



Enterprise Space in Galway City for the Provision of Social Enterprises and Business's Operating in the Circular Economy

Feasibility Study

December
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Project Overview

To carry out a **review of enterprise space available in Galway City for the provision of social enterprises** and businesses operating in the Circular Economy



To provide ongoing **support for the development of Social Enterprises and Circular Economy** across the city and region



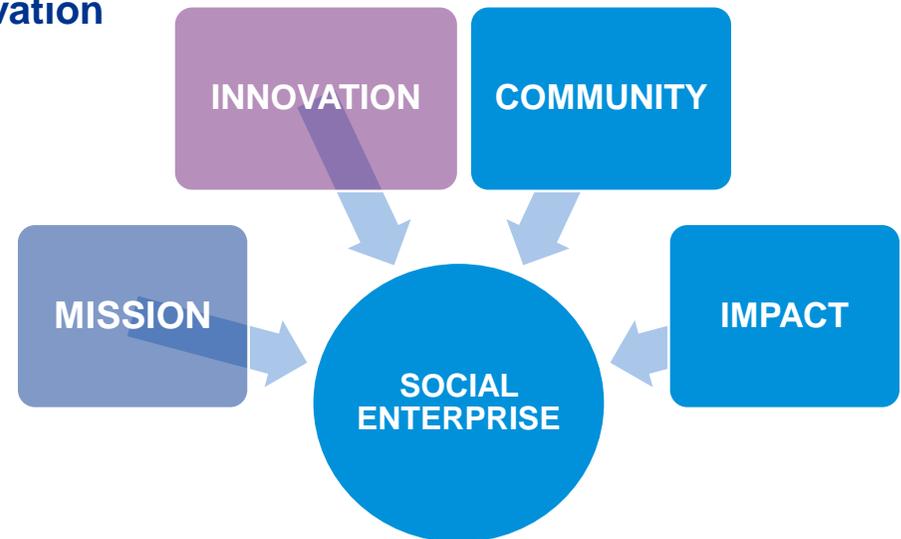
To develop **Galway as a “Centre of Excellence for Social Enterprise”**



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If successful, the proposed solutions would **offer substantial relief to start-ups and SMEs with social business models**, and will **strengthen collaboration across organisations** and will towards a more **sustainable future**.

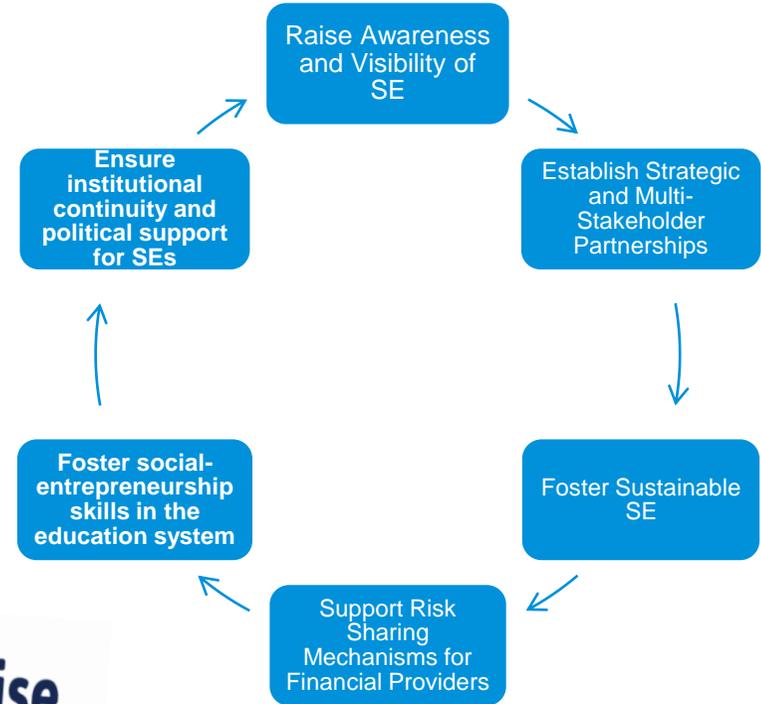
- **Enable a space for growth** for social enterprises
- Ensure that the existing **social enterprises are equipped in dealing with the challenges posed by Covid-19**
- **Improve productivity, impact and social innovation**



Social Enterprise Ecosystem

How can we **optimise** this ecosystem and ensure that Social Enterprises receive support and enhance the impact that they have on communities?

