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## **A Statement by the Chief Officer, Galway City LCDC**

The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is required to prepare and submit a report to the Local Authority on its activities in the previous year. This report outlines progress in respect of the various LCDC functions over 2021, including a review of progress generally, details of meetings held, implementation and monitoring of the Local Economic and Community Plan and details of the oversight, management and collaboration in relation to public-funded programmes under the LCDC's remit.

Since the submission of the last report, Galway City LCDC and its sub-groups have had another busy and productive year despite the impacts and challenges of Covid-19 throughout 2021.

It is a welcome development that a number of national funding schemes such as the Community Enhancement Programme, the Community Activities Fund and Healthy Ireland for example, have made the LCDCs a fundamental component in the selection process of grant allocation. Notwithstanding the challenging timeframes that the LCDC and those that implement the schemes have been presented with, it is good that the coordinating role and the voice of the LCDC members is being heard in the allocation of public funds.

I wish to acknowledge the co-operation and ongoing commitment of all members and partners of Galway City LCDC over the past year which has seen the benefits of real partnership arising from the existence of the valuable structure and programmes of the LCDC. All LCDC meetings were held virtually during 2021, in keeping with Government guidelines. I would like to take this opportunity also to acknowledge the work of staff in the section who have been supportive to the LCDC, for their ongoing commitment and support in responding to community needs during difficult times during 2021.

I look forward to working with and supporting Galway City LCDC in 2022 in carrying out its functions.

I set out below the draft report for 2021 for consideration and approval of the members of Galway City LCDC.

*Caitriona Morgan*

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Chief Officer



## **Introduction & Background**

The governing legislation underpinning the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) is set out in Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which provides for the establishment of a LCDC in all local authority administrative areas. The Galway City LCDC was formally established by resolution of the local authority on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development. The committee is made up of representatives from the local government and local development sectors, public bodies and representatives of social, economic, environmental and community interests.

This draft report has been prepared under Section 128B of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 as the LCDC is required *‘not later than 31 March in each year, to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted’*. This draft report constitutes the Annual Report for the Galway City LCDC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

## **Role and Functions of Galway City LCDC**

In accordance with the functions detailed in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the LCDC has primary responsibility for co-ordination, planning and oversight of local development spend, whether that spend is delivered by local authorities, or on behalf of the State or by other local development agencies and structures.

LCDCs are charged with bringing a more coherent approach to the implementation of local and community development programmes and interventions, seeking to ensure an integrated approach to the local community and local development services between providers and delivery structures. It is important that LCDCs drive meaningful citizen and community engagement in the scoping, planning, delivery and evaluation of local and community development programmes. Each LCDC will focus on learning and feedback, enhancing the links between service delivery and policy development and will pursue opportunities for additional funding resources for their areas, whether Exchequer, EU, private or other sources.

Section 128B of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 sets out the functions of the LCDC. These functions include:

- In relation to the Local Economic and Community Plan, to –
  - prepare and implement the community elements of a 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan (the Plan),
  - review and monitor on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set to achieve the objectives of the Plan, and
  - consider a draft of the economic elements of the Plan and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in this regard,
- to coordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that –
  - may be agreed between Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and other Government Departments or State bodies,

- may be sourced through direct application by the LCDC or local authority on the LCDC's behalf (e.g. EU programmes), or
  - may be agreed by the local authority with relevant State agencies or Government Departments.
- to improve the coordination of public-funded local and community development programmes and reduce duplication, and to coordinate generally local and community development programmes within the LCDC's operational area, and
- to prepare an annual report on the performance of its functions.

### Membership of Galway City LCDC 2021

<b>Statutory Interests (7)</b>		
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Local Authority Elected Members</b>	Cllr. Martina O'Connor	Galway City Council
	Cllr. Owen Hanley	Galway City Council
<b>Local Authority Officials</b>	Brendan McGrath C.E	Galway City Council
	Breda Fox	Local Enterprise Office
<b>State Agencies</b>	Regina Higgins	Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection
	Anne O'Neill	Health Service Executive
	Sinead Morgan	Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board
<b>Non Statutory Interests (8)</b>		
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	Aoibheann McCann	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)
	Niall Ó Brolcháin	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)
	James Coyne	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)
	Anne Marie Stokes	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)
	Maria Molloy	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)
<b>Trade Union</b>	Elaine Harvey (Chairperson)	Galway Council of Trade Unions
<b>Employers / Business</b>	Frank Greene	Galway Chamber
<b>Local Development</b>	Declan Brassil	Galway City Partnership

The Galway City LCDC has 15 members drawn from the public and private sectors. The membership brings together the skills of people actively working in local development and community development with local authority members, officials and state agencies to implement a joined up, cross sectional approach to local and community development in Galway City.

### **Change in the Membership of Galway City LCDC**

During 2021 there was 4 changes in membership with Ms. Fiona Jennings, GCCN, Ms. Lorraine Grimes, GCCN, Ms. Eithne Nic Dhonnchadha, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board and Mr. Brian Barrett, Galway City Council resigning their seats. Replacements from each organisation were sought and Ms. Anne Marie Stokes, GCCN, Ms. Aoibheann McCann, GCCN, Ms. Sinead Morgan, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board and Mr. Brendan McGrath, Galway City Council attended their first meetings in September, November and December respectively.

2021 also marked the passing of Mr. Terrence McDonough, a member of GCCN, the PPN structure for Galway City and former Chairperson of the LCDC. Terrence was a committed member of the LCDC and LECP process. He was a valued member of the GCCN and LCDC and will be missed.

During 2021 Galway City LCDC convened a total of six meetings (online) on the following dates:

- Meeting of Galway City LCDC held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Meeting of Galway City LCDC held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021
- Meeting of Galway City LCDC held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021
- Meeting of Galway City LCDC held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Meeting of Galway City LCDC held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021
- Meeting of Galway City LCDC held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021



As set out in the Standing Orders, the quorum for meetings of Galway City LCDC is 9 and all meetings in 2021 met the quorum.

Meeting supports are provided to Galway City LCDC by the Community Section in Galway City Council. Minutes of the LCDC meetings are available on the Community section of the Council's website at [GalwayCity - Local Community Development Committee](#)

## **Local Economic and Community Plan 2015 – 2021**

### **Implementation & Monitoring of the Galway City LECP 2020 – 2021**

Monitoring of actions set out in the LECP has been carried out on an ongoing basis throughout 2021 with methods of monitoring including:

- Working group meetings, convened by lead partners with a good level of engagement and support, allowing discussions to take place on the milestones as set out in the implementation plan
- Ongoing liaison with key partners for both flagship and seed actions, with quarterly reports prepared and presented
- Presentations from lead partners at all LCDC meetings, focussing on the collaborative work in implementing actions in addition to discussion on challenges that needed to be addressed.

