

# Galway City LECP Implementation Plan 2020-2021

## Update Report



Quarter 1 2021

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## **Introduction**

The two year implementation plan covers the final period of the Galway City LECP 2015-2021. The LECP is organised around five high level goals, to:

1. Develop and promote Galway as a world-class, creative city region.
2. Develop and promote Galway as an innovative city.
3. Ensure Galway City is an equal and inclusive city.
4. Encourage a sustainable, resilient urban environment for Galway City that is the regional capital of the West.
5. Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City.

This plan builds on the January 2017 workshop hosted by Galway City Council to enable the various stakeholders involved to reflect on the work that had been undertaken in implementing the plan and to chart out future directions for the plan. This workshop identified the importance of prioritising a smaller number of actions within the LECP. It emphasised the value of collaborative multi-agency cross sectoral initiatives and of actions that provide added value in terms of new actions, new approaches to implementing actions, new working relationships involved in actions, new models for specific actions, and new tools for implementing actions.

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The following tables are summaries on the progress on the actions as contained in the Galway City LECP Implementation Plan 2020-2021 as reported by the lead partners and reviewed by the LECP steering Group. The LECP Implementation plan contains Flagship Initiatives and Seed Initiatives.

Flagship initiatives are those actions that are:

- substantive in their potential to advance outcomes of importance in a changing context;
- collaborative in nature, being multi-agency and/or multi-sectoral; and
- offering added value, involving any of: new actions, new approaches to implementing actions, new working relationships involved in actions, new models for specific actions, and/or new tools for implementing actions.

### Seed initiatives

Ten Seed initiatives were identified through the planning process for this implementation plan. Seed initiatives are those actions that are:

- small in scale but offer significant potential for future action of greater scale;

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- looking to create the conditions for new possibilities and priorities to be pursued; and
- opening up new agendas of importance for Galway City.

This report has been prepared to provide SPC members and LCDC members an overview of the progress that has been achieved across the implementation plan. This is not a full record of all the information received on project/actions to date. The summary tables give a high level overview on the progress and more detail is contained in the second set of tables from page 9 onwards.

The LECP steering group will meet again in Q2 of 2021 to review the progress reported by lead partners.

**Summary of Progress on Flagships**

Flagship Number	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
1	Develop and implement a programme of cultural actions, based on collaborative practice targeted on disadvantaged communities	Galway City Council	Commitment agreed with Partners, made in GCC Arts Plan and implemented	In progress
			Targeted collaborative practice identified and pursued as part of the legacy infrastructure of Galway 2020	In progress
			Talent, skills and knowledge development initiatives in place and taken up from within these communities	In progress
			Socially engaged artists involved in process for and outputs of this initiative	In progress

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
2	Establish and report on the implications and potential of national policy proposals on future of work for Galway city with a view to taking actions.	Galway Chamber of Commerce	Working group meeting and considering implications, feeding back to national level as required.	In progress
			Report on actions required and engagement with these by public and private sector bodies.	In progress

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
3	Implement a programme of Smart City initiatives.	Insight NUIG	Local Digital Strategy in place.	In progress
			Networks of organisations collaborating to prioritise, implement, monitor and promote Smart City initiatives.	In progress

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
4	Convene a collaborative forum to support implementation of the public sector equality and human rights duty.	Galway City Partnership	Regular meetings of the collaborative forum.	In progress
			Number and range of public bodies with a published assessment of equality and human rights issues relevant to their functions.	In progress

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Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
5	Develop and strengthen the support infrastructure for social economy enterprise.	Galway City Council	Agreed definition of social enterprise being worked to by all relevant agencies.	In progress
			Specific enhancements to the business and financial support infrastructure available to social enterprise.	In progress
			Social enterprises engaged in process for and outputs of this initiative.	In progress

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
6	Develop and monitor implementation of a rolling action plan for the city that achieves the relevant standards set in the UN CRPD.	Access for All supported by Galway City Partnership (GCP)	A Forum established, convened and resourced to develop, agree, and monitor rolling action plans relating to different elements of the UN CRPD.	Progress Hindered
			A number of rolling action plans under implementation.	In progress

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
7	Develop, promote and monitor a rolling plan of action for a sustainable and resilient city.	Galway City Council	Expert forum in place and meeting on a regular basis to plan and track progress towards a sustainable, resilient Galway.	Progress Hindered
			A rolling action plan for a sustainable, resilient Galway in place and promoted.	In progress
			A positive branding scheme in place for companies and organisations taking steps to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.	Complete

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
8	Implement an action plan on homelessness and housing insecurity in the City.	Galway City Council	Regional Homeless Forum reconvened and meeting on a regular basis.	In progress
			A local action plan on homelessness and housing insecurity agreed and under implementation.	In progress

Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status
9	Strengthen implementation of the Healthy Galway City Strategy.	Healthy Galway	Progress made on implementation of the Healthy Galway Strategy actions.	In progress
			Effective links made between the Healthy Galway City Strategy and other local strategies of relevance.	In progress

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### Summary of Progress on Seeds

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
1	Establish, resource, and locate a position to enable access to EU and national funding opportunities.	Galway Chamber of Commerce	Funding secured and support person employed, located in agreed partner organisation.	In progress