International best practice models and study insights guide our research to ensure that social enterprises in Ireland in general, and Galway City in particular are thriving and helping us to shift towards a **carbon-low, sustainable economy in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.**



Impact of Social Enterprises in Galway City

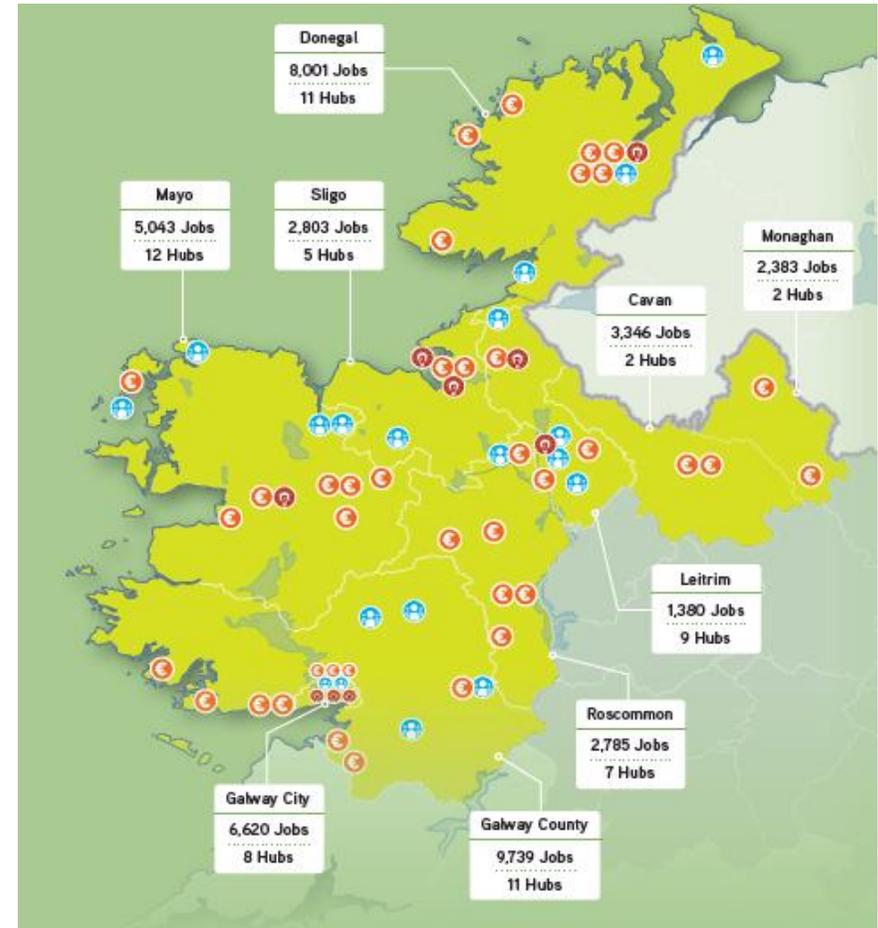
‘Regional Co-working Analysis 2020’ – The three Regional Assemblies of Ireland identified 387,000 private sector workers capable of operating remotely in Ireland, with 42,100 based in the Northern and Western Region.