In relation to the review of guidelines for the LECP, the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) invited submissions from all local authorities to inform the guideline development process. The LECP Steering Group met during Q1 2021 to review and discuss a submission from Galway City LCDC as submitted.

The LECP Implementation Plan 2020 – 2021 progress reports can be viewed on <https://www.galwaycity.ie/lecp>

It has been acknowledged that resources from all partners will be required to continue to deliver on the actions of the LECP and all funding which will assist in the delivery is welcomed.

### **The next LECP – Development process and Guidelines**

In November 2021, the new guidelines on the development of Local Economic and Community Plans were launched by the Minister for Rural and Community Development and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The new revised guidelines build on the lessons learned from the current LECP cycle, as well as reflecting the needs of communities as we emerge from the pandemic. The new approach to the process, with a Framework LECP coupled with Implementation Plans covering a shorter period, will ensure LECPs are more agile and allow for emerging needs. The guidelines provide an outline of the process to be carried out in order to develop a fully integrated LECP at a local level. During December 2021, in line with the guidelines and the establishment of a LECP Advisory Steering Group, Galway City LCDC nominated Elaine Harvey and Breda Fox on this, joining Cllr. Niall McNelis and Dominic Whelan as the Economic Development, Community and Cultural Development SPC nominees.

### **Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 - 2022 (as extended to 2023) was an important programme for 2021 especially given its valuable contribution during Covid-19, in addition to providing its standard contribution to tackling poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local

engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations, and public sector agencies.

In Galway City, the LCDC is the contracting authority and its role is to manage and administer the programme, which is delivered at a local level by Galway City Partnership. Their task is to reflect the broad scope of the programme in their actions and use programme funding to strengthen communities and improve people's lives. There are 2 goals under the programme:

- Goal 1: Supporting Communities - To support communities and target groups to engage with relevant stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues, developing the capacity of local community groups and creating more sustainable communities.
- Goal 2: Supporting Individuals - To support disadvantaged individuals to improve the quality of their lives through the provision of lifelong learning and labour market supports.

In addition to the target groups to be supported under SICAP as set out in the programme requirements, Galway City LCDC agreed on the inclusion of Older People under the emerging needs target group for 2021.

SICAP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development with co-funding from the European Social Fund (ESF) as part of the ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020.

### **Progress under SICAP 2021**

The allocated budget for 2021 was €668,942. Galway City Partnership once again exceeded the targets set for the programme in 2021. The Key Performance Indicator (KPI) 1 target was exceeded by 12% with 48 local community groups assisted under SICAP, the target set was 43. In addition, KPI 2 target for 2021 was also exceeded by 38%, with a total number of disadvantaged individuals engaged under SICAP on a one-to-one basis being 612, the target set was 442. 30% of individuals were newly registered and 32.58% were from disadvantaged areas in Galway City. This targeted focus of support is further demonstrated by 79% of individuals identifying with one or more social inclusion barrier.

The majority of interventions with individuals through SICAP continued to be conducted by phone due to Covid-19 restrictions in 2021. However, staff did meet in person on a limited basis, particularly when there was urgent assistance needed. The offices were open throughout 2021 and all who attended for support were given assistance.

Significant support was given to local community groups across the city to enable them to respond to the additional needs they had as a result of Covid-19. SICAP staff supported groups to access and apply for funds to support these needs. The needs of local community groups across the city varied widely. For many their ability to meet and progress as 'normal' was dependent on their ability to use digital technology and embrace online meetings, for others where their activity was outdoor related, they were able to continue to meet albeit with certain restrictions. Galway City Partnership introduced a restart grant scheme under SICAP to assist a number



of smaller community and voluntary groups restart and get back up and running as many were not in a position to continue with their vital work supporting their communities during Covid-19. Galway City Council provided match funding towards this initiative which resulted in 24 community and voluntary groups receiving small scale funding to assist with restart costs, with total funding approved in the amount of €8,000.

The Goal 2 SICAP team worked in collaboration at a local level with Galway City Council, COPE Galway and the Peter McVerry Trust to create educational opportunities for homeless families. A pilot 'Pathways Project' emerged from this collaboration, a needs analysis survey was carried out by homeless services and a referral system between the homeless services involved and Galway City Partnership was established. Intensive support was provided through outreach, one-to-one and over Zoom to facilitate the referral process, individuals engaged in the longer term with SICAP through English classes, labour market training and community education.

Extensive collaborative work was conducted to support Children and Families during 2021. Representation on both School Completion Programme, Local Management Committee's was vital in accessing principals and HSCL teachers during school closures. It enabled targeted families to be provided with resources to access distance learning, both supporting children/young people with their education and personal development, and to remain within the education system.

All progress under SICAP is recorded on the Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS). In accordance with the SICAP programme requirements, continued funding is subject to positive findings from a mid-year and annual performance review by the LCDC and the KPI targets being achieved. *The LCDC will consider for their approval the 2021 SICAP Annual Performance Review reports at their meeting held on 24th February 2022.*

### Some samples below of SICAP collaborative projects in 2021





The focus of the SICAP Case Study for 2021 was on Engagement Strategies with SICAP Target Groups/Communities - with a focus on Older People as the agreed emerging needs group. The case study clearly showed a response to an identified lack of access to, and ability to use technology during the Covid-19 restrictions and the collaborative nature of the response. The project, entitled 'Here AM I' consisted of a number of online classes between January and June 2021, using the Acorn smart tablets purchased to support digital needs of older people in addition to helping to alleviate the social isolation experienced during Covid-19 restrictions. One to one support was provided remotely to participants and in November 2021, in person workshops took place over a six-week period. A total of 12 older people participated in these workshops where they continued to upskill themselves with these tablets as well as participate in creative and wellbeing workshops. The case study clearly outlined the critical success factors of the process, the outcomes for participants and the target groups benefiting from the action. A video has been commissioned which can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/qfpFddP2ssM>

### **Annual Planning for SICAP 2022**

The allocated budget for 2022 is €702,389 which represents a minimum of 5% increase on the 2021 allocation. Targets for 2022 are outlined in the table below, noting no change to the KPIs for 2022, allowing more space for qualitative engagement and outcomes.

*The LCDC will consider for their approval the 2022 Annual Plan for SICAP at their meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.*

Ref	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Annual Target 2022
1.	Total number of local community groups engaged under SICAP	43
2.	Number of Individuals (aged 15 years upwards) assisted under SICAP on a one-to-one basis	442
	Individuals under KPI2 living in Disadvantaged areas	22%

During 2021 the LCDC SICAP subgroup met on three occasions to oversee the delivery of SICAP and to monitor progress. The Pobal annual engagement meeting took place online during October 2021, attended by Pobal, the LCDC SICAP subgroup and Galway City Partnership.