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
2	Convene a task force on the needs of groups distanced from the labour market.	GCP	Task force meeting and reporting on a regular basis.	In progress
			Task force proposals integrated into relevant public agency plans.	In progress

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
3	Map the strategies and initiatives in place to enhance educational transitions for disadvantaged groups and establish the further actions required.	GRETb	Map of the current situation and needs prepared.	In progress
			Outcomes of the mapping processes integrated into relevant public agency and education provider plans.	Not started

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
4	Reconvene the Galway City Traveller Inter-agency Group.	GCP	Traveller Inter-agency Group meeting on a regular basis, progressing and keeping under review an agreed strategy and action plan.	In progress
			New initiatives in place to implement National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress
			Agreed guidance being implemented on public service provision to the Traveller community.	In progress
Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
5	Convene a LGBTI+ inter-agency group.		New initiatives in place to implement National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress

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		LCDC Social Inclusion Sub-committee	Teach Solais LGBTI+ Resource Centre funded on a sustainable basis to serve as a hub for the development of supports and services to the LGBTI+ community.	In progress
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Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
6	Develop and implement a Galway Intercultural Strategy	GCP	Strategy developed and agreed in a participative manner.	In progress
			Funding and structures secured for implementation.	Not started
			Migrant Integration Forum for the City established.	In progress
			New initiatives in place to implement The Migrant Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
7	Develop a shared vision for Galway City and its future to inform consistent messaging and future planning.	Portershed	Working group convened and collaborative process devised and implemented.	In progress
			Vision for Galway City to shape future planning agreed.	In progress
			Communication messages and materials developed.	In progress
			LCDC values of dignity, autonomy, participation, inclusion, social justice and environmental justice engaged by this vision for Galway City.	In progress

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
8	Promote sustainable transport solutions and initiatives to enable these.	GCC	Communication strategies across a range of sectors with creative messaging on sustainable transport.	In progress
			Initiatives for sustainable transport in place, ranging from cycling paths, walkways, park and ride facilities, and local community solutions to traffic congestion.	In progress

Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
9	Advance capacity and commitment to drive implementation of the UN	LCDC Social Inclusion	Proofing tools developed and being applied to test proposed policies, plans and programmes for their capacity to advance the SDGs.	In progress
			Agreed metrics deployed to track implementation of the SDGs in Galway City.	In progress



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	Sustainable Development Goals.	Sub-committee	Collaborative fora established to enable cross-sectoral dialogue on implementing the SDGs and to engage peer support for their implementation.	In progress
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Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
10	Implement the Galway City Biodiversity Plan.	LCDC Social Inclusion Sub-committee	Recruitment process in progress for Bio-diversity officer.	In progress
			Forum of relevant organisations and expert individuals convened on a regular basis.	Not started

**Section 2: Detailed Summary of Progress on Flagships**

Flagship Number	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status	Progress details	Comments
1	Develop and implement a programme of cultural actions, based on collaborative practice targeted on disadvantaged communities	Galway City Council	Commitment agreed with Partners, made in GCC Arts Plan and implemented	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New City Strategic Arts Plan Adopted by Council. The plan was proofed for Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty and consequently features the Ten Grounds.</li> <li>Dance Artist in Residence project continued, working with older residents of inner city neighbourhoods.</li> <li>New Dance Artist in Residence instituted, to feature co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts.</li> <li>Music Artist Residency designed for implementation, with co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts.</li> </ul>	GCC Arts Plan adopted in first Quarter of 2021
			Targeted collaborative practice identified and pursued as part of the legacy infrastructure of Galway 2020	In progress	<p>The company established to deliver Galway 2020 will continue to operate until December 2021 to work on legacy planning in a collective and collaborative process.</p> <p>A small team will remain in place to draft a legacy framework. This work will commence in mid-august. It is envisaged that they will have a series of conversations and consultations with partners, communities, stakeholders and all those involved in how to shape the legacy going forward.</p> <p>It is intended that in November 2021 a first draft of this framework will issue and in December a draft framework will start to be put in place.</p>	Funding for Galway City Creative Ireland programme in place for 2021
			Talent, skills and knowledge development initiatives in place and taken up from within these communities	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance Artist in Residence project continued, working with older residents of inner city neighbourhoods.</li> <li>New Dance Artist in Residence instituted, to feature co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts.</li> </ul>	Full details on individual schemes available

