

# 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.

### Implementation Plan 2020-2021

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 Q4 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 before Council for adoption.	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 Community Network (GCCN)	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.	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.	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	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

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Seed Number	Seed Title	Lead Partner	Milestone(s)	Status
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
			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

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	Galway City Community	Proofing tools developed and being applied to test proposed policies, plans and programmes for their capacity to advance the SDGs.	In progress



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	implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.	Network (GCCN)	Agreed metrics deployed to track implementation of the SDGs in Galway City.	In progress
			Collaborative fora established to enable cross-sectoral dialogue on implementing the SDGs and to engage peer support for their implementation.	In progress

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 2022
			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>	
			Report on actions required and engagement with these by public and private sector bodies.	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The relocation of PorterShed innovation hub to the Bowling Green site is on track for December 2021.</li> <li>The former Connacht Tribune offices will separately undergo major works, creating 220 desk spaces and event spaces, and will be completed by September 2022</li> <li>Galway Technology Centre has recently been awarded funding from Enterprise Ireland under the REDF (Regional European Development Fund), to establish 'Academy West', which will represent a physical expansion of the Mervue Centre, plus a strategic expansion of the Centre to incorporate a more diverse and specialised set of supports including regional outreach &amp; collaboration, hands-on business growth mentoring, and a global entrepreneurship programmes. As part of this growth model GTC now wish to appoint a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Outreach Manager</li> <li>Client Scaling Manager</li> <li>Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul> We ask that LCDC members share these postings through their networks. </li> <li>PorterShed and GMIT Innovation Hubs have organised visits to each other's premises to showcase their clients and the great start up supports available in the West.</li> <li>Galway Technology Centre, PorterShed and Galway Chamber are sending a delegation to this year's Web Summit in Lisbon to meet other European and Global</li> </ul>	

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					counterparts in Start-up/ tech and hear from industry leaders.	
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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 approved 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>	The Draft Digital Strategy is an outstanding item on the City Council Agenda.
			Networks of organisations collaborating to prioritise, implement, monitor, and promote Smart City initiatives.	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	Galway City Community Network	Regular meetings of the collaborative forum.	In progress	Public Sector Duty: Galway City is a frontrunner in relation to supporting the implementation of the Public Sector Duty, a legal obligation on all public bodies to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their	

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	sector equality and human rights duty.				employees, customers, service users. The next meeting of the Collaborative Forum is November 4th.	
			Number and range of public bodies with a published assessment of equality and human rights issues relevant to their functions.	In progress	Two new public bodies are now engaging with the Public Sector Duty process, GMIT and NUIG Hospital and will attend a Public Sector Duty Activation Seminar in November.	

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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>National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022. “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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>The subgroup formed to work Social Enterprise is due to meet again in Q4 and is expected to adopt this definition, creating local and regional alignment with national policy. The Group feels 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	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	

			financial support infrastructure available to social enterprise.		<p>Economy. Future Analytics/KPMG completed this in Q2 2021.</p> <p>Need areas identified in this report were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable Social Enterprises/Circular Economy Space Options</li> </ul> <p>Other needs areas identified were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentoring</li> <li>• Training Supports</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Access to various SE/CE business networks/support</li> </ul> <p>As well as presenting this study to the SPC members in Q2 2021 GCC initiated the 1st meeting to review this report and develop and explore a series of actions going forward.</p> <p>These initial meetings proved very positive and set out a plan for the Team to meet across the year and work on needs areas identified.</p> <p>Following on from this the SE/CE Stakeholder Team is currently working on an application (led by the WDC) in relation to the DRCD's ARISE Scheme. It is the intention to submit an application for proposed project funding in Q4. The project that is proposed looks at-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation of an Online Directory of Social Enterprises</li> <li>2. Social Innovation Challenge</li> <li>3. Regional Social Enterprise Network</li> <li>4. Event to showcase Rural Social Enterprise</li> <li>5. Social Enterprises and 3rd level colleges</li> <li>6. Research Paper on Impact of Social Enterprise</li> </ol> <p>In early Q4 Galway City Council through the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) will invite applications for funding from interested social enterprises within the Galway City administrative area under the Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021.</p>	
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme is being administered by Galway City LCDC on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development, with the total funding allocated to Galway City under the scheme is €19,805.</li> <li>Grants of between €1,500 to €3,500 are available to social enterprises under this scheme for the purchase of equipment or the carrying out of repairs or refurbishments to enable social enterprises to improve service delivery.</li> <li>Amounts approved will ultimately be subject to the total number of applications received and the overall budget available to Galway City. Final decisions on funding approvals will be made by the Department of Rural and Community Development.</li> </ul>	
			Social enterprises engaged in process for and outputs of this initiative.	In progress	<p>The GCC initiated SE/CE Stakeholder Team has reviewed the Final SE/CE Feasibility Study on Enterprise Space in Galway City and is exploring a series of actions and needs for the sector across the city.</p> <p>The Stakeholder Group includes SE/CE representatives from - GCP, GCC, SCCUL, WEC, WDC and SE business representative (Bounce Back Mattress Recycling)</p> <p>This subgroup formed to work Social Enterprise is due to meet in Q4.</p>	
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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 rolling action plans relating to	In progress	Progress has to some extent stalled. The Action for Equality Coordinator will contact Damian Walsh of Independent Living Movement with regards to progress in other LAs. Access for All resources are greatly consumed in striving to achieve improvements in accessibility across Galway city.	