### **SICAP Mid-Programme Review & Statement of Priorities**

During July 2021, the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) extended SICAP for an additional year meaning the current programme will now run up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The extra year gave an opportunity to step back and see how SICAP operated to date at a local level, what worked and what perhaps hadn't worked so well. This mid-programme review during 2021 at local level, with input from both the LCDC and Galway City Partnership agreed the SICAP priorities for the remaining two years of the programme. Part of this process was facilitated by Pobal at the annual engagement meeting which took place online during October 2021, which specifically focussed on what the programme had achieved so far and what the priorities of the programme should be going forward for Galway City. A statement of priorities was agreed by Galway City LCDC for 2022 and 2023 with a focus on Mental Health (including youth), Long Term Unemployed and Travellers /Roma. In addition, the emerging needs group for 2022 was agreed as Older People.

### **SICAP ESF eCohesion**

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014 – 2020.

As part of the requirements of the annual European Social Fund reporting, both the DRCD and LCDC are required to complete a verification of data held on IRIS for a sample of SICAP participants, checking against a copy of the participant registration form in order to verify that the data held is complete, accurate and evidenced. During 2021, Galway City Partnership and Galway City LCDC carried out the verification checks, including submission of the financial indicators template as part of the ESF Claim.

### **Internal Audit of SICAP 2019 and 2020**

During 2021, in line with the Internal Audit Plan approved by Galway City Council's Audit Committee, the Internal Audit Unit conducted a SICAP audit for years 2019 and 2020, in line with a scope of work and approach that was agreed in September 2021. The SICAP 2019 and 2020 Internal Audit Report issued as required in line with procedure. This report presents the results of the review with responses received from Galway City Partnership listing agreed actions and timeframes addressing the

recommendations made. As part of the follow up during 2022, details of progress with the implementation of the agreed actions and timeframes will be reviewed.

### **COVID-19 Community Response Forum and Community Call**

The Galway City Covid-19 Community Response Forum continued to meet for most of 2021 to review and lead the co-ordination of Covid-19 community supports and resilience and to ensure there was a co-ordinated community response, enabling all the voluntary and statutory agencies to collaborate in support of our communities and particularly our most vulnerable members. A number of issues and items of concern were addressed for further action, in particular with members of the Covid-19 NGO group. An update was given to the LCDC at each of their meetings held during 2021 on the work of the Forum.

In late October 2021, communication was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) advising local authorities that there was no longer a need to continue the operation of the Forum, noting this issued on the basis and understanding that the Forum can be quickly re-initiated at local authority level should it be required, based on public health advice. The Forum held its last meeting online during October 2021, to review its operation, processes and structures. The independent review that Galway City Council commissioned focused on the experiences of members involved in the Forum, framed around a number of key questions which included their comment on the overall structure and its purpose, their participation and engagement, information sharing, adaptability and flexibility, listening to the voice of the marginalised and vulnerable amongst others. Lessons learned and future actions were also gathered as part of this review, noting that members felt at this point the Forum has run its natural course and is not set to meet again at this stage.

### **Community Call Helpline**

The Galway City Covid-19 Community Call Helpline, led and coordinated by Galway City Council continued throughout 2021, providing a dedicated community response helpline to ensure that all vulnerable members of our community were appropriately supported as we moved through the response to Covid-19. A key purpose of the Helpline is to ensure that older people and those who are vulnerable in our community have access to very practical supports such as groceries, meals on wheels, transportation, medication collection, social support, information amongst others. The Helpline is operational from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday by Freephone 1800 400 150 and email to [covidsupport@galwaycity.ie](mailto:covidsupport@galwaycity.ie). Outside of normal working hours, including weekend's calls / requests will automatically route to the out of hours call service and are dealt with accordingly.

### **Community Resilience Fund to Local Authorities (“Keep Well” campaign initiatives)**

The Department of Health, through the support of Sláintecare approved an allocation of funding for specific actions for each local authority under the Community Resilience Fund. The allocation under this fund for Galway City was €57,948.50 which supported the delivery of initiatives during 2021 under a number of the themes in line with the national Keep Well campaign. For a full list of projects approved please see Appendix 1.



HSE Community Services in Galway joined with Galway City Council to support older people to mind their physical and mental health and wellbeing in early 2021 by producing a 20-page booklet and series of accompanying videos, as part of a range of initiatives under the Keep Well campaign. The booklet provides a range of practical advice focusing on the key themes of keeping active, staying connected, switching off, eating well and minding your mood. Visit [www.galwaycity.ie/wellbeing/](http://www.galwaycity.ie/wellbeing/) to download the booklet.



### **COVID-19 Emergency Fund (2nd Round)**

During May 2021, Galway City LCDC approved grants totalling €58,029 to 36 local community and voluntary groups in Galway City under the Covid-19 Emergency Fund (2<sup>nd</sup> Round), providing additional funding to help them in their response to Covid-19. The funding approved enabled the adaptation of a range of local services and operations to fit the new Covid-19 reality in addition to enabling local community and voluntary groups become more involved in the 'Keep Well' campaign, which focussed on the themes of staying connected, switching off and being creative and minding your mood. The Covid-19 Emergency Fund is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and administered by Galway City LCDC. For a full list of projects approved please see Appendix 2.

### **Healthy Galway City**

Healthy Galway City is an initiative of Galway City LCDC which seeks to create a city where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential. Throughout 2021, Healthy Galway City continued to work in partnership with key stakeholders and communities to further implement the actions funded under Round 3 of the Healthy Ireland Fund.

Early in 2021, Pobal, on behalf of the Department of Health confirmed that the end date for completing delivery of activities under the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) Round 3 and Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) had been extended from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to provide additional time for the delivery of approved actions and activities. This end date has been further extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **Action 1: Healthy Eating in the Community**

The continued Covid-19 restrictions prevented the delivery of in-person Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) Community Programmes in 2021, however the

development and pilot of an online programme in 2020 proved to be very worthwhile. The online HFME programme includes a six-week nutrition education programme to support participants to prepare healthy and nutritious meals for themselves and their families, from the safety of their own home.



The programme is delivered by trained HFME leaders and is suitable for adults who would like to gain practical information on healthy eating and experiment with healthy dishes that are quick and easy to prepare. Included in the programme is a Week 5 visit from a dietician to discuss healthy eating and nutrition with participants and answer any questions they may have.

Once again, Healthy Galway City delivered “Family Cooking Projects” as part of the safefood Community Food Initiative in partnership with Galway City Partnership, GRETB and youth-organisations throughout the city. A total of 7 online programmes were organised and promoted jointly with Foróige, GRETB and Tusla Family Services.