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Artist Residency designed for implementation, with co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts</li> </ul>	
			Socially engaged artists involved in process for and outputs of this initiative	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance Artist in Residence project continued, working with older residents of inner city neighbourhoods.</li> <li>New Dance Artist in Residence instituted, to feature co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts.</li> <li>Music Artist Residency designed for implementation, with co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts</li> </ul>	
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2	Establish and report on the implications and potential of national policy proposals on future of work for Galway city with a view to taking actions.	Galway Chamber of Commerce	Working group meeting and considering implications, feeding back to national level as required.	In progress	In response to the Pandemic Galway Chamber set up Our Business Recovery Forum (BRF) The role of the BRF was to identify the challenges posed to various industries by the Covid-19 Pandemic in the Galway Region and help shape the Chamber's policy responses and lobbying efforts towards the July Stimulus Package and subsequently in our Budget Submission 2021. Following on from our BRF, Galway Chamber partnered with Medtronic to organise a Business Community Response Webinar series. These calls invited all Business owners and managers of the City Centre to discuss the introduction of restrictive and social distancing measures and how these restrictions might impact their business. Medtronic's covid community response team, designed and shared with Galway Chamber's network a best practice guide for employers and employees to live with and reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.	No new update has been received since the last update
			Report on actions required and engagement with these by public and private sector bodies.	In progress	<p>Galway Chamber have engaged with all the Flagship 2 partners to compile and co-ordinate all of our individual work and activities. A virtual meeting of all partners was scheduled for November 5th 2020.</p> <p>Initiatives with the potential to drive the economic potential of the city and create employment in the region such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing a letter of support for the Galway City Council's application for the Urban Regeneration and</li> </ul>	No new update has been received since the last update

					<p>Development Fund, with funds specifically designed to improve public spaces, pedestrianization of the old Clifden Railway bridge, further progression of the primary and secondary cycle network in the city, promoting a modal shift to sustainable travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing a letter of support for Galway City Council's application for the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, with funds specifically designed for the creation of an "Innovation and Creativity District" in partnership with NUIG. This project will drive and safeguard employment in its construction and through the finished product and will solidify Galway's reputation as a hub for tech start-ups.</li> <li>- Providing support to our subsidiary Galway Technology Centre in their strategy to create three new dynamic enterprise roles and a new four floor extension wing to GTC called Academy West. Galway Chamber owns a 70% share in GTC with partners WestBIC owning the remaining 30%. Galway Chamber and GTC regularly partner on events and promoting various regional drivers in the West. As a social enterprise, GTC has supported more than 300 companies, facilitating over 3000 jobs, and drawing €1.3bn GVA for the region. Earlier this year GTC received €4M government funding for Academy West. Academy West will incorporate a 2,122 square metre extension and will create the environment for dynamic growth in the tech sector, for the benefit of the entire region. The renovation will create over 500 jobs and result in a €62million annual boost to the west of Ireland over the next five years. More info on Academy West can be found on <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- Through Galway Chamber subsidiary, Galway City Innovation District t/a PorterShed, has secured €1.2million from the Regional Enterprise Development Fund to facilitate the transfer of the current PorterShed operation to a site off Bowling Green. The enlarged facility will have 380 spaces</li> </ul>	
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					<p>available for budding entrepreneurs over the next two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Galway Chamber is in discussions to reintroduce a Skillnet training service to the business model to provide training and upskilling to local businesses, employees and the jobseekers.</li> <li>- Following extensive engagement with members and partners, the Chamber in their Pre-budget submission, we have lobbied for the funding of a new six-month accelerator programme for existing and new tourism companies, supporting companies and entrepreneurs to improve how they attract quality tourists to Ireland, digital offerings, generate productivity gains and cost savings for tourism businesses. Our Pre-Budget Submission includes a range of revitalising and development measures which you can check out here. Our representative organisation Chamber's Ireland are preparing a Report into the Future of Remote Working in partnership with the Western Development Commission. This report will examine the experience of firms which have been forced to operate from home and will articulate future skills and cost needs analysis for firms in the world post-Covid.</li> </ul>	
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3	Implement a programme of Smart City initiatives.	Insight NUIG	Local digital strategy in place.	In progress	<p>The Galway City Digital Strategy is on the City Council agenda for adoption. It was presented to the SPC at their meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and will be presented LCDC once adopted by the Council.</p> <p>The plan was prepared through a collaborative approach between Insight Centre for Data Analytics at NUIG and Galway City Council based on interviews with circa 60 stakeholders, a public stakeholder consultation meeting in the Connacht Hotel, 2 stakeholder workshops and input at National Level.</p>	

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			Networks of organisations collaborating to prioritise, implement, monitor, and promote Smart City initiatives.	In progress	<p>The Digital Strategy includes an action to support communities and organisations to collaborate, to implement Smart City initiatives.</p> <p>There are already collaborative actions in regard to digital society and Smart City being undertaken by the stakeholders engaged in the consultative process for the preparation of the Digital Strategy, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wifi Footfall Counters in the City Centre (City Council/Chamber of Commerce collaboration)</li> <li>- Thermal Waterway Monitoring System (Galway City Council and the Corrib Inter Agency group collaboration)</li> <li>- Various ICT training and accessibility projects (Galway City Council/GCP/NGO's collaborative projects)</li> </ul>	
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4	Convene a collaborative forum to support implementation of the public sector equality and human rights duty.	Galway City Partnership	Regular meetings of the collaborative forum.	In progress	A Steering Committee, comprising representatives of public bodies and civil society, continues to work collaboratively to implement the project. The newly established Civil Society Panel also continues to meet on a monthly basis. The first of its kind in the country, the Civil Society Panel draws members of communities protected by the Irish Equality Legislation and is working with them to enable them to assess the public body plans, a key element of the Public Sector Duty. This work is supported by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Body and it is the intention to organise a seminar on the Public Sector Duty to support the work of agencies implementing the duty. The most recent plan to be assessed was the Galway City Arts Strategy and the Panel is awaiting the outcome of the assessment.	
			Number and range of public bodies with a published assessment of equality and human rights	In progress	Public bodies with a published assessment of equality and human rights issues relevant to their functions: identified:	

