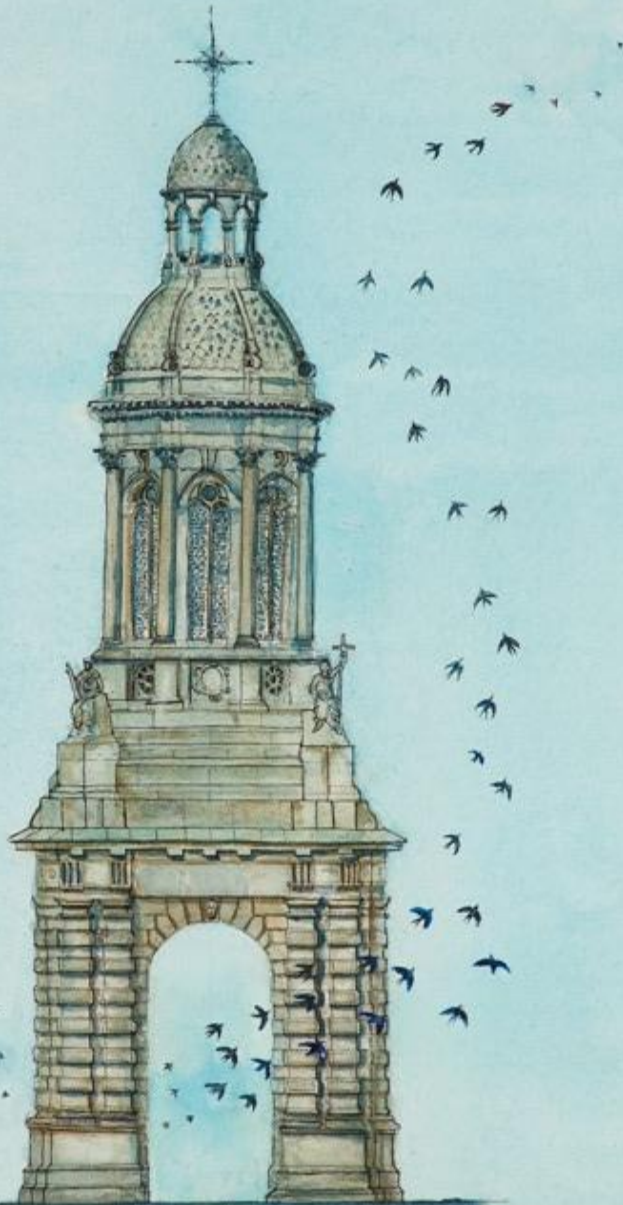


# Trinity Access Programmes (TAP) - *Towards 2014*



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# TAP's Vision & Mission

## Vision

To play a leading role in developing the higher education sector so it more equitably reflects the composition of Irish society

