

# Galway City LECP Implementation Plan 2020-2021

## Update Report



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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;
- looking to create the conditions for new possibilities and priorities to be pursued; and

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- 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.

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### 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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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.	In progress
			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.	Progress Hindered
			Task force proposals integrated into relevant public agency plans.	Progress Hindered

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.	In progress

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

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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**

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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	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.	
			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> <li>Music Artist Residency designed for implementation, with co-creative actions targeted at disadvantaged youth in community contexts</li> </ul>	Full details on individual schemes available
			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	Galway Chamber has engaged with Flagship 2 partners and additional stakeholders through our involvement on a number of committees/ taskforces. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western REP</li> <li>• Tourism Taskforce</li> </ul>	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	Work Galway Chamber is engaged in to drive the economic potential of the city and create employment in the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ‘Why Work West’ Recruitment Campaign. This initiative would assist businesses, many of which are still struggling to fill positions and do not have the resources internally, in filling the vacant position within their team. It would focus on different personas, such as students, those who have worked through the ranks in industry, those who have moved to Galway etc. The campaign would aim to achieve the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a bank of content showcasing the benefits of working in the tourism and hospitality industry.</li> <li>2. Highlight that there are jobs available in Galway for those currently unemployed.</li> <li>3. Assist in placing students in part-time roles through engagement with the two third level institutes.</li> <li>4. Aid businesses in filling vacant roles, in turn assisting them in increasing business levels.</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Why Galway Campaign - new campaign aimed at attracting additional companies and investment to Galway and the West region has been launched. The campaign will also look to promote Galway and the west as a location for domestic enterprises and entrepreneurs. <a href="http://www.whygalloway.com">www.whygalloway.com</a></li> <li>- Providing support to our subsidiary Galway Technology Centre in their strategy to create three</li> </ul>	No new update has been received since the last update

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					<p>new dynamic enterprise roles and a new fourth 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 available for budding entrepreneurs over the next two years.</li> </ul>	
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3	Implement a programme of Smart City initiatives.	Insight NUIG	Local digital strategy in place.	In progress	<p>July 2018, Indecon presented a digital readiness assessment to Galway City Council.</p> <p>Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 the first draft version of the Digital Strategy was presented by Insight to the Galway City Council IT department after extensive consultation.</p> <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, after a number of redrafts and further consultation the Local Digital Strategy was presented to the Senior Management Team (SMT) of Galway City Council.</p> <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, the Digital Strategy was adopted by the SMT of Galway City Council. This was presented to the SPC in May 2021.</p> <p>The Galway City Digital Strategy is on the City Council agenda for adoption. It will be presented LCDC once adopted by the Council.</p>	Progress is slow.
			Networks of organisations collaborating to prioritise,	In progress	Once the local digital strategy is in place it will be possible to do this.	

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mapping of Agencies:</b> Following a Mapping of Public Sector Bodies in Galway City it was decided to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NUIG and NUIG Hospital, GMIT, HSE</li> <li><b>Galway PSD Seminar</b></li> <li>schedule a PSD Seminar in Galway with attendance from GRETB, GCP, Galway Arts Office, NUIG, GMIT, HSE. Potential speakers contacted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	GMIT and NUIG Hospital engaged
			Number and range of public bodies with a published assessment of equality and human rights issues relevant to their functions.	In progress	Engagement of new agencies will lead to progression of this action.	

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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	<p><b>National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022.</b></p> <p><i>“A Social Enterprise is an enterprise whose objective is to achieve a social, societal or environmental impact, rather than maximising profit for its owners or shareholders.</i></p>	

					<p><i>It pursues its objectives by trading on an ongoing basis through the provision of goods and/or services, and by reinvesting surpluses into achieving social objectives.</i></p> <p><i>It is governed in a fully accountable and transparent manner and is independent of the public sector. If dissolved, it should transfer its assets to another organisation with a similar mission.”</i></p> <p>The subgroup formed to work Social Enterprise is due to meet in late August/early September and is expected to adopt this definition as set out above, 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.</p>	
			Specific enhancements to the business and financial support infrastructure available to social enterprise.	In progress	<p>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.</p> <p>Future Analytics/KPMG completed May 21 and final Report received by GCC. 4 Consultation stages took place with stakeholders as part of this process.</p> <p>Need areas identified –</p> <p>Suitable Social Enterprises/Circular Economy Space</p> <p>Options</p> <p>Other needs areas identified</p> <p>Mentoring</p> <p>Training Supports</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Access to various SE/CE business networks/support</p>	

					<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> <p>The subgroup formed to work Social Enterprise is due to meet in late August/early September and a regular meetings schedule will be agreed.</p> <p>The Group will look to action the needs areas identified in the FA/KPMG as well as ongoing/future needs for the sector in Galway.</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 a follow up meeting is scheduled in late August/early September</p>	Participation of Social Enterprises is required at all stages
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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	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision to hold off on circulation while LGBTQI+ Survey and TIG Surveys in circulation and &amp; while HSE online access interrupted.</li> <li>Results will be compiled to inform future work programme.</li> </ul>	Baseline Survey completed

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			rolling action plans relating to different elements of the UN CRPD.			
			A number of rolling action plans under implementation.	In progress	Key actions will be guided by compilation of survey findings.	