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			issues relevant to their functions.			
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5	Develop and strengthen the support infrastructure for social economy enterprise.	Galway City Council	Agreed definition of social enterprise being worked to by all relevant agencies.	In progress	Social enterprises are businesses whose core objective is to achieve a social, societal, or environmental impact. They frequently work to support disadvantaged groups such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, travellers, etc., or to address issues such as food poverty, social housing, or environmental matters.” National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022. It’s proposed that the subgroup formed to work Social Enterprise will adopt this definition, creating alignment with national policy and that this may help support Social Enterprises/Groups across the city in applications for funding and supports to develop and grow Social Enterprises.	
			Specific enhancements to the business and financial support infrastructure available to social enterprise.	In progress	Galway City Council Commissioned – A Feasibility Study on Enterprise Space in Galway City for the provision of Social Enterprises and business’s operating in the Circular Economy.  Future Analytics/KPMG completed May 21 and final Report received by GCC.  4 Consultation stages took place with stakeholders as part of this process.  Need areas identified –  Suitable Social Enterprises/Circular Economy Space Options  Other needs areas identified Mentoring Training Supports Funding Access to various SE/CE business networks/supports	

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					<p>As well as presenting this study to the SPC members on May 21st 2021 GCC have initiated in June 21 the 1st meeting of a SE/CE Stakeholder Team to review this report and develop and explore a series of actions going forward.</p> <p>This initial meeting proved very positive and set out a plan for the Team to meet across the year and work on needs areas identified.</p>	
			Social enterprises engaged in process for and outputs of this initiative.	In progress	<p>GCC have initiated the 1st meeting of a SE/CE Stakeholder Team to review the Final Draft SE/CE Feasibility Study on Enterprise Space in Galway City and develop and explore a series of actions and needs for the sector across the city.</p> <p>It included SE/CE representatives in this group - GCP, GCC, SCCUL, WEC, WDC and SE business representative (Bounce Back Mattress Recycling) participated as a stakeholder focus group. This was a very positive and informative meeting and follow up meeting is due in July.</p>	Participation of Social Enterprises is required at all stages
Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status	Progress details	Comments
6	Develop and monitor implementation of a rolling action plan for the city that achieves the relevant standards set in the UN CRPD.	Access for All supported by Galway City Partnership (GCP)	A Forum established, convened and resourced to develop, agree, and monitor rolling action plans relating to different elements of the UN CRPD.	In progress	<p>A Forum established, convened and resourced to develop, agree, and monitor rolling action plans relating to different elements of the UN CRPD.:</p> <p>The Forum continues to support the work of Access for All and its work on the UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities.</p>	
			A number of rolling action plans under implementation.	In progress	A number of rolling action plans under implementation.	



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7	Develop, promote and monitor a rolling plan of action for a sustainable and resilient city.	Galway City Council	Expert forum in place and meeting on a regular basis to plan and track progress towards a sustainable, resilient Galway.	Progress Hindered	There is a Climate Action Monitoring Group associated with the Environment SPC and the fourth meeting took place on the 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.	At present GCC is not in a position to resource the establishment of an additional wider expert Forum
			A rolling action plan for a sustainable, resilient Galway in place and promoted.	In progress	Galway City Council has adopted and is implementing a Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 for Galway City <a href="https://www.galwaycity.ie/climate-adaptation">https://www.galwaycity.ie/climate-adaptation</a> . The Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan September 2020 to September 2021 has been agreed by the Climate Adaptation Implementation Group comprising of Department heads. The plan presents 30 individual Action Plans and sets out 89 separate tasks to be delivered during the period of September 2020 to September 2021, with 32 tasks to be delivered by the end of the Quarter 1, 2021. 30% progress on completion of tasks. Outstanding tasks to roll over to Q2.	This includes Annual Implementation plans which include collaborative projects between Galway City Council and external stakeholders
			A positive branding scheme in place for companies and organisations taking steps to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.	Complete	Existing award/branding in place nationally	

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8	Implement an action plan on homelessness and housing insecurity in the City.	Galway City Council	Regional Homeless Forum reconvened and meeting on a regular basis.	In progress	The Regional Homeless Forum has not met this year 2021 due to Covid 19. The purpose of the forums is being reviewed nationally, particularly as they are not a decision making body. The local authority holds Management Executive Meetings and regular meetings with NGOs re homeless matters.	

