



Galway City  
Community Network

# **GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The Public Participation Network in Galway City

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**Spring Plenary Meeting**  
**March 29, 2023**

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**FÁILTE/WELCOME**





# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes and Matters Arising
- Community Discussion ..... GCCN Reps' Updates
- GCCN Representatives Elections
- GCCN Motions .....1. Reps Involvement and 2. Membership Criteria
- Member Groups Presentation ... HopeSpace Galway
- GCCN Update ..... GCCN Activities
- AOB





# Minutes and Matters Arising

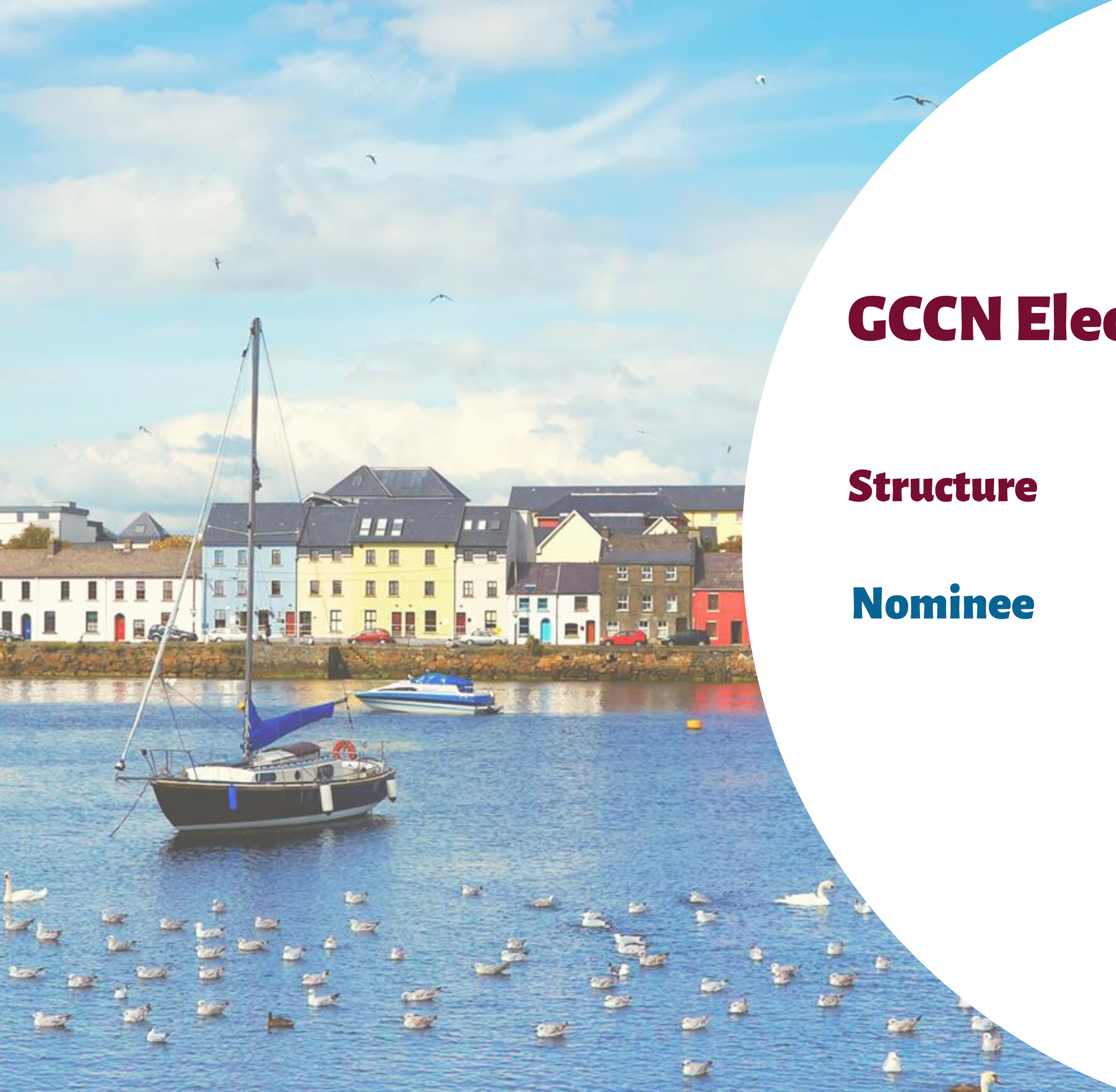


# Community Discussions - GCCN Reps Updates

## Q&A

- **SPC1: Housing and Social Inclusion**
- **SPC2: Planning**
- **SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development**
- **SPC4: Transportation**
- **SPC5: Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity**
- **Galway Sports Partnership**
- **Galway Childcare Committee**
  
- **Local Community Development Committee – no report**
- **Joint Policing Committee – no report**
- **Western Regional Drugs Task & Alcohol Taskforce – no report**
- **Galway City Partnership – no report**
- **Comhairle na nÓg – no report**





# **GCCN Election/Ratification**

**Structure**

**Local Community  
Development Committee**

**Nominee**

**Meg Morley**



# **GCCN Motions**

## **GCCN Representatives Involvement**

The Plenary is invited to propose a motion to help increase GCCN Representatives' Involvement. Decide the course of action for representatives who do not fully meet their duties on a regular basis including:

- attending meetings - Plenary, Linkage Group and local structures
- circulating information and reports
- not representing the interests of GCCN.

## **GCCN Membership Criteria**

Add the following to the membership criteria:

“Local branches of national organisations can be accepted as GCCN members if they have an independent decision-making board at a local level, are open for membership (at the level of the board) and the decisions are taken within the Galway City area. Associate membership may be offered to groups who do not fully satisfy this requirement.”