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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 next meeting is taking place on the 21 <sup>st</sup> September 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 Annual Progress Report for the Climate Adaptation Implementation Cycle of September 2020 to September 2021 is being prepared. At the end of August 2021, 90% of planned tasks were reported as being completed or on-going. Incomplete tasks where appropriate will roll over to form part of the next year of implementation from September 2021 to September 2022.  A new Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan September 2021 to September 2022 is currently being prepared.	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	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	Regular Management Executive meetings and meetings with NCO meetings continue to be oversee implementation and monitor progress of actions.	
			A local action plan on homelessness and housing insecurity agreed and under implementation.	In progress	Actions to address homelessness being progressed in accordance with Regional Homelessness Action Plan. New national Housing Policy 'Housing for All' to be agreed and announced in due course. Actions being implemented at local level will be reviewed in light of same.	

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9	Strengthen implementation of the Healthy Galway City Strategy.	Healthy Galway	Progress made on implementation of the Healthy Galway Strategy actions.	In progress	<b>Healthy Eating:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three additional online Healthy Food Made Easy programmes were delivered during May and June. There were 30 participants engaged in the three programmes.</li> <li>66 families were supported during the months of May and June to engage in a 4-week Family Cooking Project to promote healthy eating behaviours. This project was delivered in partnership with Foróige, GRET B &amp; Tusla Family Services. Families were supported in Doughiska, Ballybane, Ballinfoile and Carrowbrowne. An additional 10 families will be supported in Knocknacarra in September.</li> </ul>	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Melting Potluck cooking project is continuing with residents from the Great Western and the Eglinton.</li> </ul> <p><b>Physical Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 5-week online chair yoga programme was delivered during the month of June, for older adults engaged in the Acorn tablet project with Galway City Partnership.</li> <li>• Working with the Ballybane Taskforce and the Community Sports Hub to expand walking routes in Ballybane &amp; Doughiska – routes have been mapped and are currently being designed.</li> <li>• The following exercise classes continued being streamed weekly via the Teach Solais Instagram during April and May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beginners' Bodyweight</li> <li>○ Sweat and Stretch (advanced)</li> <li>○ Keep HIIT going (advanced)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An online Tai Chi programme was also delivered for the LGBT+ community during the month of April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tobacco Free:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressions of Interests for Not Around Us signage have been received from 27 sites in Galway City &amp; County.</li> <li>• 15 sites in the city have signed up to the Not Around Us initiative – Westside Library, Westside Resource Centre, Sunflower Creche, Youth Work Ireland Westside, Scoil Iognáid, Foróige Eastside Ballybane, Foróige Eastside Doughiska, Foróige Knocknacarra, Foróige Ballinfoile, West Galway Family Services, Ballinfoile Castlegar Neighbourhood Centre, Galway City Library, Galway Bohemians FC, Salthill Knocknacarra GAA Club and St. James Ladies Football Club.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sexual Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Health information posters are being developed for people living in Direct Provision.</li> </ul>	
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Health West are working to create similar posters, flyers, cards etc. for other groups (LGBTIQ+, Travellers, Disability Sector).</li> <li>• Delivered a body confidence workshop for shOUT LGBT Galway online virtual festival on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</li> <li>• Delivered sexual health education to two groups from Dóchas don Óige during the month of June.</li> <li>• Working with Amach LGBT+ Galway and LGBT+ groups to deliver three workshops over the summer months – one general, one specific to trans and non-binary and one specific to STIs and HIV.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We partnered with Galway Sports Partnership and Healthy Galway County to host a three-part webinar series to promote positive mental health and wellbeing with Dr Eddie Murphy. The webinars were delivered via Zoom on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm - Wellbeing in Strange Times</li> <li>○ Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm - Parents Supporting Teens</li> <li>○ Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm - Mental Fitness</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Galway Traveller Movement, Amach LGBT+ Galway and The Bridge Project facilitated the delivery of Cultural Competence training to Mental Health Service providers. The three-part training began on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The remaining two sessions were delivered on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>• Two 10-week Nature for Health programmes began Terryland Forest Park and Barna Woods on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The sessions took place from 10am-12pm each week.</li> </ul>	
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			Effective links made between the Healthy Galway City Strategy and other local strategies of relevance.	In progress	<p>The following action continued under the Community Resilience Fund during Q2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 older adults impacted by social isolation in Galway City engaged in a 12-week online programme using Acorn tablets provided by Galway City Partnership. The programme was delivered from 10<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.</li> <li>• One-to-one tutoring and technical assistance were provided by phone.</li> <li>• In addition to the 12-week online programme participants were also supported to engage in online physical activity programmes organised by Healthy Galway City: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8-week exercise programme for over 55's delivered by Siel Bleu</li> <li>○ 5-week gentle exercise programme</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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**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 partnering with Galway 2020 Legacy to provide opportunities and information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Galway's international profile</b> Outward and inward promotion of Galway to the World (i.e. Hosting Ambassadors, EU-Japan Fest Supported Project)</li> <li>• <b>EU Funding Opportunities</b> - Information on EU funding for Culture/ Social/ Civic (Galway 2020 Legacy) and Enterprise &amp; Entrepreneurial (Galway Chamber).</li> <li>- To act as an information point for businesses/ community groups on the various agencies involved in EU Funding (NWRA, LEADER, WDC, Creative Europe Desk) and their supports.</li> </ul>	