The Melting Potluck continued to offer cooking sessions for people living in direct provision between April to October 2021 for residents of the Eglinton and Great Western. These sessions were delivered despite the enormous challenges presented with Covid-19 restrictions and accessing spaces for cooking. People aged from 2 – 51 years had the opportunity to cook their native dishes and to share an enjoyable social experience.

## Action 2: Addressing Barriers to Physical Activity

Following on from the success of the initial project in 2020, a further 2,500 leaflets were distributed to older people cocooning at home or reducing social contact living in Galway City. This was a joint initiative of Healthy Galway City and Healthy Galway County, in partnership with Galway Sports Partnership.

Healthy Galway partnered with Galway Sports Partnership, local sports clubs, community organisations, youth projects and resource centres to deliver a wide variety of physical activity programmes in 2021. These included targeted initiatives for women and girls, people with disabilities, people living in direct provision, members of the travelling community and older people. In total, 14 physical activity programmes were completed in 2021.

To promote community walking trails, a map of the Eastside Urban Walking Routes (Ballybane / Merlin / Doughiska) were designed, highlighting local landmarks and four trails in the area. The maps will be displayed in two prominent locations in the area in early 2022. Brochures displaying the walking trails will also be available.



## Action 3: Towards a Tobacco Free Galway City

The Not Around Us (NAU) initiative, delivered in partnership with CYPSC Galway had a strong start in 2021; Comhairle na nÓg released a fantastic video to promote awareness of the campaign, which was officially launched in April 2021. The NAU initiative helps to denormalise smoking for the next generation as part of a step towards a Tobacco Free Galway. It also aims to create an environment where it is easier for those who smoke to quit and stay quit.

NAU was successfully implemented in five pilot sites in 2020 and following the launch, signage was made available free of charge to not for profit groups, schools, and early years services. Interested parties were provided with signage, stickers and the NAU charter demonstrating a commitment to protecting young people from second-hand smoke exposure and denormalising smoking. To date, 29 organisations have expressed interested in being involved in the NAU initiative.



To further promote awareness of the initiative, a NAU bus shelter advertising campaign ran in Galway City & County during October 2021.

#### **Action 4 – Community Sexual Health Education Programme**

In 2021, Sexual Health West focused on supporting several key groups facing significant issues regarding their sexual health, with adaptations as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. Sexual Health West consulted with relevant organisations to explore how educational sessions could be delivered using different formats.

Sexual Health West delivered an online seminar for HUIG LGBTIQ+ Bród Society that focused on sexual health, STI's & HIV, testing and safety online. Sessions were also held with LGBT+ SHOUT. Further workshops were delivered online and via Instagram Live for the LGBT+ community in Galway.

The WISER programme was reviewed and updated following consultation with Youthreach and Dochas Don Óige. Substantial work was carried out with the staff and people living in Direct Provision Centres in the Eglington Centre. Custom-designed posters have been created to reflect the concerns and needs of target groups and the role of a "Community Champion" has been created amongst residents. 'Safe Sex' packages have been distributed across direct provision centres. Sexual health programmes via Zoom and face to face have been delivered to LGBT+ Youthwork Ireland, LGBT+ SHOUT Online Festival and Dochas Don Óige Probation Service.

#### **Action 5 – Towards a Healthy LGBT+ Community**

The Teach Solais Coordinator continued to involve the local LGBT+ Community in the identification and delivery of a wide range of physical activity programmes in 2021, delivered online due to Covid-19 restrictions and included:

- Advanced High Intensity Interval (HIIT) session via Instagram Live
- Beginners Bodyweight Blast sessions via Instagram Live
- Sweat & Stretch sessions via Instagram Live
- Tai Chi classes online



## Free Fitness Classes!

**WITH DONNA LARKIN**

Tuesdays, 7-8pm  
Starting 11th January  
Online & Inclusive  
All Welcome!



*Please email us for Zoom link:*  
[coordinatoramachgalway@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatoramachgalway@gmail.com)

## Free Yoga Classes!

**WITH LISA BERRY**

Every Thursday, 7-8pm  
Starting 13th January  
Online & Inclusive  
All welcome!

Movement,  
Breath &  
Stillness



*Please email for Zoom link:*  
[coordinatoramachgalway@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatoramachgalway@gmail.com)





The soccer club resumed training in May 2021 and met weekly throughout the Summer and into the Winter months. New activities were introduced in November 2021 including Arts & Crafts and online meditation. Some planned activities were postponed in December 2021 due to increasing Covid-19 infection rates, but resumed in January 2022 safely online. In December 2021, Teach Solais hosted “Ditching the Diet: Embracing Festive Food, Freedom and Fun the Christmas” with nutritionist Aine Coleman.

## Community Mental Health Fund

### Wellbeing Webinars

The “Wellbeing Webinars with Dr. Eddie Murphy” programme was delivered in conjunction with Healthy Galway County and Galway Sports Partnership in April and May 2021. The sessions covered topics such as “Wellbeing in Strange Times”, “Parents supporting Teens”, and “Mental Fitness with Paul Devaney”. All sessions involved an Irish Sign Language Interpreter to accommodate a wider audience.



### Take Control with Stress Control

Details of the online Stress Control programme was actively promoted through Healthy Galway City social media platforms and Healthy Galway City stakeholders.

### Nature for Health

One 10 week “Nature for Health” programme was delivered toward the end of 2020; the group consisted of 10 participants. Two mindfulness sessions and two nature-based art sessions were included as part of the programme. The sessions ended with a socially distanced festive celebration.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> “Nature for Health” programme started in June 2021, with 11 and 10 people participating in the respective groups. As before, the course included a

walking programme with biodiversity learning along with historical lessons, mindfulness classes and botanical art classes.

A 4<sup>th</sup> “Nature for Health” programme was delivered to 10 participants in Merlin Park woods in September 2021; as with previous courses, the feedback was very positive, and participants remarked on their enjoyment of having an activity that they can participate despite Covid-19 restrictions.



## Community Engagement

- The Healthy Galway City website, [healthygalwaycity.ie](https://healthygalwaycity.ie) continues to act as an information hub, signposting people to reliable sources of health and wellbeing information and useful resources.
- Part of the community engagement budget was used to purchase data for Acorn tablets to extend the “Here Am I” project for older people.
- As part of the Healthy Galway City Merchandise, pedometers and water bottles have been purchased in partnership with Healthy Galway County. Healthy Galway City bags and pens have also been purchased. The merchandise were distributed to people living in Direct Provision, families experiencing homelessness, participants in the Nature for Health programmes, families involved in the Healthy Food Made Easy programmes and organisations that signed up to the Not Around Us initiative.
- Branded Healthy Galway City aprons, Hi-Viz vests and beanie hats were also purchased; aprons were distributed to families and individuals participating in the HFME and Family Cooking projects, while hats and Hi-Viz vests were distributed to participants in physical fitness programmes and members of the Galway City Comhairle na NÓg.
- A Healthy Galway City branded gazebo has been purchased and will be used in related community events.

