rd Level Institution: *

Email: *

What action do you plan to take? *

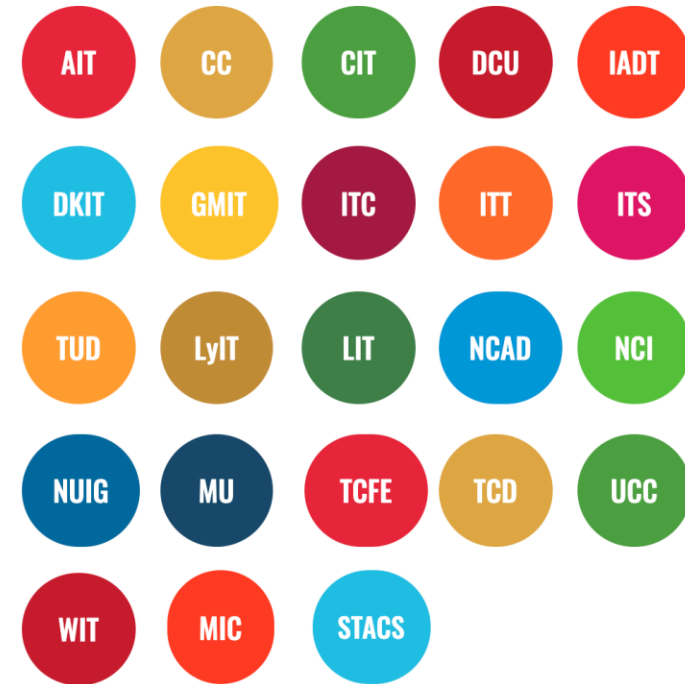
- Sign the petition
- Purchase campaign t-shirt/tote-bag
- Share information with others
- Email my institution
- Follow MASI and join the call for an end to Direct Provision
- Other:

Submit Form

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+ click on it to take action for #MigrantMindsMatter

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Northern Ireland:



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Any questions?



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what is USI?

- The Union of Students in Ireland (USI) is the sole representative body for students in Ireland.
- USI represents 374,000 students in over thirty member colleges across Ireland, North and South.
- Throughout its history, USI has worked relentlessly in the pursuit of student rights in all areas of the student experience.
- The goal of USI is to work for the rights of students and a fair and equal third-level education system in Ireland.



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