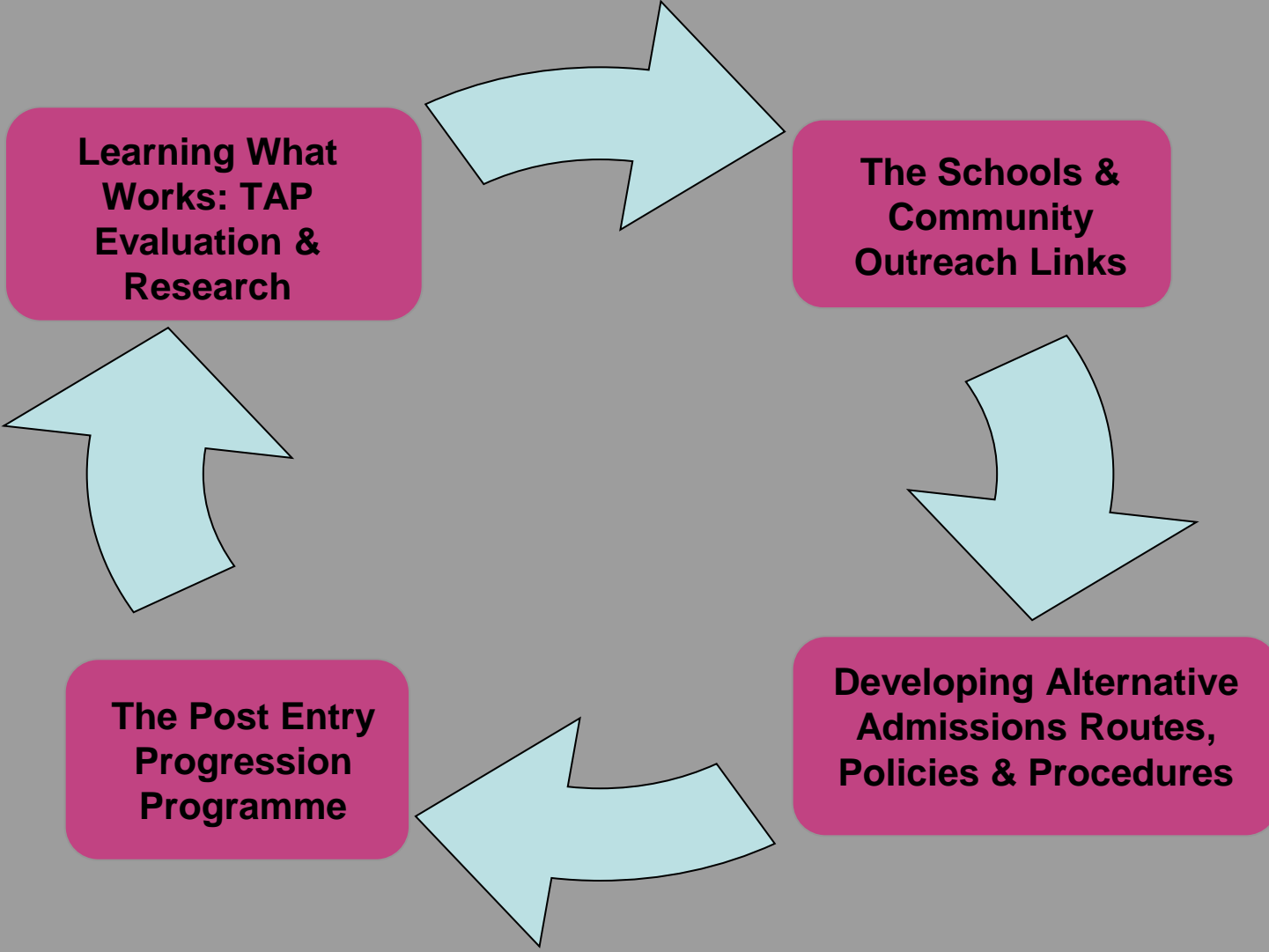
## Mission

To work in partnership across the education sector and with students, teachers, families, communities and businesses to widen access and participation at third level of under- represented socio-economic groups, mature students, ethnic minorities and Travellers



## How? - The TAP Approach

- > The Schools & Community Outreach Links (SCOL)
- > The Foundation Courses for Higher Education: Mature Students & Young Adults
- > The CDVEC Partnership Courses in Liberal Arts
- > Mature Students' Office
- > The Post-Entry Progression Programme
- > Research & Development





# Impacts & Achievements

## TAP Innovations

### Programmes

- > Primary Schools Link Work
- > Pre University Year with Young Adults
- > The Inner City Access Programme (ICAP)
- > Undergraduate Career Preparation Work
- > Corporate Project Delivery Partnerships

### Leadership in Policy/Advocacy

University admissions target and objective, reduced points system across all courses

- > Higher Education Access Route (reduced points admissions scheme)
- > FETAC qualification in Liberal Arts (university access course route to H.E.)
- > Pathways to the Professions
- > Research into Graduate Destinations of TAP students