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			different elements of the UN CRPD.			
			A number of rolling action plans under implementation.	In progress	Survey design is completed. Roll-out timeline to be identified.	

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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 Sixth meeting of the group took place on the 21st 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	<p>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>.</p> <p>The Annual Progress Report for 2021 was submitted to the Climate Action Regional Office on 8th October 2021. A Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan for the period from September 2021 to September 2022 has been prepared.</p> <p>Galway City Council ran a tender competition for Consultants to prepare a baseline GHG emissions for Galway City, an Energy Master Plan for the City, and an Implementation Plan for a decarbonising zone in the City.</p> <p>The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 enacted in July 2021 provides for the preparation of Local Authority Climate Action Plans by Local Authorities. The Act requires that local authorities make a Local Authority Climate Action Plan</p>	This includes Annual Implementation plans which include collaborative projects between Galway City Council and external stakeholders



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					upon receipt of the request of the minister within the timeframe prescribed in the Act.	
			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	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	The Healthy Galway City Co-ordinator resigned on the 10th September 2021. A replacement has been recruited. Under Healthy Ireland Round 3, this post was initially approved until the end of December 2021 but Round 3 has been extended until the end of March with confirmation email from Pobal advising that funding will be made available until the end of March 2022 for the Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator post.	

					<p>Progress &amp; Financial Return July 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor queries from Pobal have been responded to and final approval has been approved.</li> </ul> <p>Action 1: Healthy Eating in the Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two online Healthy Food Made Easy programmes are continuing and the 5th session has just been completed which included the visit of a dietitian to answer questions from the participants. Of the 20 that started these programmes there are approx. 15 still engaged in the sessions. The 6th and last session for both courses took place on October 19th.</li> <li>• Two more online programmes are scheduled to begin on Tuesday 2nd November. Promotional posters have been circulated for these two online programmes with the hope of recruiting 10 participants for each course.</li> <li>• An additional 10 families will be supported to participate in the Family Cooking Project with Foróige Knocknacarra in September.</li> <li>• The Melting Potluck cooking project is continuing with residents from the Great Western and the Eglinton.</li> </ul> <p>Action 2: Addressing Barriers to Physical Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of physical activity programmes have been planned for the Autumn with a range of groups and organisations, including Westside Resource Centre, Ballybane Community Resource Centre, COPE, Croí na Gaillimhe, Foróige Ballinfolle, Westside Youth Project and Galway Traveller Movement.</li> <li>• Siel Bleu will deliver an 8-week online exercise programme for those aged over 55, starting Monday 13th September at 11am.</li> </ul>	
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are partnering with Galway Sports Partnership to deliver programmes for the deaf community and people living in direct provision. Based on expression of interests received, we are in the process of organising Pilates and Yoga programmes for hearing impaired and deaf. A tutor and signer interpreter has been arranged and we are just waiting to confirm time and dates, tentatively looking at a 4 week programme for each programme in November.</li> <li>• Leisureland swimming pool has been booked for residents of Direct Provision to participate in 8 sessions of Aqua Tots swimming sessions in November. This is a toddler and parent/guardian session helping the children get accustomed to water and swimming.</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>• Urban Community Walking Initiative: Eastside urban walking routes will further develop our existing footprinted walking route in Ballybane and Doughiska - 4 loop routes encompassing both areas varying in distance – Map is in the design phase</li> </ul> <p>Action 3: Towards a Tobacco Free Galway City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two additional sites have signed up to the Not Around Us initiative in the city – Salthill Knocknacarra GAA and Tirellan Heights National School.</li> <li>• Not Around Us signage will be displayed on bus shelters in a number of locations across the city during the last two weeks in October to create awareness of the initiative. The bus shelter locations include Fr Griffin Road, Salthill Road Upper, Thomas Hynes Road, College Road,</li> </ul>	
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					<p>Headford Road, Spanish Arch, Castlepark Road, Ballymoneen Road, Ballybane Road on R865, Parkmore Road, Galway. Signage is going up in six locations in the county.</p> <p>Action 4: Community Sexual Health Education Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Health West are planning face to face delivery of community programmes for the Autumn.</li> <li>• Sessions planned with Amach LGBT+ during Galway Pride in August have been postponed until October.</li> <li>• Bespoke marketing campaign, including 4 posters for target groups to be completed by Q4 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Action 5: Towards a Healthy LGBT+ Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amach have recruited a new coordinator to support the completion of actions under Round 3 of the HIF. The new coordinator started on the 18th October and will be employed on a full time basis for three months initially. Clarification is awaited from Pobal if this post can be extended with funding until the end of March 2022. The coordinator will provide support to Amach in the development of a sustainability strategy, including the identification of sustainable funding models to ensure the health and wellbeing needs of the LGBT+ community continue to be addressed, and to support the development of the programme of work for Round 4 of the Healthy Ireland Fund.</li> </ul>	
			Effective links made between the Healthy Galway City Strategy and	In progress	Community Engagement:	