- Some of the community engagement budget was used to boost the reach of the “Not Around Us” social media campaign on Facebook.
- Healthy Galway City updates and programmes were regularly included in local community Newsletters throughout the year, including the Westside Resource Centres', Ballinfoile Castlegar Neighbourhood Centres', and Ballybane Taskforce newsletters.
- Healthy Galway City and Galway Sports Partnership promoted Galway's Virtual 5K series in May and June; participants documented their experience using social media.
- Healthy Galway City social media channels supported support partner organisations in the promotion of relevant messages in response to Covid-19, including the #InThisTogether, #LetsGetSet, #DropIn and #KeepWell campaigns. Healthy Galway City social media channels supported the promotion of campaigns such as Men's Health Week.
- A wellbeing art initiative for the Ballinfoile area began in November 2021 and is due for completion in early 2022.

### **Minister Feighan visits Galway to experience a number of Healthy Galway City initiatives**

The Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy, Frank Feighan TD, visited Galway City on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to see first-hand the benefits of Healthy Ireland funding for local community and voluntary groups across Galway City.

The Minister visited the Ballinfoile Castlegar Community Centre where he witnessed a collective showcase of several Healthy Ireland funded projects, covering themes such as keeping active, healthy eating, anti-smoking and age-friendly initiatives - all of which have helped to keep local communities well throughout the pandemic.

Minister Feighan was greeted by the Mayor of Galway City, Cllr. Collette Connolly and Cllr. Martina O'Connor, as Vice Chairperson of the Galway City LCDC, in addition to being warmly welcomed by local stakeholders and representatives of the wider community, many of whom are involved in the community projects.





Some of the projects that the Minister got to hear about during his visit included the 'Natural Roots' and the 'Nature for Health' programmes. These programmes link with local groups such as Friends of Merlin Woods, Friends of Barna Woods and Terryland Forest Park Alliance as well as Galway Traveller Movement.

In addition, the Minister also viewed the Community Health & Wellbeing Board initiative being delivered through Galway Sports Partnership, Mental Health Ireland and the HSE. The aim of the boards is to provide information on the support services available to those who may need support especially at this time in a format that is engaging and accessible to communities.

From a healthy eating perspective, Minister Feighan also heard about the Family Cooking project and the Healthy Food Made Easy programmes which have been in place to support families to cook and eat healthy meals together during initial Covid-19 restrictions.

### **Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme**

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme is an initiative aimed at enabling older people to continue living in their homes or in a home more suited to their needs, to live with a sense of independence and autonomy, to be a part of their community, and to avoid early or premature admission to long term residential care. Over the course of the two-year programme, it is anticipated that 4,500 older people will benefit from the support of this programme. During 2021, the Department of Health, Sláintecare and Age Friendly Ireland rolled out the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme across 9 sites which include Galway City (and County).

Research shows that the majority of people want to remain in their own home as they age. This desire is often challenged by their home not being suitable for the occupier as their needs become more pronounced, their financial means decrease, and their mobility declines. With the right assessment and intervention, the living environment can be changed from being one of health risk to one of health support.

A key aspect of this programme is to reduce the admission rate of people entering long-term residential care due, in the main, to their living environment not supporting their health and wellbeing needs. Accommodation that presents challenges to older people remaining mobile, keeping warm and staying safe can be significant factors in decision making on long-term care.

The goal of the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme Phase 1 is to support people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible, thus avoiding the premature transition into long-term residential care. The Programme's ambition is to enable people to live longer healthier lives in their own home, being and feeling part of their community, by ensuring they are in a suitable living environment, for accessibility, size, safety, and environment, including warmth.

During 2021, a Local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator was appointed, a key part of their role is to carry out a needs assessment to establish what supports are required to enable an older person to live in their own home for longer, with a person-centred support plan being developed post assessment. From July 2021 to the end of December 2022 there have been over 110 referrals to the programme from a range of sources including social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, community and voluntary organisations, local authority staff, public representatives, family and friends, and self referrals.

The coordinator can provide information on adapting the existing home and the relevant grants available to support the older person to make those changes, with a focus on universal design and energy efficiency. The coordinator can also provide the older person with information and access to a range of housing, health and social care supports to help you decide on what you need to enable you to live the life you want to the best of your ability within your community.

Over 100 visits and follow up visits have been made to participants across Galway City (and County) and these visits have resulted in the provision of support and information across a range of areas particularly housing, energy efficiency, community and voluntary supports, medical/health supports, and technology.

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2021**

On foot of the success of the 2020 programme which saw 45 community groups in Galway City share in approximately €165,000 of grant funding, the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) again made provision for this very welcome programme to run again in 2021. The allocation available to Galway City was €132,455, which resulted in 39 projects approved funding, ranging in support to a number of small-scale projects and larger projects, all aimed at addressing disadvantage and providing much needed funding to communities across Galway City. All of the projects funded relate to one or more of the key priority areas as identified in the Galway City Local Economic & Community Plan 2015 – 2021. The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. For a full list of projects approved under the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 please see Appendix 3.

### **Community Activities Fund**

A new scheme called The Community Activities Fund was launched during November 2021 by the Minister for Rural and Community Development. This fund is being provided to support community and voluntary groups impacted by Covid-19. This once-off fund is allocated under the Department's Community Enhancement Programme and in order to ensure there is sufficient flexibility to allow funding to be targeted to where it is needed in each area it will be administered locally by the LCDC. The allocation approved for Galway City is €264,910 under this fund which is very much welcomed. Galway City LCDC will administer this funding in early 2022. The Community Activities Fund is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

### **Dormant Accounts Fund Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021**

During December 2021, the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) formally approved grants totalling €19,806 to a range of Social Enterprises in Galway City under the Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme for 2021. The funding approved by the Department ranges in support to a number of small-scale capital projects for repairs and renovations, new equipment and safety upgrades. In total 8 Social Enterprises were approved funding for a variety of projects that will enhance their service delivery. The Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, administered by Galway City LCDC and supports one of the key commitments in the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022 – Growing and Strengthening Social Enterprise. For a full list of projects approved under the Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 please see Appendix 4.