Provision in Galway City:

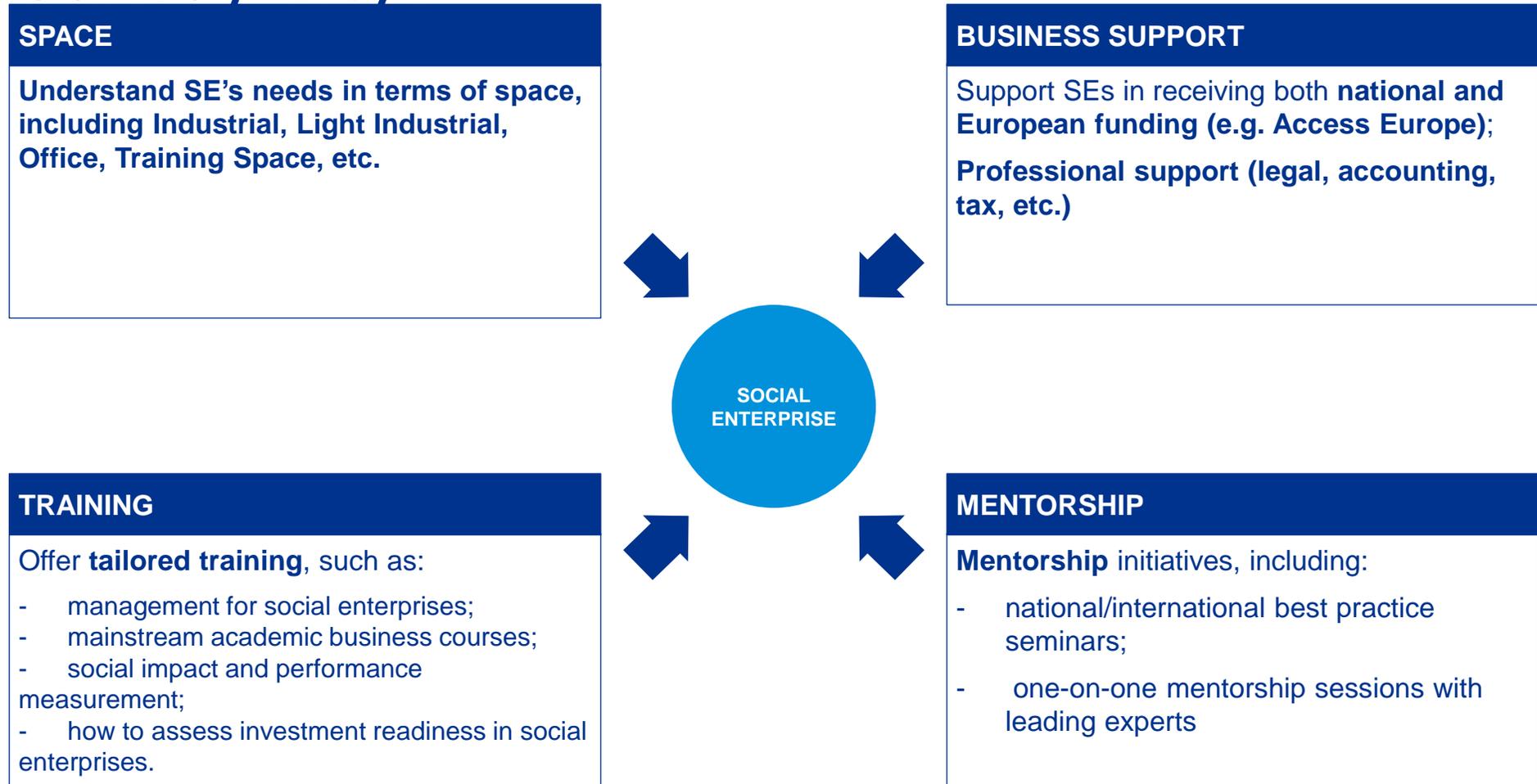
Number of Existing Hubs: 8

Estimated Number of Private Sector Jobs Capable of Operating Remotely: 6,620

Local Authorities	Name of Co-Working Hub	Location/Address
Galway City	Bank of Ireland Workbench	19 Eyre Square, Galway City, Co. Galway
	GMIT Innovation Labs	Old Dublin Road, Galway City, Co. Galway
	Blackgate	Francis Street, Galway City, Co. Galway
	NUIG Business Innovation Centre	Distillery Road, Galway City, Co. Galway
	Westside Resource Centre	Seamus Quirke Road, Galway City, Co. Galway
	SCCUL Enterprise Centre	Castlepark Road, Ballybane, Galway City, Co. Galway
	Galway Technology Centre	Mervue Business Park, Wellpark Road, Galway City, Co. Galway
	Portershed	Eyre Square, Galway City, Co. Galway