			other strategies relevance.	local of		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Healthy Galway City website and social media channels continued to promote the #KeepWell campaign during September &amp; October.</li> <li>• Healthy Galway City Gazebo purchased for use at community events.</li> </ul> <p>Community Mental Health Fund Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An additional 10-week Nature for Health programme began in September and is taking place in Merlin Woods.</li> <li>• Community Health &amp; Wellbeing Boards have been put up in 7 club houses and community centres in the City with another 8 in the county. A video promoting the boards will be released in the next week.</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	Galway Chamber is partnering with Galway 2020 Legacy to provide opportunities and information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>EU Funding Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is ongoing with no further update as resources have been allocated to Flagship Two and Seed 7.</li> <li>Additional partners include NWRA and the WDC.</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	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.  New post COVID advertising planned to push this agenda forward. New courses and times to suit from	No update received for Quarter 3.

					<p>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> <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.</p> <p>2021 scheme will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	
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					Disadvantaged Learner Laptop Scheme: 288 laptops were distributed to learners in the city following an application process.	
			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> <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	Through regular focused meetings, a Traveller Inter-agency Group Action Plan has been developed focusing on three objectives;  Objective 1. Maintain Traveller focus in LECP structures that can impact progress for members of the Traveller community in Galway City.  Objective 2. Determine current level of practice within public services and based on data, develop initiatives to support responding to Traveller Identity and Culture in Services Provision.  Objective 3. Advance new narratives about the Traveller Community, to address the pervasive negative public attitudes.	
			New initiatives in place to implement National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	All LECP Working Groups have been contacted by the TIG asking to specifically consider Traveller needs in their groups work during the next year and to respond to these needs in any actions undertaken.  A follow up letter has also been circulated.	
			Agreed guidance being implemented on public service provision to the Traveller community.	In progress	Based on the survey findings the group will develop tools to support services such as equality mainstreaming guidelines.  Discussion continues on a strategy for shifting negative narratives.	

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5	Convene a LGBTI+ inter-agency group.	Galway City Community Network	New initiatives in place to implement National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy locally.	In progress	Inter agency group meetings are well attended and actions progressing.	

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					<p>In light of the findings of a survey of services, a code of good practice for services is being developed to share across services.</p> <p>Public Recognition Marker for Galway City is print ready, and timetable for roll-out will be identified at meeting on October 26th. In collaboration with Galway Chamber, the PRM will be distributed to community facilities and businesses to show they are a LGBTI+ friendly venue.</p> <p>Launch will include An Garda Siochana, GCC, Teach Solas amongst others.</p>	
			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	A range of supports identified and offered to Amach by Action for Equality Coordinator towards engagement of additional Board members	

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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	No update received for Quarter 3.
			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>	

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					<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 inform consistent messaging and future planning.	Portershed	Working group convened and collaborative process devised and implemented.	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the 11th October Galway Chamber launched the consultation process for a future vision for Galway. To stimulate public discussion and encourage and encourage submissions from the public, Galway Chamber in partnership with Architecture At the Edge produced 'Galway 2050' - a large panoramic visualisation of what Galway might look like in 2050. 'Galway 2050' is the work of architect Brett Mahon.</li> <li>• All partners were invited to the launch and we'd like them to engage with the consultation process and provide their feedback on the draft vision that was presented. The visualisation and exhibition is available for public viewings in the Galway Chamber offices on Merchants Road for the next two months. To submit your views/ feedback please email <a href="mailto:future@galwaychamber.com">future@galwaychamber.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Further information can be found on <a href="https://www.galwaychamber.com/galway-2050-a-draft-vision/">https://www.galwaychamber.com/galway-2050-a-draft-vision/</a></p>	
			Vision for Galway City to shape future planning agreed.	In progress	The launch of the initial draft took place is 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 launched in December.	