# Member Presentation







# HOPESPACE

## GALWAY CHILDREN'S GRIEF SUPPORT

The Child Will No Longer Be The Forgotten Mourner



# Mission

- ▶ To make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people aged 4-17 years who have been bereaved
- ▶ To ease their pain by helping them work through their grief
- ▶ Grief is not an illness – it is normal





## HopeSpace Galway Children's Grief Support

- ▶ Opened on part-time basis in SCCUL
- ▶ Offers a free, one-to-one listening service
- ▶ Child-centred and child-led
- ▶ A safe space/respite for children and families
- ▶ Help them to process their grief through art/play/listening and appropriate activities



# Why?

- ▶ Built on personal experiences
- ▶ We know it works
- ▶ Children and young people of Galway deserve this service



# What are we asking you to do?

- ▶ Help us spread the word
- ▶ Follow us on Facebook
- ▶ Connect with us on LinkedIn
- ▶ Encourage people to contact us if they need us



# GCCN Update



# GCCN Financial Report

	Projected Income						
	Core			Project			
	Galway City Council	DRCD	Total	LECP (Under-spend)	DAFP	LECP	Total
Core funding	€40,000.00	€60,000.00	€100,000.00				
Support Worker	€5,000.00	€25,700.00	€30,700.00				
Total	€45,000.00	€85,700.00	€130,700.00	€4,000.00	€8,204.00	€18,000.00	€160,904.00

Projected Expenditure	
Item	Based on scenario above
Staff Salary (incl. PRSI)	€124,870.47
Staff Expenses (incl. T&S)	€500.00
PPN Rep T&S Expenses	€500.00
Rent / Hosting	€3,600.00
Postage / Telephone	€1,300.00
Office Supplies / Stationery	€900.00
Light & Heat	€0.00
Insurance	€432.00
Bank Charges	€80.00
Auditing / Accountancy	€3,000.00
Training & Development	€3,500.00
Equipment & Maintenance	€360.00
Website / Hosting	€859.00
IT Support & Maintenance	€414.00
Marketing and Promotion	€221.37
Projects / Activities / Events	€800.00
Room Hire / Refreshments	€500.00
Plenary Costs	€1,800.00
Company & recruitment	€90.00
Total Expenditure	€143,726.84