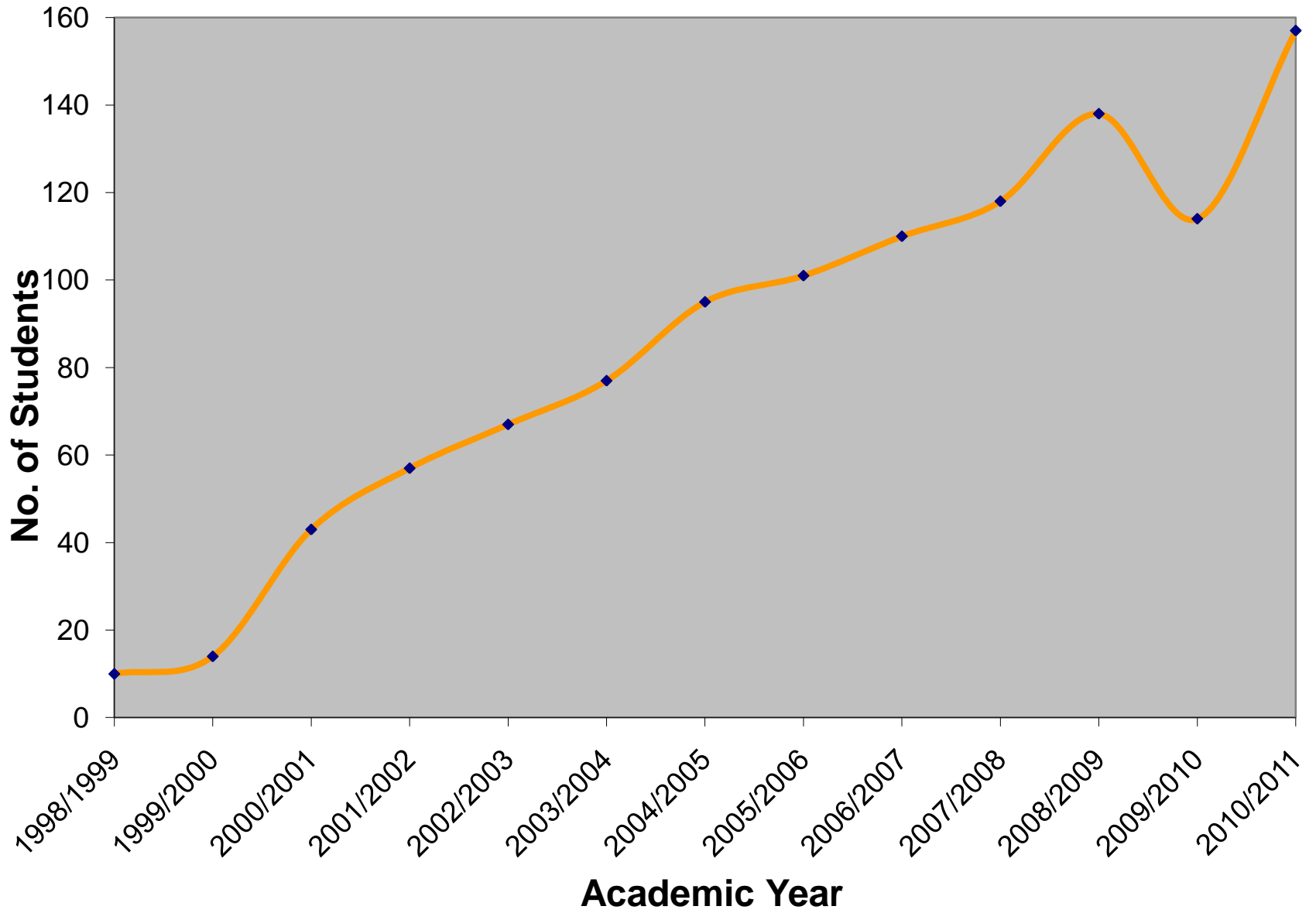
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## TAP in Numbers