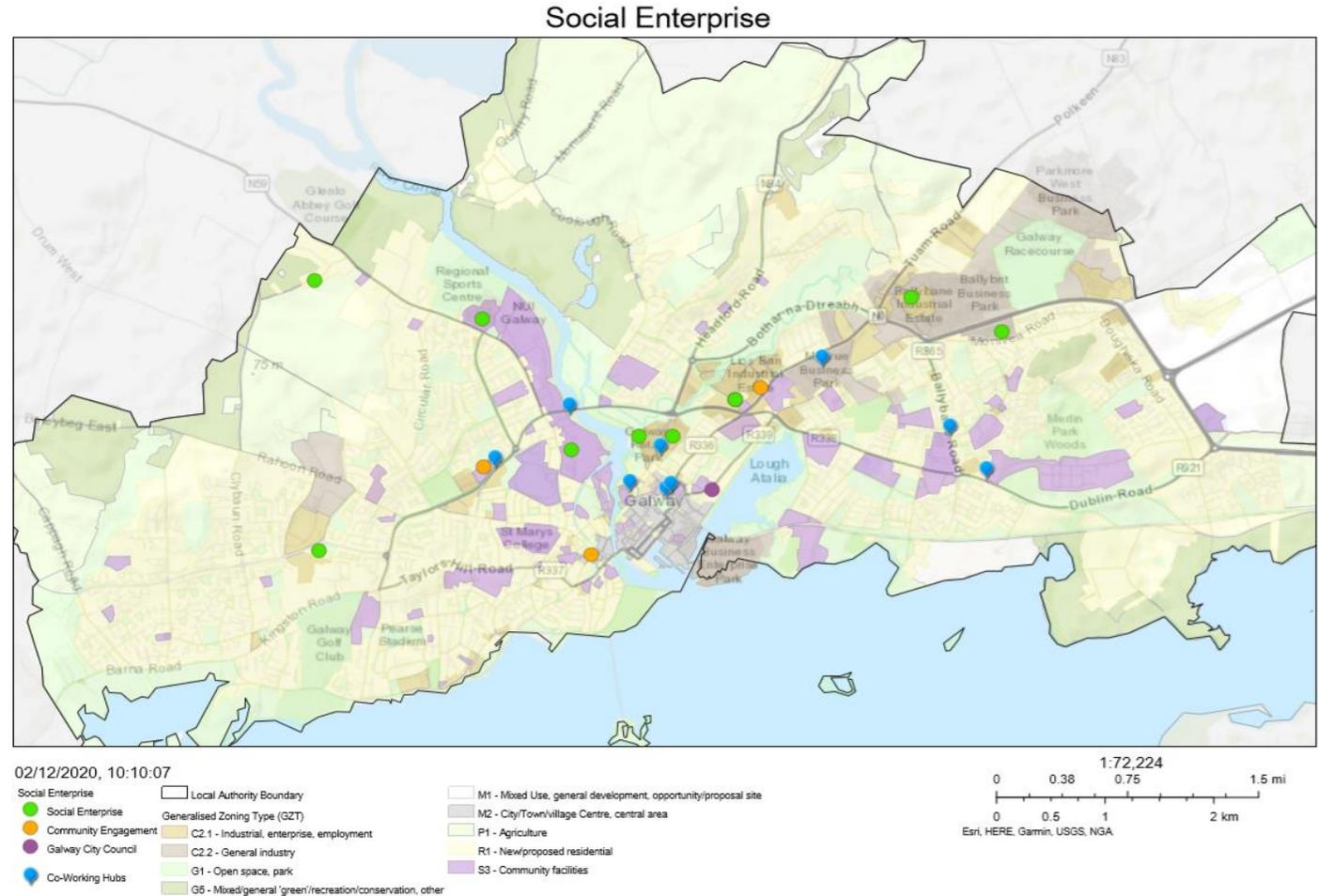


How to Help Strengthen Social Enterprises in Galway City?