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			Communication messages and materials developed.	In progress	Galway Chamber has worked 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.  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.	
			LCDC values of dignity, autonomy, participation, inclusion, social justice and environmental justice engaged by this vision for Galway City.	In progress	Progress has been made on this milestone. This includes: <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>- 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	Park and Stride  Galway City Council's Park and Stride scheme was promoted in August and September, as children returned	

					<p>to school. 199 permits have been issued over August/September 2021.</p> <p>According to the National Transport Authority (Safe Routes to School Design Guide), the front of school is where children congregate in the greatest numbers and where they are most vulnerable to indiscriminate parking practices, hazardous crossing conditions and air quality issues from idling cars.</p> <p>The Galway City Council Park and Stride scheme facilitates parents to park their car legally and free of charge, in over 20 participating car parks, when walking the last part of the journey to school with their children. The car parks can also be used as ‘hop and drop’ facilities for older children to make their way to school independently. See <a href="http://www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride">www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride</a></p> <p><b>Mobility Week</b> As part of European Mobility Week (16th-22nd September 2021), Galway City Council rolled out a range of initiatives to support the people of Galway to ‘Move Sustainably, Stay Healthy’. The theme of European Mobility Week 2021 is ‘Safe and Healthy with Sustainable Mobility’, paying tribute to the hardships felt by Europe – and the world – throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Initiatives progressing include: a bike maintenance stand pilot in Eyre Square, Blackrock, Westside Library, and Lough Atalia; providing scooter and bike parking in 8 schools; footpath renewals in locations including Forster Street, Eyre Street, Fr Griffin Road, Munster Avenue, and Fairhill Road; and commissioning new pedestrian crossings at Henry Street, Bóthar Stiofáin and Parkmore West.</p>	
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					<p>In addition, Galway City Council partnered with Galway Chamber to highlight the stories of ‘sustainable travellers’ online, and in a feature in the Galway Advertiser.</p> <p>These projects are funded by the National Transport Authority.</p> <p>Bike Week</p> <p>National Bike Week 2021 took place again this year from Sunday the 12th September 2021 until Saturday the 18th September 2021. The National Transport Authority and Galway City Council funded Bike Week 2021 similar to previous years.</p> <p>The key objectives of Bike Week were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach a diverse range of people through Local Authorities, Sports Partnerships, Workplaces, Campuses and Schools through inclusive events.</li> <li>• Encourage cycling, especially lapsed/new cyclists.</li> <li>• Enable new and less confident cyclists to improve their cycling skills.</li> <li>• Promote local cycling infrastructure for transport and recreation and highlight recent infrastructure improvements/installations.</li> <li>• Educate the community about relevant road rules and the importance of road safety to protect vulnerable road users.</li> <li>• Promote cycling as healthy, low-cost and environmentally friendly.</li> </ul>	
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					A number of events were organised throughout the week by various cycling groups and schools, and included, St. John the Apostle, Knocknacarra National School, Tri Talking Sport, NUIG Energy Society, Amach LGBT Galway, East of the Corrib Cycle Bus, Galway Cycling Campaign, Galway Cycling Campaign, St. Joseph's Special School.	
			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>Bike Maintenance Stands Pilot</p> <p>Galway City Council, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority, are commencing an 18 month trial for the provision of bike repair and maintenance stands in Galway City. The purpose of the trial is to explore the suitability of different models of stands for use in Galway City, and also the best locations for the stands to get maximum use. Pending a successful trial and review period, the provision of cycle stand infrastructure may be rolled out in locations across the city, as part of the development of Active Travel routes and the Galway City Cycle Network.</p> <p>Galway City Council initially propose to install the stands at the four locations below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eyre Square</li> <li>• Blackrock</li> <li>• Westside Library</li> <li>• Lough Atalia</li> </ul> <p>Installation will commence in the coming weeks, and stands will be moved to alternative locations during the trial period, as necessary. The location of the bike maintenance stands will be highlighted on the Galway City cycle parking map, see <a href="http://www.galwaycity.ie/cyclingmap">www.galwaycity.ie/cyclingmap</a></p>	