### **Dormant Accounts Fund AMACH! LGBT Galway**

During 2021, the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) published the Dormant Accounts Action Plan providing funding to address disadvantage right across the country. This includes the provision of funding to support LGBTI community organisations with AMACH LGBT+ Galway benefiting from this funding, totalling €21,650 which is welcomed. This funding has positively impacted on AMACH LGBT+ Galway in several aspects. It included part funding of the charity's essential overheads as well as allowing AMACH to undertake some exciting projects. One such project AMACH focused on during 2021 was the Intergenerational "Buddy Programme" which matched up older members of the LGBTI+ community with a younger people. This initiative was highly successful, with shared learning and understanding between generations. The funding also allowed the development of the exciting brand new AMACH podcast, *Queer'Say*. This podcast will focus on highlighting specific topics relevant to the LGBTIQ+ community with plans to release ten episodes for the first 'season' in early 2022, featuring both members of the LGBTIQ+ community and experts. For further information on any of the supports or services please contact Grace O'Shea by email to [coordinatoramachgalway@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatoramachgalway@gmail.com)

### **Public Participation Network (PPN) / Galway City Community Network (GCCN)**

With over 159 members drawn from the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Galway City, Galway City Community Network is the Public Participation Network in Galway City. The GCCN vision for Galway City is "Galway, a creative and

inclusive city that respects and values its people and communities, their wellbeing and quality of life, that will develop a vibrant, sustainable, economy and environment and participative and transparent governance”. The role of Galway City Community Network is to:

- Facilitate representation of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors on relevant local government, local development bodies and any local, regional, national or international structures deemed appropriate by GCCN.
- Act as a platform for the community, voluntary and environmental sectors to develop policy and positions on issues of common concern and to advocate for these policies and positions to be implemented.
- Strengthen capacity of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors, including to represent GCCN on all relevant structures.
- Provide information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary sectors and act as a hub around which information is received and disseminated.

GCCN facilitates representation on to a wide variety of policy and decision-making structures in Galway City, including the Local Community Development Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, the Joint Policing Committee, Galway City Partnership and others. GCCN supports and provides training and capacity building opportunities to the GCCN representatives and the wider membership. In 2021 GCCN provided training to representatives and potential representatives in negotiation and representation skills. It provided training on Governance, Community Development and Online Skills to members. GCCN also co-hosted with Galway City Council Information Webinars on the Covid-19 Emergency Funding and the Community Enhancement Programme 2021.

One of the key pieces of work for GCCN is to ensure that the views of its members are reflected in local policies. To that end, following several consultation meetings with members, GCCN made three submissions to Galway City Council on the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 - Stage 1, the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021 and the Active Travel Schemes. GCCN also made several submissions to national government including:

- the 2021 Guidelines for the Local Economic and Plan,
- the National Recovery and Resilience Plan,
- the PPN Structural Review,
- the Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan (see below),
- the draft Joint Policing Committee Guidelines,
- the Review of the Equality Legislation 2021,
- Expanding Ireland’s Marine Protected Area Network, and
- a collaborative Galway submission on the National Action Plan Against Racism (see below).





GCCN was selected as one of the pilot areas for the Climate Conversation initiative as part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action. A workshop was held with stakeholders and a report was developed with the key recommendations. Reports from this initiative were used by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) to inform their drafting of the Climate Action Plan 2021 and Climate Action Fund.

### **Membership of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

GCCN has five representatives on the LCDC and in 2021 facilitated a process that elected two new GCCN representatives, Anne Marie Stokes and Aoibheann McCann replaced Dr Lorraine Grimes and Fiona Jennings, joining the other GCCN representatives, Maria Molloy, James Coyne and Niall Ó Brolcháin on the LCDC. GCCN is also an active member of the LCDC Social Inclusion Subgroup and the LECP Advisory Group.

2021 also marked the passing of Terrence McDonough. A former Professor of Economics in NUI Galway, Terry was an active and well-respected member of Galway City Community Network and a former chairperson of the Galway City Local Community Development Committee. Terry made an enormous contribution to the community and environmental sectors in the city and beyond, always generous with his time and bringing his thoughtful analysis, commitment, and good humour to bear in all that he did. Terry's contribution will be sorely missed.

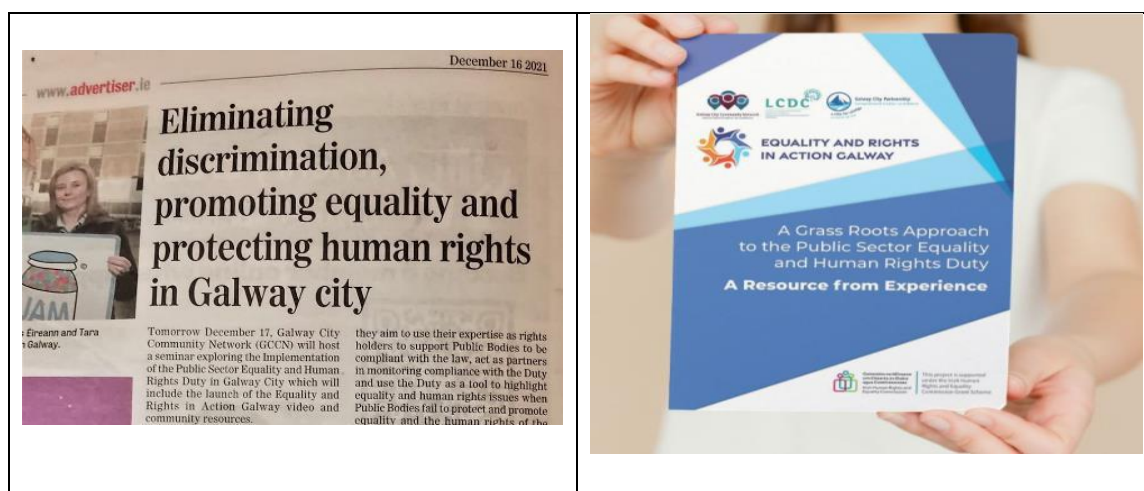


### **Equality and Human Rights Work**

GCCN, together with Galway City Partnership and the Galway City LCDC have worked for several years as members of a consortium focused on embedding equality and human rights in Galway City. It is a legal obligation on all public bodies to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers and service users. A Steering Committee, comprising representatives of public bodies and civil society, continues to work collaboratively to implement the project. A workshop with IHREC was held in March 2021 for members of the Public Sector Duty Steering Committee. Following a Mapping of Public Sector Bodies in Galway City it was decided to focus on NUIG and NUIG Hospital, GMIT and the HSE. The Galway City Arts Strategy was assessed and was passed at a Council meeting in 2021.

