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# TU4Dublin alliance welcomes publication of the Technological Universities Bill

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DIT, IT Tallaght and IT Blanchardstown have welcomed the announcement today that the Technological Universities Bill has been approved for publication.



Since 2011, the three institutions have been working under the TU4Dublin umbrella with a view to coming together as one, and applying to be designated as Ireland's first technological university. In a message to staff and students today, the three Presidents said "While we now await the enactment of the new legislation, we are delighted that today's announcement means we can continue to plan our joint future with renewed certainty."

In preparation for application for Technological University designation, some colleagues in each of the three institutions have been formally seconded to the TU4Dublin Support Team, while many others have volunteered in working groups, and have attended seminars and conferences to explore how to maximise the opportunity to create a really exciting new kind of university for the students of the future. Encouraging further involvement by staff and students in the preparations over the coming months, the Presidents said "It is important that the future shape of the new institution builds on what we now do well as three separate institutions, and adds a further dimension, making it identifiable as the kind of institution students would aspire to attend; in which colleagues are proud to serve; and which will earn the loyalty of our respective graduates. Your input will be extremely valuable in achieving this aim."

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