

# TECH2STUDENTS

Powering on students

Fight social and educational exclusion by *powering* on students

The fast spread of COVID-19 has resulted in the closures of schools and the opening of virtual classrooms.

However, thousands of students don't have access to a laptop at home. Help us open the doors to virtual classrooms by donating your disused laptops to vulnerable students who need them.

Tech2Students is part of an innovative collaboration between Trinity Access (TCD) and Camara Education Ireland. It is part of a wider coalition involving the two organisations and SIFI and several NGOs, while ESB volunteers are providing significant logistical support with the collection and delivery of devices.

[Click here to donate a laptop](#)

[Click here to donate money](#)

(please select 'Tech2Students - TAP appeal' in the dropdown)

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Volunteers from our partner, ESB will collect the laptop from your door adhering to government-approved social distancing protocols. Camara Ireland and TCD volunteer engineers will restore the laptop to factory settings, securely wipe all data from the hard drive. A fresh operating system will be installed and ESB will then deliver the refurbished laptops directly to students allowing them to power on with their studies.

## WHO IS GETTING THE LAPTOPS

Leaving Cert students are our priority. We have connected with 19 DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) schools in Dublin to launch this campaign. Our overall goal is to get Tech2Students operational across Ireland to assist all those Leaving Cert, and other, DEIS students who urgently need technology at this crucial time in their education.



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## FACTS

- There are over 180,000 students attending DEIS schools in Ireland. DEIS schools attract additional state supports because of established characteristics indicating social and educational disadvantage.
- 86% of households in Ireland have internet access, but just 56% of 16-29 year olds have accessed the internet through a laptop in their homes.
- Progression rates to further and higher education for students in DEIS schools are traditionally significantly lower than non-DEIS. For example students from the most affluent parts of Dublin are up to 14 times more likely to progress to university than their counterparts from some schools in the city's most disadvantaged areas.

## FAQ

### ***My laptop is really old. Can I still donate it?***

We are looking for old devices but they do need to be usable. For this reason we are accepting devices which were manufactured in 2015 onwards.

### ***My laptop isn't working / can't connect to the internet / is missing it's charger: Can I still donate it?***

Sorry, but the device should be functioning as we do not have the capacity to do any hardware repairs. [You can see the specification of devices we can refurbish here](#)

### ***I have personal / private documents / photos etc I want to keep from the laptop?***

You should back up all files which you want to keep on a USB, external hard drive or to cloud storage (Google Drive, ICLOUD, Microsoft One Drive). This way you can keep your personal documents and photos and still donate your laptop. Note the disk on your device will be completely erased (reformatted in fact) before it is passed on, so all your files and information will no longer be available on the device.

### ***Will I get my laptop back after schools reopen?***

No, we are looking for people to generously donate their disused laptops to our cause. Laptops will not be returned but will have a very grateful new owner.



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### ***I'm worried about my private information.***

The disk on your device will be completely erased (reformatted in fact) before it is passed on, so all your files and information will no longer be available on the device. If you wish you can pre-wipe your laptop at home (see link). Either way it will still go through the secure process at the repurposing centre.

### ***I am cocooning/self-isolating can I still donate?***

Yes! We adhere to the latest government regulations for social distancing. ESB technicians will wear protective gloves, ring your doorbell, step at least 2 meters back and allow you to leave the device on your doorstep. When you re-enter your home and close the door they will then pick up the laptop and take it with them.

### ***I don't have a spare laptop but I'd like to donate money, is that possible?***

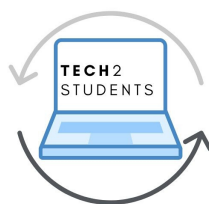
Yes! we have added a "donate now" button to our website. All donations, large and small, are welcome and 100% of your donation will go towards purchasing or repurposing laptops for students.

### ***I don't have a device but I do have a monitor / keyboard / mouse / headphones etc I would like to donate, can I?***

Our number one priority is getting devices to students but if you have equipment that would support student online learning we will gladly accept your donations.

### ***How do I prepare my laptop for collection?***

We ask that you ensure your laptop is turned off and is placed with its correct cables. No need to wrap it up, we will package your laptop and safely transport your laptops to our engineers for processing.



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