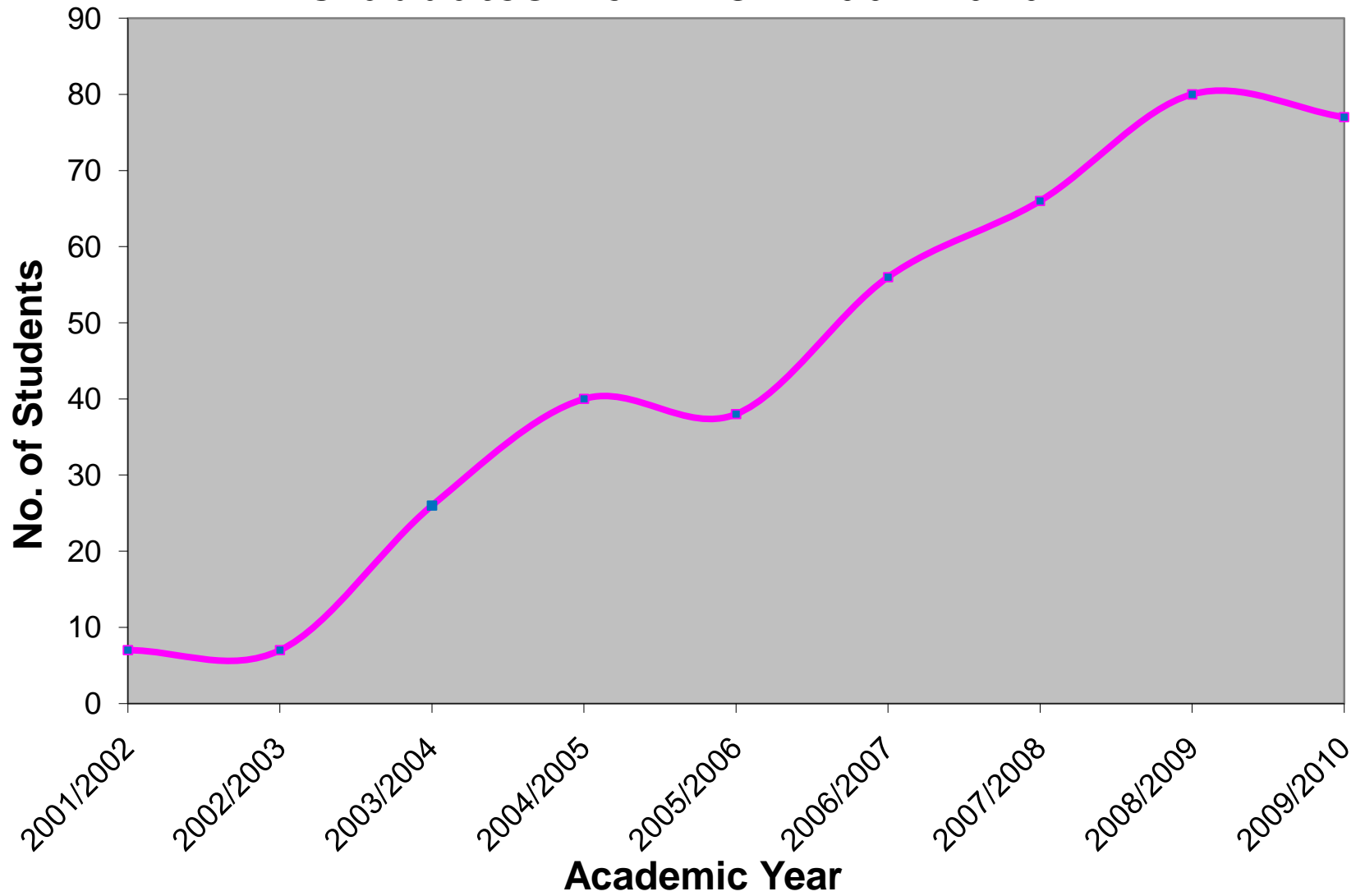
- > 400 TAP graduates from Trinity since 2002
- > 157 TAP students entered degree programmes through TAP routes in 2010
- > 524 TAP students currently in undergraduate study
- > 725 students from TAP linked schools progressed to higher education in 2009
- > 5,000 students, parents and teachers participated in primary and second level activities in schools and on campus



# Entrants to TCD 1998-2010



# Graduates from TCD 2002-2010







## Trinity's Strategic Plan - 2014

- Greater diversity in university population (target of 22% non-traditional students)
- Commitment to broadening the pioneering work of TAP
- Increasing engagement with local community and its stakeholders
- Trinity students, alumni, staff as active citizens





## TAP's Goals - 2014

- Consolidate, sustain and enrich current programmes
- Increase the participation of students from disadvantaged backgrounds from 5% to 7% and mature students from 8% to 10% (*at present the composition is 5% SEG, 8% Mature, 4% disability = 17%*)
- Contribute to a doubling of progression rates to TCD and DIT in the 2008-14 period (*as part of ICAP*)
- *Establish TAP as an international centre for excellence in widening participation policy & practice through re-location & re-launching*

