College Policy on Universal Access

College, in its current Development Plan has adopted the following policy statement with regard to Universal Access:

Safety and Universal Access

• All new buildings and existing buildings that undergo extension, refurbishment or material change of use must comply with; inter alia, the current Building Regulations, Fire Safety Legislation and Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Legislation.
• College is committed to achieving, where practicable, Universal Accessibility throughout its entire operation. This will contribute towards the highest standards of accessibility, environmental quality and sustainable development.
• Universal Accessibility is an integral function of College’s administration, operation, servicing and construction-related activities. Universal Design guidelines in compliance with Part M of the Buildings Regulations 1997-2009 together with The Disability Act 2005 and the TCD Universal Design Guidelines (Document U) detail the manner in which College is developing, promoting and implementing Universal Accessibility. It should be noted Universal Access facilities for the Historic and Protected buildings might not be possible in all cases.
• Designs should recognise the need for Universal Egress as well as Universal Access and appropriate facilities for the alerting and evacuation of hearing/mobility-impaired persons in the event of an emergency should be designed into the project.