



Galway City Community Network
Líonra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK

The Public Participation Network in Galway City

**Plenary Meeting
18 January 2023**

FÁILTE/WELCOME

Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Minutes & Matters Arising**
- **GCCN Representatives Elections**
- **GCCN Representatives Updates - Q&A**
- **Priorities for 2023**
- **Brief GCCN Update**
- **Motions - *deferred to the next Plenary***
- **AOB**

Minutes & Matters Arising

GCCN Representative Elections

Comhairle na nÓg

- Nominee: **Esther Osamyiwen**
- Organisation: **Africa United Galway**

Local Community Development Committee

- Nominee: **Lorraine Lally**
- Organisation: **Access for All**

SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development – Deferred

- Nominee: **Megs Morley**
- Organisation: **Galway Arts Centre**

GCCN Vacancies

- **SPC2: Planning - Environment Seat**
- **GCCN Secretariat**

Community Discussions

GCCN Representative Reports

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Q&A

- **SPC1: Housing and Social Inclusion**
- **SPC2: Planning**
- **SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development**
- **SPC4: Transportation**
- **SPC5: Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity**
- **Local Community Development Committee**
- **Joint Policing Committee**
- **Western Regional Drugs Task & Alcohol Taskforce**
- **Galway Sports Partnership**
- **Galway Childcare Committee**
- **Galway City Partnership**

Priorities for 2023



GCCN Work Update

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GCCN Core Work

Linkage Groups and Thematic Groups

- A number of **GCCN Linkage Groups** met remotely to discuss issues in advance of SPC, JPC and LCDC meetings
- Ongoing support is offered to all **GCCN representatives**
- GCCN continues to work with **Access for All** in the form of a Disability Thematic Group
- GCCN is part of the task group of the Gold Star Initiative in Galway
- GCCN attends the **Standing Together Against Direct Provision (STAD)** meetings and works on the **Communities Against Racism Initiative**
- GCCN engages in the re-activated **Community Response Forum** to support Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland

LECP Actions:

- **Pobal Pilot Project** - seeks to engage the most marginalised groups in society in the LECP planning processes
- The Pilot project is in active consultation phase

Progress - Local Economic and Community Plan actions

LECP Flagship Four action – Public Sector Duty:

- This work is running as a strand for all other LECP Seed and Flagship actions.
- The Civil Society Panel continues to meet

LECP Flagship Six – UNCRPD

- GCCN continues to support the work of Access for All and its work on the UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities
- Training was provided to all members in October 2022




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DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

18th and 25th October 2022 | 6pm - 8.30pm | Zoom

To complete this training, attendees will be required to attend both sessions.



Progress - Local Economic and Community Plan actions

LECP Seed Nine action – Sustainable Development Goals:

- The LECP SDG Working Group continues to meet regularly
- The Working Group continues the engagement with the City Development Plan and LECP planning processes to promote the use of the Global Indicator Framework for SDGs.
- GCCN represents the SDG Working Group at the SDG National Stakeholder Forum.
- Training around the SDGs will be delivered in February 2023

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Progress Local Economic and Community Plan actions

LECP Seed Five - LGBTI+ Interagency Group:

- The group continued to focus on the promotion of the PRM and Resource Pack and associated training to support LGBTI+ friendly service provision in Galway.

LECP Seed Four - Galway City Traveller Inter-Agency Group:

- The TIG continues to meet and is currently focusing on engagement with Galway City Council and relevant agencies in relation to undertaking Public Sector Duty assessments



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SUPPORTING LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITIES

RESOURCE PACK TRAINING GALWAY LGBTIQ+ INTERAGENCY GROUP

- 1 GENERAL TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**
24 OCTOBER 2022 | 7 PM | ZOOM
FOCUS: introduce the Resource Pack for Supporting LGBTIQ+ Communities and include training on the ABCs of the LGBTIQ+ community and welcoming diversity in your group
- 2 TRAINING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS**
26 OCTOBER 2022 | 10.30AM | ZOOM
FOCUS: building cultural competency to increase awareness, and understanding of the LGBTIQ+ community

To register for one of the sessions above, contact equality@gccn.ie

Resource Pack for Supporting LGBTIQ+ Communities
For Service Providers, Community Groups, Businesses, Sports Clubs & more
Created by the Galway LGBTIQ+ Interagency Group

Progress

Active Travel in Galway City and County

- GCCN and Galway County PPN continue to hold a series of meetings around Active Travel in Galway aimed at facilitating a collective voice for active travel and public transport users.
- The well-attended meetings brought together groups and individuals who are passionate about creating a Galway City and County that are accessible for all types of active travel.



Progress

Training and Development

- **Training for GCCN Representatives - November 2022**
- **GCCN Induction - day and evening sessions in November 2022**
- **Disability Awareness Training in October 2022 - delivered by Independent Living Movement Ireland**
- **Supporting the LGBT+ Community Training in October 2022 - hosted by GCCN, Amach and Galway County PPN**

Upcoming

- **Governance Training and SDG Training to be held in Q1 of 2023**

GCCN Submissions

Submitted

- A number of submissions on the **Local Economic and Community Plan with Access for All**, Galway City Partnership and Ukrainian communities, and the Older Peoples Council and the LGBT+ Interagency Group
- Submission on the **National SDG Implementation Plan**
- PPN Structural Review Submission
- City Connects Plan Submission

In Progress

- A new **Bus Connect Submission** - workshop to be held soon
- **DAFP Submission to LECP**

Galway Advertiser

Councillors cannot be allowed thwart the Council's obligation to house Travellers

Galway Advertiser, Thu, Oct 06, 2022



Dear Editor,

Galway City Community Network (GCCN) stands in solidarity with the Traveller Community and all marginalised communities calling for the elimination of racism and discrimination. GCCN also calls for accountability from people who hold public office.

Considering the recent statement made by Cllr Michael Crowe on the Keith Finnegan Show (Galway Bay FM) on the morning of the 26th of September 2022, GCCN wishes to express our condemnation to such racist and discriminatory comments. GCCN also wishes to offer our complete and unequivocal support to the Galway Traveller Movement (GTM) and the wider Traveller Community, including full support for the statement made by GTM (please see below) that includes calls for the suspension of Cllr Crowe pending further investigation.

We find it extremely frustrating and disappointing that, during the same week of the launch of Misleór, a festival celebrating nomadic cultures, including Traveller culture, the focus is once again on a public representative promoting anti-Traveller rhetoric in the local media.

Communications

Newsletters

- **7 GCCN Newsletters sent since last Plenary meeting in September**

Social Media

- **regularly updated**
- **Facebook: 1,656 followers**
- **Twitter: 857 followers**
- **Instagram: 674 followers**

GCCN was featured in the Galway Advertiser in October 2022 with our Statement in support of the Traveller Community.

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Thank you!