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			A local action plan on homelessness and housing insecurity agreed and under implementation.	In progress	Due to Covid 19 and resource issues, a local action plan has not been drafted and it is intended to Review the overall Regional Action Plan in 2022.	
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Flagship No.	Flagship Title	Lead Partner	Milestones	Status	Progress details	Comments
9	Strengthen implementation of the Healthy Galway City Strategy.	Healthy Galway	Progress made on implementation of the Healthy Galway Strategy actions.	In progress	<p><b>Healthy Eating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three online HFME programmes were delivered during February and March, in partnership with Healthy Galway County &amp; Galway CYPSC. Two more online programmes are currently ongoing. 45 participants have been engaged in the five programmes to date.</li> <li>The Melting Potluck cooking project is continuing for residents of the Eglinton and the Great Western.</li> <li>65 families in Ballinfoile, Ballybane and Doughiska were supported to participate in a four-week cooking project, in partnership with Foróige, GRETB and HSE, during the months of February and March, as part of the safefood Community Food Initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Physical Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Siel Bleu are delivering two online exercise programmes for those aged over 55. Both programmes started in March and will run for 8-weeks. There are 25 people registered for each programme.</li> <li>Two accessible yoga programmes are being delivered through Access for All. The programmes started Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and will be delivered online over six weeks.</li> <li>The following exercise classes are being streamed weekly via the Teach Solais Instagram: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginners' Bodyweight – Tuesday</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sweat and Stretch (advanced) – Wednesday</li> <li>○ Keep HIIT going (advanced) – Thursday</li> </ul> <p><b>Tobacco Free:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Around Us signage has been installed in five pilot sites – Westside Resource Centre, Westside Library, Sunflower Crèche &amp; Preschool, Westside Youth Project and Scoil Iognáid. The Not Around Us Charter, information leaflets and stickers have also been provided.</li> <li>• The Towards a Tobacco Free Generation graphic has been adapted for use in Galway.</li> <li>• Galway City Comhairle na nÓg have developed two promotional awareness videos for the Not Around Us campaign.</li> <li>• Filming for an additional video to promote the Not Around Us initiative to services/ organisations took place the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March. The video can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• The Not Around Us initiative was launched on <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>.</li> <li>• For more information on the Not Around Us initiative visit <a href="https://healthygalwaycity.ie/tobacco-free">healthygalwaycity.ie/tobacco-free</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sexual Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Health West are working in partnership with Brothers of Charity, National Learning Network, NUIG LGBTIQ+ Bród Society, LGBT+ ShOUT, Galway Traveller Movement, Youth Reach, Dochas Don Óige and the Direct Provision Centres to ensure sexual health education needs are being met.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As it will not be possible to deliver the Stress Control Programme to large community groups in 2021, funding has been reallocated to co-fund a three-part mental health &amp; wellbeing webinar series with Dr Eddie Murphy, in partnership with</li> </ul>	
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					<p>Galway Sports Partnership and Healthy Galway County. The first webinar took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed timeline for the delivery of the Equality &amp; Diversity training programme for healthcare professionals is Q2 2021.</li> <li>• The remaining two Nature for Health programmes will be delivered in Terryland Forest Park and Barna Woods once public health guidelines allow. The two programmes will run concurrently and will each be limited to 10 participants to ensure social distancing can be adhered to.</li> </ul>	
			Effective links made between the Healthy Galway City Strategy and other local strategies of relevance.	In progress	<p>Under the Community Resilience Fund, the following actions are being implemented to promote health and wellbeing in Galway City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In partnership with Galway Sports Partnership, work is progressing on mapping the green and blue walking routes the City has to offer. Once complete, a booklet and video will be produced to encourage people to explore the routes in their locality.</li> <li>• Utilising Acorn Tablets provided by Galway City Partnership, older people are being supported to use technology to help them to keep well and stay connected. The project is providing a supportive social outlet for people to learn basic online communication skills while engaging in creative practices and gentle exercise programmes.</li> </ul>	

**Section 3 Detailed Summary of Progress on Seeds**

Seed No.	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status	Progress details	Comments
1	Establish, resource, and locate a position to enable access to EU and national funding opportunities.	Galway Chamber of Commerce	Funding secured and support person employed, located in agreed partner organisation.	In progress	<p>Galway Chamber is currently working with the NWRA and the WDC on a strategy to secure funding for this paid position.</p> <p>They are consulting with JASPERS, consultants funded by the European Investment Bank, who are providing advice on how Galway can access more EU funding.</p> <p>A further update will be available in June after the work has been completed.</p>	

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2	Convene a task force on the needs of groups distanced from the labour market.	GCP	Task force meeting and reporting on a regular basis.	In progress	<p>One meeting of the Taskforce in 2021 has been held, each member of the Taskforce has now presented the main elements of their work in relation to unemployment. We now need to hear from the main Government Department with responsibility for unemployment. Unfortunately they have been unable to allocate a member of staff to attend and be involved in the work of the Task force.</p> <p>The Lead Agencies are in correspondence with the Department to encourage and support their involvement.</p>	
			Task force proposals integrated into relevant public agency plans.	In progress	<p>The Taskforce made a submission to the future Adult Literacy and Numeracy and Digital Literacy Policy.</p> <p>The main points made were: the lack of Digital Literacy especially in disadvantaged communities this included lack of hardware; lack of broadband and lack of basic training.</p> <p>We also felt all of these needed to be addressed simultaneously.</p>	