Mapping Social Enterprises in Galway City

KPMG Future Analytics have identified a number of social enterprises, alongside existing co-working hubs and spaces, and used GIS mapping to illustrate the current social enterprise landscape in Galway City.



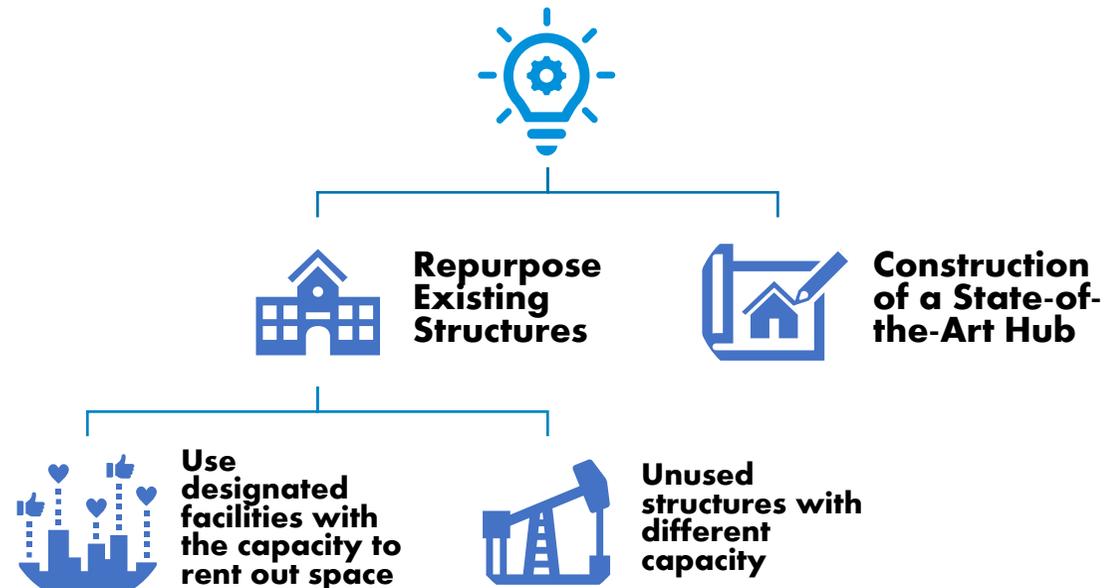
Eri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT P, USGS, METI/NASA, NGA | Central Statistics Office (CSO) |

Designated Social Enterprise Space in Galway City

We explore two scenarios with respect to space requirements and future facility details.

Scenario A involves the creation of a new building, to serve as a point of reference for social entrepreneurship not only for city, but also region and at a national level.

Scenario B focuses on the re-purpose of different existing building/unused space and adapt them for the needs of social entrepreneurs in the region. They will vary in size and shape but will be aligned with the idea behind circular economy.