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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.	Progress Hindered	This group has been disbanded because of the lack of engagement by the Department of Social Protection.	
			Task force proposals integrated into relevant public agency plans.	Progress Hindered		

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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>In association with NUIG, GMIT, GTI, Equal Ireland, and GCCN the educational situation in Galway with regards social inclusion mapped. Each has put in place programmes to encourage disadvantaged groups to participate in education. GRETB has VTOS BTEI and GABES who run many initiatives to encourage participation.</p> <p>New post COVID advertising planned to push this agenda forward. New courses and times to suit from basic skills to full qualifications. The Mervue training centre offers many courses for people to develop skills running courses to suit peoples needs.</p> <p>This then links with the post leaving cert courses in GTI the Access programme in NUI and the GMIT.</p> <p>GMIT, part of the higher education access route which is dedicated to providing for those unrepresented in college due to socio economic backgrounds and runs a strengths and profiling course in schools particularly DEIS schools to guide students on the way.</p> <p>Equal Ireland runs courses specifically aimed at people who want to return to education and runs courses to facilitate this. However, funding for these courses is difficult to come by and scholarships are few.</p> <p>GRETB also runs an after schools' service to encourage children in school and it is hoped this could be a city-wide development. As many children and parents struggle with homework.</p> <p>All partners agree that greater awareness needed through advertising and promotion to encourage a take up of places on offer.</p> <p>GRETB Community Education Service supports those most distant from education in their own communities by funding or providing tutors to community and voluntary groups or working in partnership with them. 2020: 1200 learners in the City.</p>	This was made difficult during the COVID pandemic but the partners worked to ensure a comprehensive map.

					<p>Mitigating Against Educational Disadvantage Fund In Galway City 2020; Purpose of the fund is to support Adult and Community Education learners to engage more effectively in their learning with a particular focus on digital technology.</p> <p>9 projects € 86,2722.17 allocated in the city main purpose was putting in place the technology disadvantaged adult and community based learners needed to participate in their learning more effectively. 2021 scheme will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Disadvantaged Learner Laptop Scheme: 288 laptops were distributed to learners in the city following an application process. (I dont have the numbers for the laptops distributed by Youthreach in the city)</p>	
			Outcomes of the mapping processes integrated into relevant public agency and education provider plans.	In progress	<p>The mapping showed the need for a more integrated policy approach with public agencies. Advertising in schools all schools and especially DEIS. Progression routes and third level information for be included in all education plans.</p> <p>An after schools' service to aid student in development citywide.</p> <p>More funding needed to encourage participation from at-risk socio-economic areas.</p> <p>All educational plans to include reference to inclusion, language and other supports. A development of the GMIT DARE disability access route to education.</p> <p>All publications to include information about scholarships.</p> <p>All information integrated into Provider plans providing a one-stop shop for prospective students. This will show students what they need and where to go for information on grants and supports. This starts in schools and at a Basic education level, so students see the direction and are encouraged to take it.</p>	

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					<p>Visual and multimedia aids would be helpful and source funding for this.</p> <p>Educational plans to include outreach programmes and clear pathways to progression.</p> <p>An online information centre proposed for the city. This would connect all the learning centres in Galway and show what is available.</p>	
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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	Meeting on a regular basis, progressing and keeping under review an agreed strategy and action plan. Strategy near completion. Key actions underway <b>TIG Baseline Survey</b> , circulated more extensively by GCC on June 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>TIG Strategy</b> : near completion, following 2 meetings.	
			New initiatives in place to implement National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	Lead on all LCDC groups contacted regarding progression of Traveller and Roma actions.	
			Agreed guidance being implemented on public service provision to the Traveller community.	In progress	Further actions to be identified following analysis of Survey findings. 11 completed surveys to date.	