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3	Map the strategies and initiatives in place to enhance educational transitions for disadvantaged groups and establish the further actions required.	GRETB	Map of the current situation and needs prepared.	In progress	<p>A meeting between GRETB GMIT NUI EQUAL IRELAND TUSLA and GCP the idea was to see what was on offer. The stakeholders agreed at the meeting that each group should look at what they offer and whom they offer it to with a view at seeing how they can improve the service. A report was prepared and presented. It shows the wide range of provisions. The two areas that came up for improvement was an after schools homework help provision for families at risk and the fact that there was not enough places or money available for all who apply for third level courses.</p> <p>Recommendations at the meeting to gather the information look at the areas of weakness the family provision that should be citywide and the funding for those who wish to uptake third level and further education places.</p> <p>After the mapping, process arrange another meeting to look at solutions to gaps in provision.</p>	
			Outcomes of the mapping processes integrated into relevant public agency and education provider plans.	Not started		

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4	Reconvene the Galway City Traveller Inter-agency Group.	GCP	Traveller Inter-agency Group meeting on a regular basis, progressing and keeping under review an agreed strategy and action plan.	In progress	<p>Traveller Inter-agency Group meeting on a regular basis, progressing and keeping under review an agreed strategy and action plan.</p> <p>A survey has been circulated to service providers on 'Practices in Responding to Traveller Culture in Services Provision' to assess good practice in their work with the Traveller community. The results of the survey will inform subsequent strategic actions to support culturally appropriate service provision.</p>	

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			New initiatives in place to implement National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	New initiatives in place to implement National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy locally.	
			Agreed guidance being implemented on public service provision to the Traveller community.	In progress	Agreed guidance being implemented on public service provision to the Traveller community	

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5	Convene a LGBTI+ inter-agency group.	LCDC Social Inclusion Sub-committee	New initiatives in place to implement National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	LGBTI+ Interagency continues to support the development of the action plan for this initiative. A survey has been circulated to service providers and work has commenced on a Public Recognition Marker for Galway City.	
			Teach Solais LGBT+ Resource Centre funded on a sustainable basis to serve as a hub for the development of supports and services to the LGBTI+ community.	In progress	On-going support to Amach Strategic Plan Generation agreed.	

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6	Develop and implement a Galway Intercultural Strategy	GCP	Strategy developed and agreed in a participative manner.	In progress	The working group are meeting regularly and have agreed a Terms of Reference. Pre strategy work has started with community groups, self-development work to facilitate feeding into an Intercultural and Anti-Racism strategy. OMPI have been contacted re expanding the remit of National Integration Fund. The group are currently looking at potential research projects with NUIG.	
			Funding and structures secured for implementation.	Not started		

			Migrant Integration Forum for the City established.	In progress	<b>Migrant Integration Strategy Actions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To justify recite/browse allowed on website</li> </ol> <b>Action 15</b> Information will be provided in language-appropriate formats and in a manner easily accessible by migrants. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Training for staff</li> </ol> <b>Action 16</b> Government Departments and State Agencies will ensure that staff are trained to inform migrants accurately of their entitlements. <b>Action 44</b> Proactive outreach and support measures will be undertaken by all public sector employers to increase the number of persons from an immigrant background working at all levels in the civil service and wider public service. There will be a particular focus on increasing the numbers of people from immigrant backgrounds working in front-line services. This work will have regard to public service employment principles of merit and transparency, and to restrictions regarding non-EEA nationals working in the Irish Public Service.	
			New initiatives in place to implement The Migrant Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	Discussions have commenced in relation to the Migrant Inclusion Strategy with further interagency work needed on this.	

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7	Develop a shared vision for Galway City and its future to	Portershed	Working group convened and collaborative process devised and implemented.	In progress	Engagement has taken place with over 30 organisations. These include: Land Development Agency	



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	inform consistent messaging and future planning.				<p>Galway City Council TG4 WDC Local Enterprise Office Galway CREW (Creative Enterprise West) IDA GMIT Údarás na Gaeltachta Enterprise Ireland Galway City Partnership Bus Éireann NUI Galway Irish Rail CIF Failte Ireland Marine Institute Port of Galway Galway city LCDC</p> <p>Remaining to engage: IBEC AmCham Galway Environmental Network GCCN Comhairle na nÓg Galway Council of Trade Unions</p> <p>Public consultation opportunities have also been provided and advertised through the Chamber's social channels and local media.</p>	
			Vision for Galway City to shape future planning agreed.	In progress	<p>This is still a work in progress as the engagement process is still taking place.</p> <p>All feedback from the various stakeholders is being collated and will shape the vision for Galway.</p>	
			Communication messages and materials developed.	In progress	<p>The vision for Galway will be presented using infographics and video. GK Media are producing the video.</p>	

					GIS (Geographic Information System Mapping) will also be used to illustrate all the investment in Galway that has taken place in the last 5 years by the various development agencies and stakeholders.	
			LCDC values of dignity, autonomy, participation, inclusion, social justice and environmental justice engaged by this vision for Galway City.	In progress	<p>Progress has been made on this milestone. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- engaging with various stakeholders to ensure these values are upheld.</li> <li>- Galway Chamber has pledged to uphold, communicate and implement the Sustainable Development Goals through all the work that we carry out. <a href="https://www.chambers.ie/policy/sustainable-development-goals/chamber-support-for-the-sustainable-development-goals/">https://www.chambers.ie/policy/sustainable-development-goals/chamber-support-for-the-sustainable-development-goals/</a></li> <li>- Galway Chamber also took part in Global Goals Business Conversations workshop run by Egg &amp; Chicken Project Management &amp; Consulting. This consultation was part of an Irish Aid funded UN Sustainable Development Goals engagement project with communities, private sector and policy-makers delivered by Concern Worldwide.</li> </ul>	