Consultation phase

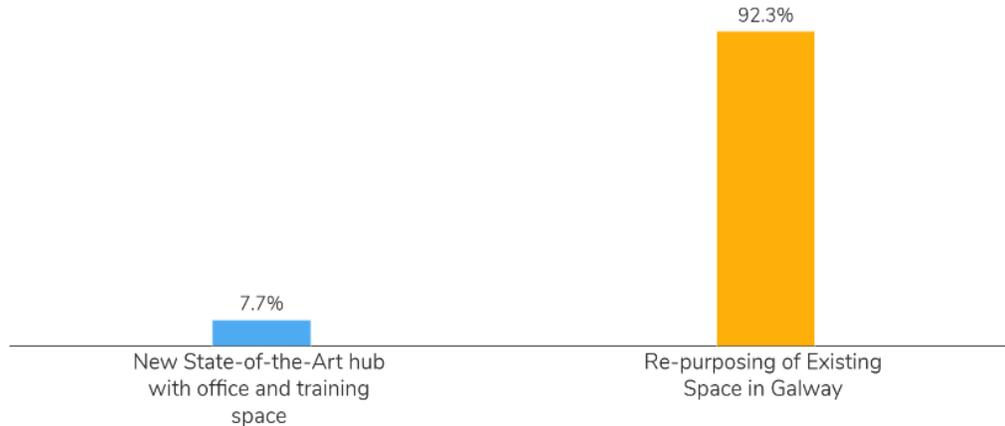
<p>High-level survey to validate existing concern for social enterprises at both national and local level May – June 2020</p>	<p>A survey has been issued to contacts from the organisations below to gather information regarding the social enterprise reality at a national level, and to offer insights on the sector’s development in Galway.</p> <p>The list of stakeholders included Colleges GMIT, Colleges NUIG, Galway Chamber, Galway City Partnership, Galway County Council, Galway Technology Centre, PorterShed, Rediscovery Centre Dublin, SCCUL Enterprises, Social Innovation Fund Ireland, Social Entrepreneurs Ireland, Udaras, WDC, WESTBIC, amongst others.</p> <p>The completion rate of the survey was 50%</p>
<p>One-on-one interviews (carried virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions)</p>	<p>Rethink Ireland - Galway Energy Cooperative - SCCUL Galway City Partnership - An Mheitheal Rothar</p>
<p>Virtual Town Hall November 2020</p>	<p>The Virtual Town Hall took place on November 17.</p> <p>It was hosted virtually, with 20 attendees from Galway City Partnership, Galway Energy Cooperative, Hope and Homes, Westside Resource Centre, Rethink Consumption, NUIG, Galway City Community Network, Undercurrent, Umbrella Eile, An Mheitheal Comhshaol, An Mheitheal Rothar, SCCUL Enterprises CLG, An Áit Eile Cooperative, GMIT iHubs, Galway Technology Centre, Galway Technology Centre, Galway Traveller Movement t/a Bounce Back Recycling.</p>
<p>Follow-up survey and follow-up discussions November 2020</p>	<p>In addition to ahaslides.com, we shared a quick follow-up survey asking the same questions, taking into account your feedback. It was issued as an additional measure to reach people beyond the participants on the day, ensuring equality access (WiFi access, childcare, physical ability etc).</p>

Designated Social Enterprise Space in Galway City

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Choose preferred space solution for Social Enterprises



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*“Please no more offices or high-tech hubs, we really, really need **appropriate light industrial & retail space, in the city centre or accessible via public transport.**”*

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Social enterprises expressed the following concerns in terms of space requirements:

- Designated space(s) need to be suitable for a variety of uses to **reflect the diversity within the sector**, including **Community Development, Social and Sustainable, Creative and Circular economy uses**;
- Designated space(s) need to be **accessible and central, compliant with COVID-19 regulations, and using co-design principles to ensure that it reflects social enterprises' needs**;
- Types of spaces required are outlined below:
 - *Very light manufacturing (comfortable for small assembly & work i.e., sewing)*
 - *Light industrial (most Circular Economy processing)*
 - *Kitchen facilities*
 - *Educational spaces*
 - *Retail*

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Social Enterprises that got in touch with us (e.g. An Mheitheal Rothar, An Mheitheal Caomhaol, An Áit Eile, etc.) identified the following spaces as suitable for the purposes of this project:

Sandy Road Enterprise Units
Ground floor of proposed mixed-use development of derelict houses on Merchants Road Lower (the area currently slated for “retail”)
Nuns Island Redevelopments – there are several empty buildings on Nun’s Island owned by NUI Galway awaiting redevelopment
Ballybrit - Briarhill Business Park has empty units
Liosbáun industrial estate - any empty units here
Connacht Tribune building

Social Enterprises in Galway City - KPIs

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What is the average range of salaries that you pay your employees/that you receive as an employee?