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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	<p><b>Resource Pack</b> underway, finalized by Q3.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce strongly engaged in roll-out of Public Recognition Marker, active partnership role functioning well. 3 key projects that add value progressing.</p>	<p><b>Baseline Survey</b> circulated, 9 agencies completed, findings compiled, Good attendance at meetings.</p> <p>City and County <b>PRM Badge &amp; Letter of Engagement</b> designed,</p>



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						approved by IAG, awaiting production & roll-out, Launch possible during Galway Pride in August.
			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		

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6	Develop and implement a Galway Intercultural Strategy	GCP	Strategy developed and agreed in a participative manner.	In progress	Funding has been secured and we are in the process of compiling a job description and advertise for a worker to inform and write an Inclusion Strategy for Galway City and to develop an Anti-Racism campaign	
			Funding and structures secured for implementation.	Not started		
			Migrant Integration Forum for the City established.	In progress	The forum that currently exists The Galway Integration Consortium is under review.	
			New initiatives in place to implement The Migrant Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	<p>-Groups have been identified to feed into strategy development and pre- development work has already begun</p> <p>-Strategy has been flagged with groups participating in feedback sessions for other inclusion plans eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Migrant Groups who participated in the workshop for Making a submission in relation to the Galway City Development Plan.</li> <li>Participants in the community consultation around making a submission to the National Anti-Racism Strategy.</li> </ul>	
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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	Galway Chamber's Future Galway Future West initiative led by Mark Gantly and Peter Hynes will convene their inaugural Greater Galway 2040 Forum on	

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	inform consistent messaging and future planning.				<p>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September with key stakeholders. The first meeting will be focused on introductions and establishing modus operandi with one presentation to initiate the discussion on how a post-pandemic, climate change-engaged and citizen-focused Galway might look, feel and work.</p> <p>Galway Chamber's Evolving Committee has also been continually meeting on a monthly basis and they have developed a Vision for Galway initial draft which will be used as a baseline for future collaboration and engagement with the public and all stakeholder groups.</p>	
			Vision for Galway City to shape future planning agreed.	In progress	<p>An initial draft/ working document has been developed and it is currently being translated into various mediums in order to illustrate it effectively.</p> <p>The launch of the initial draft will take place end of September/ early October and will be available for public consultation to gain feedback and views/ ideas. After the public consultation period suggestions will be consolidated and reflected in the Vision for Galway. The final Vision will be launch in December.</p>	
			Communication messages and materials developed.	In progress	<p>Galway Chamber is working with Architecture on the Edge to create a 'sketch' incorporating all components of the vision for Galway. This will be complemented with infographics and a video to give a rounded/ complete view of the vision.</p> <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. WDC is currently developing this aspect of the project.</p>	
			LCDC values of dignity, autonomy, participation, inclusion, social justice and	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> </ul>	

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			environmental justice engaged by this vision for Galway City.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>- We have chosen to focus initially on Goals 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), Goal 13 (Climate Action), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) and Goal 5 (Gender Equality).</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> 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 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</p>	

					<p>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 delivered with the support of the Green-Schools Travel programme, An Garda Síochána, and the wider school community.  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</p>	
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					<p>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> <p><b>Galway Cycle Parking Map</b></p> <p>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	In progress	<p><b>Bus Stops</b></p> <p>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</p>	

			community solutions to traffic congestion.		<p>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>	
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					<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 23rd 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 23rd 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> <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> </ul>	
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 alone. Parents/ guardians can register through <a href="http://www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride">www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride</a></li> <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	<p>Joint Workshop for Councillors and Planners took place on July 20<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Successful engagement of GCC CEO with NUIG and GCCN CEO GCC committed to public signing amended version of SDG Accord in autumn 2021, and engaging GMIT and Galway County Council in same.</p> <p>Number of Motions for Councillors identified towards securing Baseline Survey.</p> <p>Draft Plan linkage to SDGs: A4E coordinator seeking clarification from CE GCC, as Draft County Plan linked to outdated Sustainability Goals.</p>	



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			Agreed metrics deployed to track implementation of the SDGs in Galway City.	In progress	SDGs Working Group tracking SDG implementation locally.	
			Collaborative fora established to enable cross-sectoral dialogue on implementing the SDGs and to engage peer support for their implementation.	In progress	SDGs Working group meets regularly and oversees progression of SDGs locally and feeds into national policy and learning.	

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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.	
			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.	