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8	Promote sustainable transport solutions and initiatives to enable these.	GCC	Communication strategies across a range of sectors with creative messaging on sustainable transport.	In progress	<p><b>Engaging with the Public During Covid-19</b></p> <p>Virtual rooms were created to communicate and complete public consultation for a range of projects including: the Salmon Weir Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, BusConnects Galway: Cross City Link, and</p>	

					<p>BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road. These virtual rooms created a platform to share information regarding the projects by way of videos, photo montages and preliminary drawings of the projects. Stake holders, landowners and the public were invited to comment on the plans and proposals. In excess of 250 submissions have been received regarding these projects. Virtual rooms remain accessible through <a href="http://www.busconnectsgalway.ie">www.busconnectsgalway.ie</a></p> <p><b>Galway Bike Week 2020</b> Due to COVID-19 restrictions National Bike Week was postponed in June 2020 but was rescheduled from the 19th to the 27th September 2020. This year's events proceeded within the confines of the restrictions that were in force at that time following the introduction of new COVID-19 measures. The City Council welcomed all new groups that came up with new ideas to continue with bike week, which this year also coincides with Mobility Week. These events were innovative and welcomed and included for the first time a number of virtual events which included the following Tri Talking Sport, N.U.I. Galway and UHG Cycling Working Group to name just a few.</p> <p><b>School Streets Pilot</b> School children and parents in Scoil Iognáid in Galway City Centre took to the streets on Monday 30th November 2020, in celebration of Galway's first 'School Streets' pilot project. A 'School Street' is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop off and pick up times – creating a safer, calmer space for children, parents and residents to walk, scoot or cycle. The pilot was launched by Mayor of Galway City Council, Mike Cubbard, and Minister Hildegard Naughton of the Department of Transport, with hundreds of families joining to create the first city-centre School Streets project in Ireland. This project is funded by the National Transport Authority, and</p>	
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					<p>delivered with the support of the Green-Schools Travel programme, An Garda Síochána, and the wider school community.</p> <p>As part of the pilot project, Palmyra Row, Palmyra Avenue and Raleigh Row are pedestrianised from Monday 30th November during the school pick up and drop off times (Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 9.15am and 1.15pm to 2.45pm, during school term times only). Residents will still have access to their homes during these times, as will cyclists or ‘blue badge’ holders accessing the school. The pilot project continues into 2021.</p> <p><b>Galway Mobility Dashboard</b> The Galway City ‘Mobility Dashboard’ is an online resource showing trends in travel patterns in Galway City, including real-time journey times; the number of cars moving through the city on a given day, and travel alerts.</p> <p>The Galway City Mobility dashboard has a number of tools and tabs to visualise information about travel in Galway City, and will be of interest to both the public, and Consultants delivering transport, housing or other capital projects in the City. The Dashboard can be accessed through <a href="https://mytrafficcounts.com/public-login">https://mytrafficcounts.com/public-login</a> Please note the site is best viewed in the latest version of Chrome.</p> <p>The Galway City Mobility Dashboard shows data from a number of sources including the annual Galway City traffic surveys; Census commuting data; travel time data; and permanent traffic counters. Data from a number of traffic sensors across the city will be added in the coming months. The dashboard is currently at a ‘beta’ stage (May 2021), meaning that it is undergoing testing as new data sources and tools are added.</p>	
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					<p><b>Galway Cycle Parking Map</b> Galway City Council has launched an online map displaying over 1,040 on-street public cycle parking spaces available in the City (June 2021).</p> <p>The Galway City cycle parking map was developed to show where over 1,040 on-street cycle parking spaces are available in the city, and will assist Galway City Council to identify locations where additional cycle parking would be beneficial. The data points on the map can be made available on request, and may be of interest for student projects, or for cycling groups or transport consultancies wishing to build on the data. The map will be updated as additional cycle parking is added, or where stands are relocated. To view the map please click on the following link: <a href="http://www.galwaycity.ie/cyclingmap">www.galwaycity.ie/cyclingmap</a></p>	
			Initiatives for sustainable transport in place, ranging from cycling paths, walkways, park and ride facilities, and local community solutions to traffic congestion.	In progress	<p><b>Bus Stops</b> Upgrade of Bus Stops with new Bus Shelters at priority locations. 13 bus shelters are completed and operational. An additional bus pull in bay was constructed and complete on Bóthar la Cheile at the 404 bus terminus, Westside. An additional 4 Bus Shelters are currently under construction.</p> <p><b>Cycle Parking</b> Galway City Council installed 296 new cycle parking spaces in 2020 alone - an increase of 28% year on year in 2020. The programme to increase cycle parking stock has continued in 2021, with 66 cycle parking spaces added in Quarter 1. Additional stands will be procured and installed in 2021 with funding from the National Transport Authority.</p> <p><b>Salmon Weir Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge:</b> The Planning Consent application was submitted on 27 November 2020 and the decision is awaited. Detailed design in progress in Q2 2021.</p> <p><b>Cycle Stage 1 (East) and Cycle Stage 2 (West)</b> in progress.</p>	