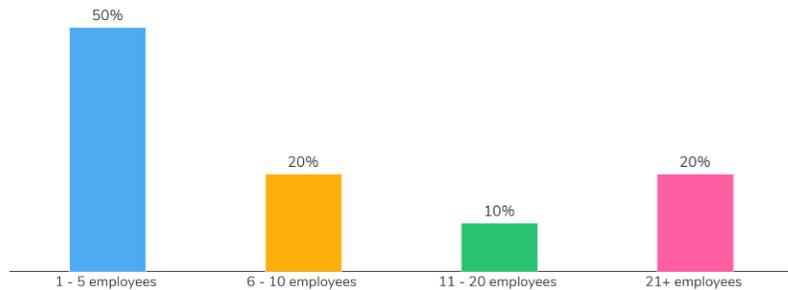


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How many people are employed by your company?

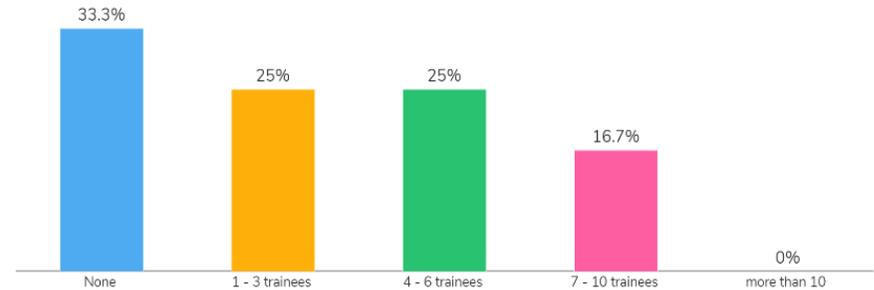


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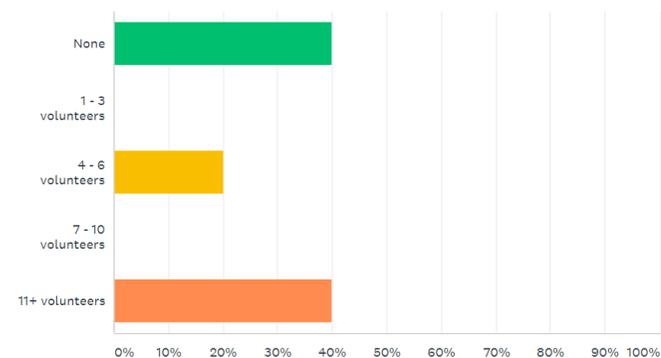
How many trainees does your company employ as part of work placement/community service programmes?