					<p>GCC would welcome feedback on the maintenance stands, and further suggestions for trial locations. Email – <a href="mailto:activetravel@galwaycity.ie">activetravel@galwaycity.ie</a></p> <p><b>Bus Shelters update</b> The bus shelter construction programme commenced in March 2020. 18 new bus shelters have been completed across the city to day. It is anticipated that an additional 8 shelters will be constructed over the coming 12 months.</p> <p><b>Park and Ride</b> The National Transport Authority (NTA) has established a ‘Park and Ride Design Office’, staffed by personnel from Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates, Consulting Engineers, and managed by the NTA.</p> <p>The NTA Park and Ride Design Office has now commenced work in relation to park and ride provision for Galway City. As an initial task, the office is reviewing and validating the work done in the Galway Transport Strategy using the updated information now available. In addition, work has started on site location analysis, initially focused on Potential Park and Ride sites on the east side of the City, but which will include analysis of specific potential sites in other areas.</p> <p>The intention is that the Park and Ride Design Office would initially progress the design development of one or two locations to the stage that planning consent could be sought for those proposals. It is anticipated that the development of the particular sites would be aligned with the delivery of other supporting infrastructure, in particular bus corridor infrastructure.</p> <p>Salmon Weir Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge: Undergoing detailed design</p>	
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					<p>Cycle Stage 1 (East) and Cycle Stage 2 (West) – preparations are ongoing, in advance of going to public consultation in Q3 2021, see <a href="http://www.activetravelgalway.ie">www.activetravelgalway.ie</a></p> <p>School Streets/ School Zones: Pilot School Streets continuing in Scoil Iognáid, pending publication of the final report on the project.</p> <p>City Speed Limit Review: Presentation on Road Traffic Act 2004 and statutory guidelines given to Transport SPC on 23rd February 2021.</p> <p>City Centre Pedestrian Area Rehabilitation:</p> <p>The next phase of works on the Pedestrian Rehabilitation Area is Phase 5 Mainguard Street. A contractor working on behalf of GCC Transport Operations will recommence works on the 26th of October to Mainguard St. Engagement with local businesses has also commenced.</p> <p>The contractor will work up until end of November and work will be suspended for the Christmas shopping period and the first 2 weeks of January.</p> <p>Line Markings</p> <p>Galway City refreshing of line marking throughout the city at major junctions to aid in the facilitation of pedestrians/cyclists and 30kph repeater symbols on estate roads. This is substantially complete but we continue to renew and update line markings across the city throughout the year.</p> <p>Anti-Skid Surfacing at Junctions</p> <p>A new contract has been awarded to Colas until 2023 for anti-skid surfacing across the city. Works to continue along existing locations city wide where anti-skid is present and new locations are being identified.</p>	
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					<p>Footpath repair – is ongoing in the City in a number of locations e.g. Dominick Street, Forster Street, College Road.</p> <p>Public Lighting LED Upgrade Programme The Public Lighting LED upgrade programme is at the half way point of its 3 year programme. To date, in 2021 alone there has been almost 1,800 lanterns upgraded in various locations across the City - the majority located in residential areas.</p> <p>The upgrades in 2021 have seen an energy saving of 68%, compared to existing lanterns.</p> <p>The upgrade target of 2,800 lanterns to be upgraded in 2021 is on course, and it is expected to exceed this figure.</p> <p>Additionally, 10 laneways/ walkways within residential areas have been identified for new light installations, with the aim of increasing permeability outside daylight hours.</p>	
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9	Advance capacity and commitment to drive implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	Proofing tools developed and being applied to test proposed policies, plans and programmes for their capacity to advance the SDGs.	In progress	<p>Regular meetings continue of the sustainable Development Goals Working Group, that includes members from civil society organisations, agencies and Galway City Councillors. Work to embed the SDGs across institutions, agencies and civil society in Galway city is progressing as part of a partnership between GCCN, NUIG, GCC and the Working Group.</p> <p>Meetings with NUIG have continued, following the very successful Joint SDG seminar in July 2021.</p> <p>In the coming months, there will be a public signing of an amended SDG Accord by key organisations which</p>	

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					<p>commits organisations to align all major efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals and to report yearly on progress.</p> <p>The original SDG Accord is solely targeted at educational institutions, but the amended accord will be inclusive of public agencies, institutions and civil society organisations.</p>	
			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	The SDG working group will meet again when the Draft City Development Plan is issued and continue to coordinate activities to progress SDGs in and beyond Galway City.	

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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.	