Putting Students First

As we face an overwhelming funding challenge, our worry is that our most vulnerable prospective and current students will never get to follow their dreams and achieve their full potential. More importantly, their impact on society as leaders, employers and problem solvers will never be seen.

We believe that together, we can transform lives. It is only thanks to the support that Victoria received that she was able to fulfil her potential. It is our responsibility, more than ever to ensure no student, like Victoria, is struggling or unable to realise their ambition.

Targeted support to those who need it most

At Ulster University, we have identified that lack of social equality is a major barrier to progress.

We believe that equipping more people from our most disadvantaged communities with qualifications, experience and skills through higher education is essential to our economic recovery and to addressing already deep-rooted social inequality.

Lack of social equity was already a pressing issue for Northern Ireland, and will be exacerbated as our most disadvantaged communities are one of the groups most affected by the long-term impact of COVID-19.

In April 2020, the number of students requesting urgent financial support increased by 69% due to hardship caused by the pandemic.

These unprecedented times present a whole new set of challenges for students and we know the demand for support from those hit hardest will increase.

In these challenging times, you can support the many students facing crisis like Carey.
"As an asylum seeker coming to Ireland at the age of 14, I have already faced many challenges in my life. Despite all the significant upheaval and uncertainty, one thing however has remained constant - my desire for an education to make an impact on the world and to build a better future for me and my family. As I’m ineligible for student finance and not allowed to work part-time, the scholarship this year has made a huge impact. I was able to buy a computer to access lectures online and carry out my coursework at home. I don’t know how I would have managed this year without the support, it’s helped me keep on track to transform my life.”

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