GCCN hosted Implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in Galway City in December 2021. This event outlined how civil society groups and

those with lived experience of discrimination, inequality and a denial of human rights are best placed to use their expertise as rights holders to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty. On this occasion, a video showcasing the work of the Galway City Civil Society Panel as part of the Equality and Rights in Action Galway Project was launched by Sinéad Gibney, the Chief Commissioner of IHREC, who also launched a community resource on implementing the Duty entitled A Grass Roots Approach to the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty: A Resource from Experience.



## Social Inclusion

The Social Inclusion Linkage Group met on a number of occasions in 2021, giving an opportunity to GCCN members whose primary focus is on social inclusion to discuss progress on the Local Economic and Community Plan, discuss the process of the development of the new LECP and discuss general updates in relation to social inclusion nationally and in the city. In the context of the new National Action Plan against Racism, one of the meetings had a specific focus on the national consultation on a National Action Plan against Racism. Anastasia Crickley, a member of the National Anti-Racism Committee and former Chair of UN CERD, gave an update on the work of the Anti-Racism Committee and an overview of the committee's Interim Report. Following this, GCCN welcomed the opportunity to coordinate a joint submission on the National Action Plan Against Racism in collaboration with the Galway City Partnership, Galway Traveller Movement, Galway Anti Racism Network, Galway County PPN and Blue Teapot Theatre Company.



### **Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)**

GCCN continues to work on the implementation of the LECP in collaboration with a range of partners and manages a number of LECP actions. GCCN looks forward to a continued close working relationship with the LCDC in 2022 and to supporting the successful implementation of the LECP.

### **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**

GCCN coordinates the LECP Sustainable Development Goals Working Group that includes members from civil society organisations, agencies and Galway City Councillors. The group has identified the importance of embedding the SDGs in city planning including in the new City Development Plan and Local Economic and Community Plan and work to embed the SDGs across institutions, agencies and civil society in Galway city. A workshop for Councillors and Planners entitled 'SDGs and City Planning' was held in July 2021, with speakers from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) who discussed the national context. NUIG speakers presented their model of applying the SDGs in the NUIG strategic planning and the lessons learned from this process. Following their submission to the SDG National Implementation Plan in September 2021, focused on how local implementation of the SDGs could be supported at a national level, the Working Group will continue to engage with the next stage of consultation which includes stakeholder workshops. The new Draft City Development Plan is now, for the first time, aligned with SDGs. GCC intends to sign the SDG Accord in 2022. The alignment provides a good basis for an on-going partnership work on implementing the SDGs in the city.



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## Appendix 1



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### Community Resilience Fund 2021

Name of Group / Organisation	Purpose of Funding	Amount Approved
Creative Ireland	Festival in a Van	€2,000
Foroige (Eastside Youth Service)	Social Circus project for young people	€4,500
Galway City Council (Community Department)	Keep Well Booklet for Older People; Promotion of "Keep Well" themes and local actions in local media; Community Call Helpline	€9,411
Galway City Partnership	Utilise technology to promote positive health and wellbeing among older people	€4,000
Galway Sports Partnership	Embracing the 'Green & Blue' spaces of Galway City to #KeepWell.  Galway Sports Partnership, Friends of Merlin and Galway Traveller Movement 10 week Nature for Health programme for young members of the Traveller community	€8,604.50
AMACH LGBT+ Galway	Mental Health Workshops for the LGBT+ Community	€2,000
Galway Public libraries	Online Book Clubs for older people	€5,400
Galway Volunteer Centre	Deliver a City community wide reflection project to encourage individuals, community groups, schools, businesses to reflect on living with Covid-19.	€5,000
Irish Rural Link	GAA Chat initiative	€1,500
COPE Galway	Support towards "Time to Care" phone befriending service; Helping Hands at Home Service and outreach for people who are rough sleeping	€14,171
Westside Age Inclusion	Increase in service supports over the winter months to meet increased demand from older and vulnerable clients	€1,362.00
	<b>Total amount allocated</b>	<b>€57,948.50</b>

## Appendix 2



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### COVID-19 Emergency Funding (2<sup>nd</sup> Round)

Name of Group / Organisation	Purpose of Funding	Amount Approved
Le Chéile Gym	Purchase of IT equipment to enable online delivery of free physical activity and wellness classes to people living in Direct Provision	€630
Link Galway Limited	Purchase of IT equipment to enable online delivery of supports / programmes / activities for service users	€890
Irish Sudden Infant Death Association t/a First Light	Funding to develop 6 editions of Covid-19 tailored newsletters for Galway City	€500
14 <sup>th</sup> Galway Scout Group	Purchase of scouting equipment to enable online delivery of scouting skills programmes to members during Covid-19	€620
Westside Age Inclusion Ltd	Purchase of reusable PPE for staff and service areas to ensure ongoing service provision during Covid-19	€970
Sexual Health West	Funding to provide additional online workshops to second and third level students and parents	€1,000
The Eglinton Community Organic Garden	Purchase of outdoor items / equipment to support parents and children to increase their access to outdoor spaces during Covid-19	€750
Row to Recovery Galway	Funding to support this group with running costs to deliver their service	€800
Galway Cheshire	Funding to support 2 further editions of magazine, focussing on key "Keep Well" campaign themes for local distribution	€500
32 <sup>nd</sup> Galway Menlo Scouts	Purchase of scouting equipment to enable online delivery of scouting skills programmes to members during Covid-19	€620
SCCUL Enterprises CLG	To provide access to online therapeutic support programme for isolated/vulnerable people in Galway City	€950

Galway African Diaspora Ireland	Purchase of IT equipment to enable online delivery of activities	€800
Galway City Partnership	Provide funding to develop and deliver window boxes to vulnerable members in the community	€1,000
Arthritis Ireland (Galway Branch)	Funding to deliver online exercise programmes (twice weekly) to participants	€600
Merlin Woods Ladybirds and Brownie Guides	Purchase of IT equipment to enable online delivery of scouting programmes / supports to members during Covid-19	€620
Irish Wheelchair Association Galway	Purchase of IT equipment to develop and deliver online workshops to members across Galway City	€1,000
ARD Family Resource Centre	Provide funding to develop an Intergenerational project to support older people and teenagers in the local community	€660
Beo Services (Brothers of Charity Services)	Purchase of sensory /therapeutic equipment needed to enhance service and provide social supports	€1,127
Domestic Violence Response	Increase front line service provision to increase the provision of practical and emotional support to include emergency support during Covid-19	€4,000
Galway Volunteer Centre	Develop and deliver online "Gardening for Wildlife & Wellness" workshops	€2,500
Ballinfoile Mór Community Garden	Develop and adapt the community garden area, to include installation of additional screening and outdoor seating area to allow for social distancing during Covid-19	€2,000
Galway Autism Partnership	Funding to develop and deliver a programme of remote mental health and wellbeing supports and services to autistic and neurodiversity children and their families	€6,300
Galway Hooker Sailing Club	Purchase of IT equipment to deliver online workshops / online activities for group	€1,000
Arts Alive Galway (Brothers of Charity Services)	Purchase of camera equipment to film new performance piece for online viewing	€2,000
Disability Federation of Ireland	To deliver online focus group meetings with members of the Galway City deaf community	€2,000
COPE Galway	Provide funding to support the distribution of food from the FEAD	€5,000