					<p><b>BusConnects Galway: Cross City Link:</b> It is anticipated that a submission for planning consent will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in Q1 2022. Non statutory public consultation commenced in October 2020 and ran for 16 weeks.</p> <p><b>BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road:</b> Non-statutory public consultation commenced in October 2020 and ran for 12 weeks.</p> <p><b>Galway to Dublin Greenway - Galway to Athlone Greenway Project:</b> Office established in Ballinasloe. Steering Group Meetings being progressed. Non-statutory public consultation No. 1 was held Aug 2020. Non-statutory public consultation No. 2 was held Jan &amp; Feb 2021. Report to be submitted to TII.</p> <p><b>Park and Ride:</b> NTA have established a Park &amp; Ride Project Office and are undertaking assessment of Park &amp; Ride sites.</p> <p><b>School Streets/ School Zones:</b> Pilot School Streets launched in November 2020 at Scoil Iognáid, Raleigh Row. While the school was closed, School Zones infrastructure was progressed and was complete in March 2021. Continuation of monitoring of trial.</p> <p><b>City Speed Limit Review:</b> Presentation on Road Traffic Act 2004 and statutory guidelines given to Transport SPC on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.</p> <p><b>Slow Zones in Housing Estates:</b> 30km/h slow zones implemented in 120 no. housing estates. Presentation on Road Traffic Act 2004 and statutory guidelines given to Transport SPC on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.</p> <p><b>City Centre Pedestrian Area Rehabilitation:</b> Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement &amp; Dialogue Automated Bollards, restriction on vehicle access. Phase 4 &amp; 5</p>	
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					<p>(High St./Quay St.) to be completed in 2021 and design for phase 6 (Mainguard St.) in Q1, 2022.</p> <p><b>Covid/ Stimulus Projects 2020:</b> Galway City Council applied for, and received approval for projects to a value of over €4.4million, through Covid and Stimulus funding from the National Transport Authority to deliver dynamic, temporary measures to support active travel and social distancing.</p> <p>Initiatives progressed by the GCCMT included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Stops, Taxi Ranks, and Loading bay in Eyre Square - Paving removed and replaced with printed asphalt and line marking renewal;</li> <li>• Replacement of 7.2km of cycle lanes from Ballybane Jn. on N6 to Browne Roundabout;</li> <li>• Touchless push buttons on pedestrian crossings in Eyre Square;</li> <li>• Resurfacing of city junctions to improve surface quality and safety for cyclists;</li> <li>• Dominic St Upper footpath replacement;</li> <li>• Resurfacing of High Street and Quay Street;</li> <li>• Public lighting at locations including Southpark, Blackrock, the Plots, Woodquay; Westbrook Housing Estate to Ballymoneen Road; Monksfield to Oakland Laneway (Salthill); and Doughiska to Coast Road laneway Pedestrianisation of Cross Street;</li> <li>• Park and Stride accessible path through Barna Woods, linking Cappagh Park and Silverstrand beach;</li> <li>• Galway Mobility Dashboard;</li> <li>• On-street cycle parking;</li> <li>• Bus shelters;</li> <li>• Introduction of a temporary Tables and Chairs license for the hospitality sector;</li> <li>• Design of bespoke parklets and cycle parking;</li> <li>• Park and Stride was relaunched, to coincide with the return to school of children in Galway City. Over 420 permits were issued in August/ September</li> </ul>	
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					<p>alone. Parents/ guardians can register through <a href="http://www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride">www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commencement of work on the Wolfe Tone and Clifden Railway Pedestrian and Cycle Bridges; and</li> <li>• Development of guidelines for queuing for businesses reopening in summer 2020.</li> </ul>	
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9	Advance capacity and commitment to drive implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.	LCDC Social Inclusion Sub-committee	Proofing tools developed and being applied to test proposed policies, plans and programmes for their capacity to advance the SDGs.	In progress	The SDGs working group is mapping Local Authorities actions on Sustainable Development Goals nationally, identifying positive actions in Third Level and Business sectors, while planning an event to support Galway City Councillors embedding SDGs into the City Development Plan. Galway City Council has agreed to a partnership with NUIG to work on the implementation of the SDGs and held a planning meeting in May. This was followed up with a meeting with the Chief Executive at which GCCN was represented by the Action for Equality Co-ordinator.	
			Agreed metrics deployed to track implementation of the SDGs in Galway City.	In progress	Agreed metrics deployed to track implementation of the SDGs in Galway City	
			Collaborative fora established to enable cross-sectoral dialogue on implementing the SDGs and to engage peer support for their implementation.	In progress	Collaborative fora established to enable cross-sectoral dialogue on implementing the SDGs and to engage peer support for their implementation.	

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10	Implement the Galway City Biodiversity Plan.	GCC	Bio-diversity officer for the city recruited.	In progress	The HR Department are in the process of recruiting a Bio-Diversity Officer.	



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			Forum of relevant organisations and expert individuals convened on a regular basis.	Not started	The forum will be established after the Bio-Diversity officer has been recruited.	
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