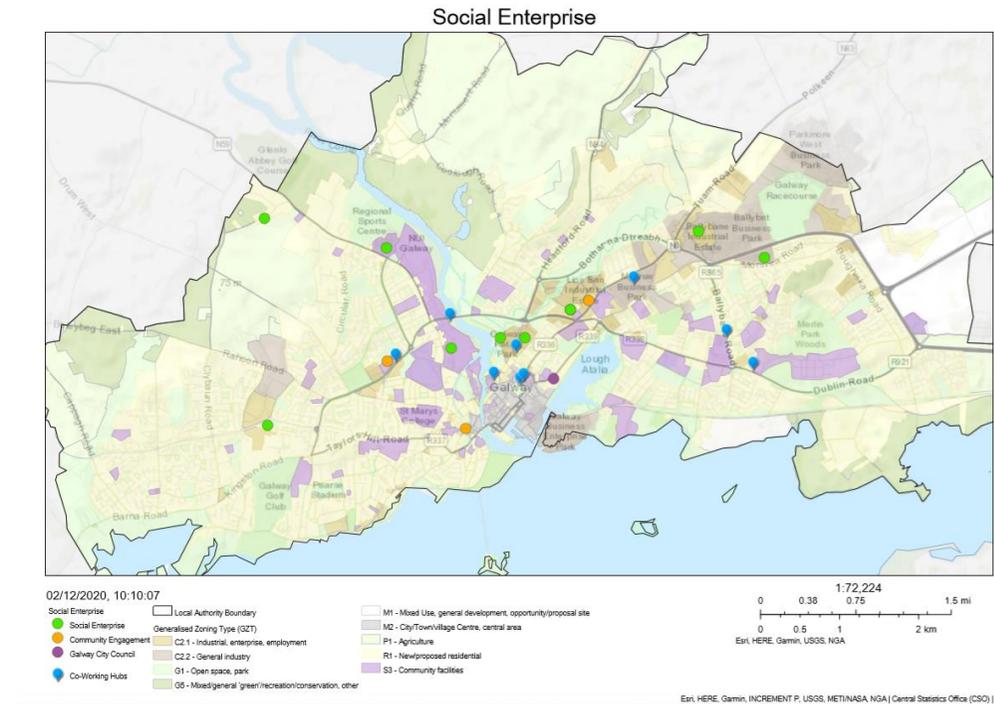
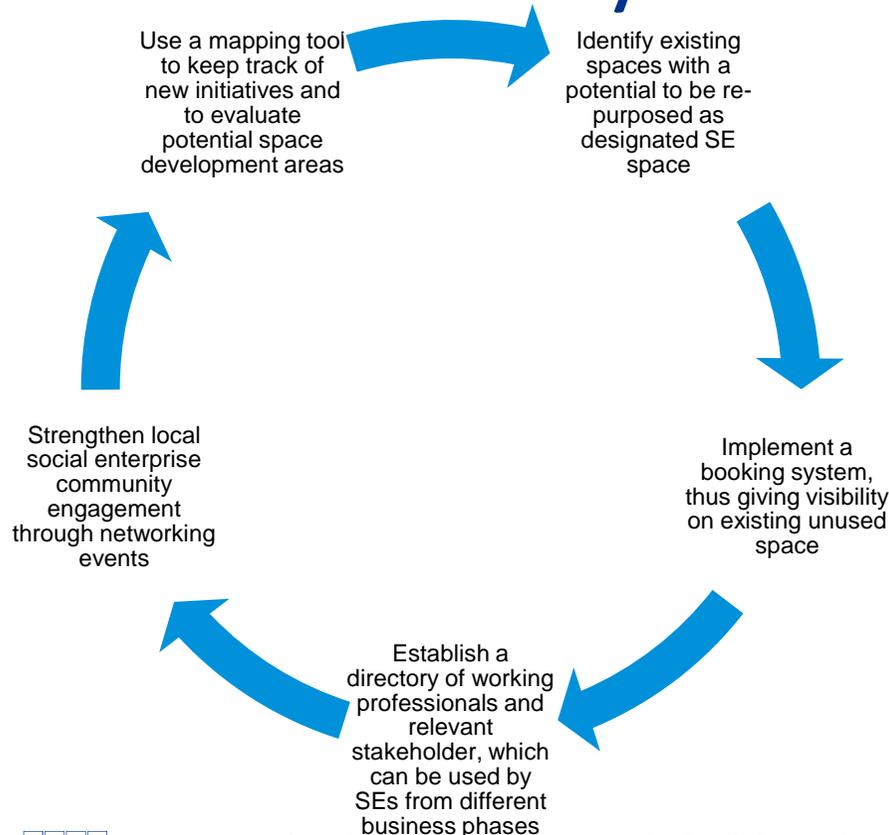
How many people are volunteering at your company?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0

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Galway's Social Enterprise Community Network

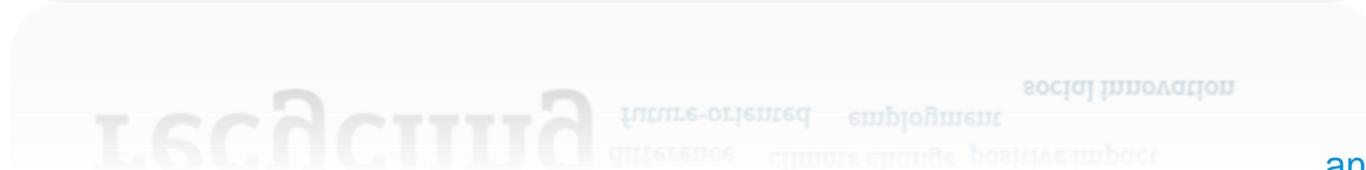
Sustainable development for Galway City beyond COVID-19



Social Enterprise as part of Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives



“development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”



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