	programme to a range of vulnerable families, individuals and older people affected by Covid-19 across Galway City	
Amdalah Africa Foundation (AMDAF)	Purchase of Covid-19 PPE and IT equipment for the provision of online meetings and keep well workshops for local community	€1,000
Pernet CLG	Funding to deliver a series of “Living Mindfully” online workshops and support for website adaptations to enhance online social supports and activities	€1,000
Ballybane Community Organic Garden	Develop and adapt an outdoor pavilion area at the community garden to enhance social supports and allow for social distancing during Covid-19	€2,000
BRIDGE (Building a Receptive and Integrated Galway of Equals)	Purchase of IT equipment (data dongles) for online access to training and social supports for service users	€1,500
Shantalla Residents Association	Purchase and provide Covid-19 care packs for the local community	€2,975
Down Syndrome Galway Branch	Funding to develop and deliver an online occupational therapy programme	€4,000
Westside Resource Centre CLG	Funding to support the installation of a new kitchenette area needed as a result of Covid-19	€1,127
Helplink Mental Health	Funding to support online delivery of free or low cost mental health services and supports locally	€590
Galway Centre for Independent Living CLG	Purchase of protective screening and sanitising items used in the office in line with Covid-19	€4,000
Third Space Galway	Develop and deliver an online regenerative cultural hub, a permaculture lab to support their online service	€1,000
	<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	<b>€58,029</b>



## Appendix 3



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### Community Enhancement Programme 2021

Name of Group / Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Grant Approved
Ard Gardening Group	Funding to repair container unit used for storing equipment	€700
Castlegar Athletic Club	Purchase machinery and equipment to enhance training area	€950
Eastside Community Drama	Funding towards reopening costs for community group	€825
Galway City Partnership / Ballybane Afterschool Programme - ACE Club	Purchase of music equipment for the community based afterschool's programme	€990
Irish Wheelchair Association	Purchase of IT equipment to support online supports / classes	€1,000
Merlin Woods Tennis Club	Purchase of sports and safety equipment	€1,000
Mervue Active Retirement Bowls Club	Purchase of bowling equipment	€880
Age Action West	Development of Community Hub in Galway City to serve as an inclusive community space for community activities and programmes	€10,000
Atmos Collective	Purchase of music recording equipment to enable students to participate and to facilitate community performances	€2,190
Ballinfoile Mór Community Garden	Purchase and installation of doors for outdoor community garden area	€1,000
Ballybane & Doughiska Sports Hub	Purchase shelving for container unit to store equipment safely and securely	€1,000
Ballybane Community Resource Centre	Installation of energy saving sensors and upgrade camera system	€3,670

Ballybane Taskforce	Purchase of equipment to develop a 'community café' space in the Ballybane Community Resource Centre	€2,500
Blue Teapot Theatre Company	Renovation works to day service space and energy efficiency upgrade	€4,600
Cancer Care West	Purchase and installation of new outdoor structure at residential facility for patients and families	€7,000
COPE Galway Older People's Service	Purchase gardening equipment / material to enhance outdoor space	€2,100
Croi na Gaillimhe	Funding towards reopening costs for Centre	€10,000
Croi na Tuath	Purchase of outdoor sports equipment	€1,500
Domestic Violence Response	Purchase of IT equipment to facilitate online meetings and supports for service users	€1,495
Foróige Galway STEAM Project	Purchase of IT equipment for use in a pilot programme in Eastside Youth Service	€2,870
Galway African Diaspora-Ireland	Purchase of music equipment to showcase cultural diversity and inclusion	€1,600
Galway Autism Partnership	Enhancement of outdoor space and creation of sensory garden for members of all ages	€5,000
Galway Centre for Independent Living	Installation of weather proof canopy to further develop the facility	€6,790
Galway Community Circus	Replacement works to community centre to enhance and improve facility	€9,500
Galway Hooker Sailing Club	Purchase of machinery and equipment to support education and training for local community	€5,705
Galway Simon Community	Purchase of garden equipment and materials to enhance the outdoor space at the Youth Service	€1,170
OLBC Youth Club	Purchase of sports equipment for use by youth club and other local community groups	€1,270
Order of Malta Centre for Older People	Renovation of community building as a result of Covid-19 to ensure continuity of service	€10,000
Renmore Active Retirement Group	Funding towards reopening costs for local community group	€1,000

Roscam and Doughiska Men's Shed	Purchase of workshop tools and IT equipment	€2,700
Sexual Health West (Formerly AIDS West)	Purchase of office equipment needed as result of Covid-19	€1,570
Shantalla Community Allotments	Purchase of outdoor accessible furniture to enhance community area	€2,100
St James Ladies Football Club	Upgrade works to dressing rooms	€8,000
Teach Athais Childcare Centre	Purchase of sensory equipment for children with additional needs	€1,770
Umbrella Eile	Funding towards reopening costs & purchase of IT equipment	€2,000
Westside Age Inclusion	Purchase of IT equipment	€1,240
Westside Community Organic Garden	Enhancement works to polytunnel to keep it safe and secure	€2,400
Westside Resource Centre	Purchase new shutter door to enhance safety at the centre and upgrade of internal doors	€2,370
Brothers of Charity Service Ireland (West Region)	Installation of tracking hoist and pool lift to enable access for those most in need	€10,000
	<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	<b>€132,455</b>

## Appendix 4



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### Dormant Accounts Fund Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021

Social Enterprise Name	Summary of Project	Amount Approved
Westside Resource Centre CLG	Purchase of IT equipment	€2,823
Ballybane Community Centre CLG	Purchase and install CO2 detectors	€2,391
Le Cheile Westside Co Ltd	Upgrade of IT equipment	€1,600
Galway Community Circus	Purchase of kitchen equipment, IT equipment and office furniture	€4,532
Meals4Health	Purchase of food transport container	€2,079
Galway Co-Operative Housing Development Society Ltd (GCHDS)	Purchase of IT equipment	€899
Simon Community Galway	New shelving equipment in charity shop	€2,860
An Mheitheal Comhshaol	Purchase tools for ReCycle your Cycle programme	€2,622
	<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	<b>€19,806</b>



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