# National PPN Awareness Campaign



**Campaign Press Release - [Read Here](#)**



# Campaign and Promotional Video



**Campaign Information Page on Gov.ie - [See Here](#)**



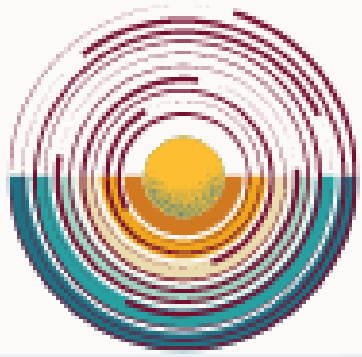
# New GCCN Logo



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# GALWAY COMMUNITIES AGAINST RACISM & DISCRIMINATION

## BUILDING COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY



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## COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY PROTOCOL



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Galway City Community Network  
stands against all forms of racism  
and discrimination, including  
sexism, homophobia &  
transphobia.

We want to create a society where all people  
feel respected, valued and protected.

We believe in equality for all and don't tolerate  
racism, the spread of hate in our communities,  
or any form of discrimination.



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## CALLING FOR EQUITY FOR ALL GROUPS EXPERIENCING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION



**JOIN US FOR THE**  
**SOLIDARITY RALLY**  
**ON SATURDAY, 25 MARCH**  
**AT 2PM IN EYRE SQUARE**





# Solidarity Rally - photos courtesy of Avi Ratnayake

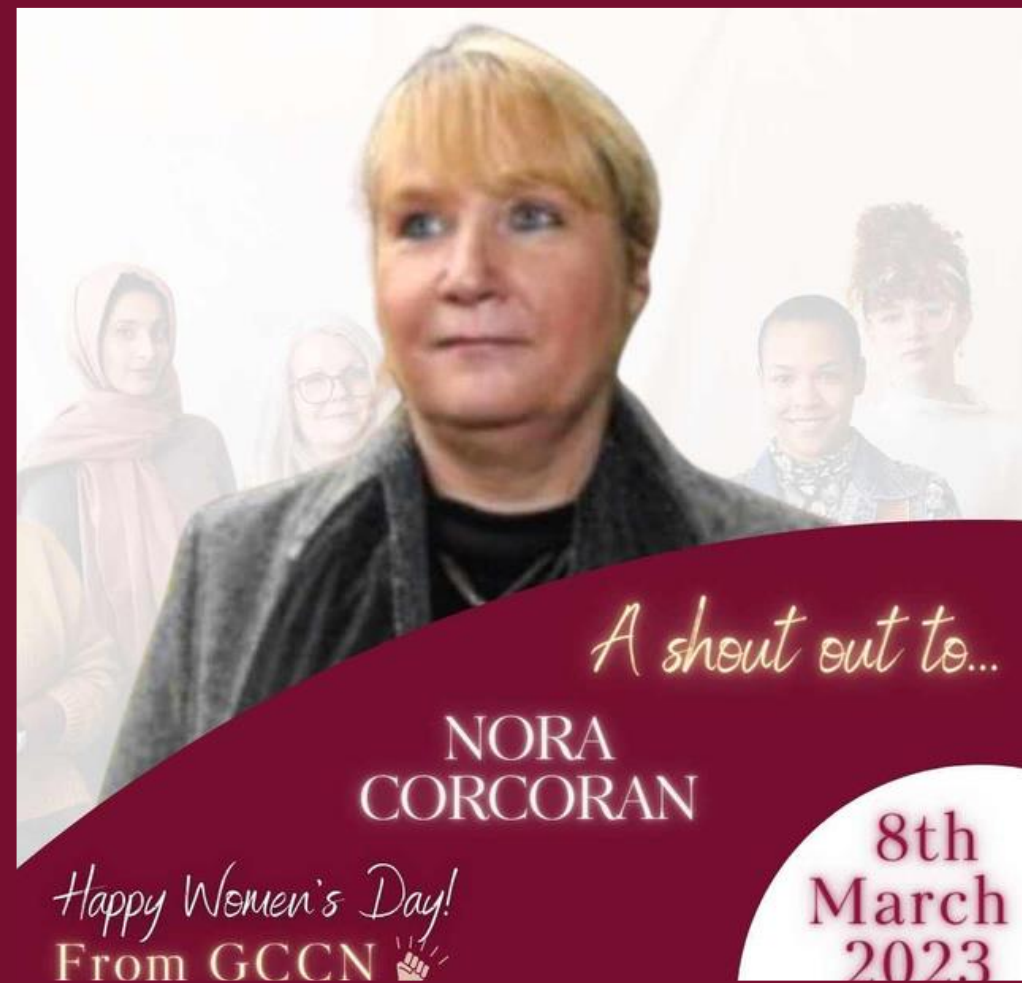
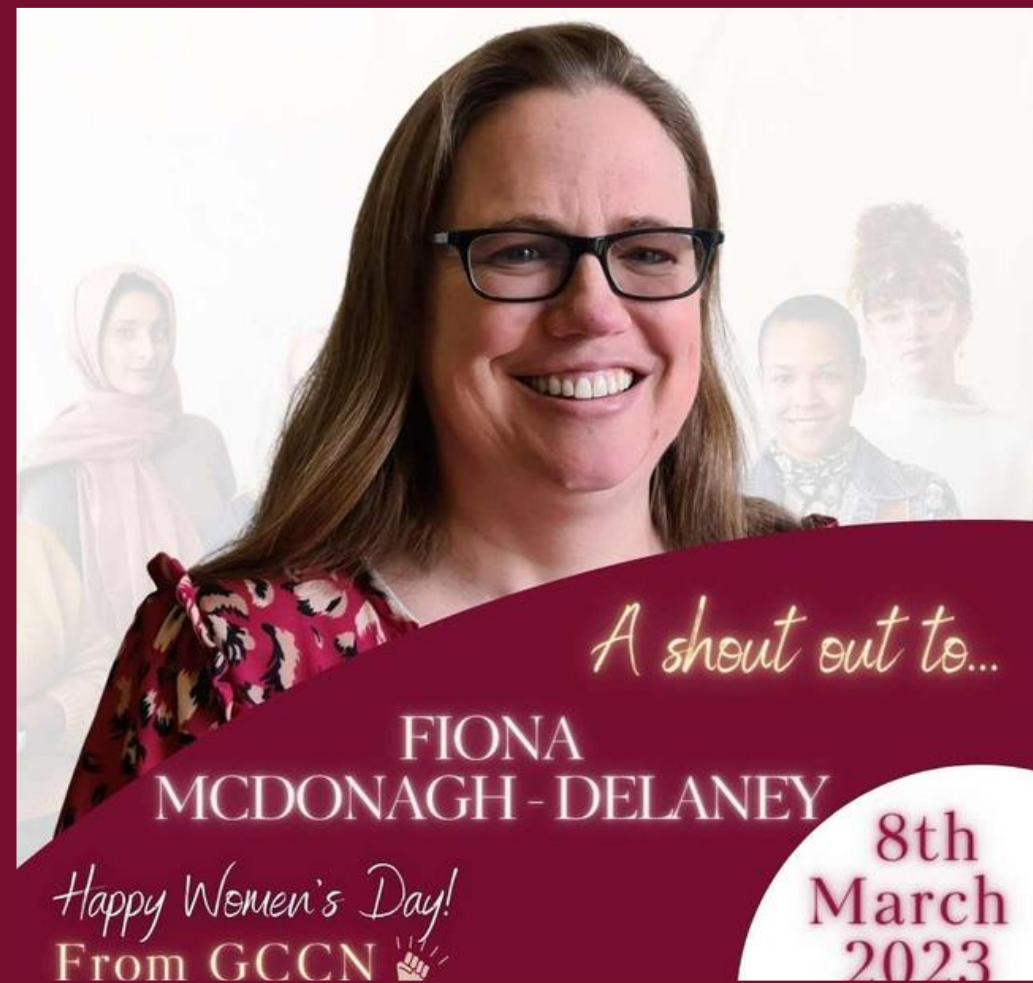
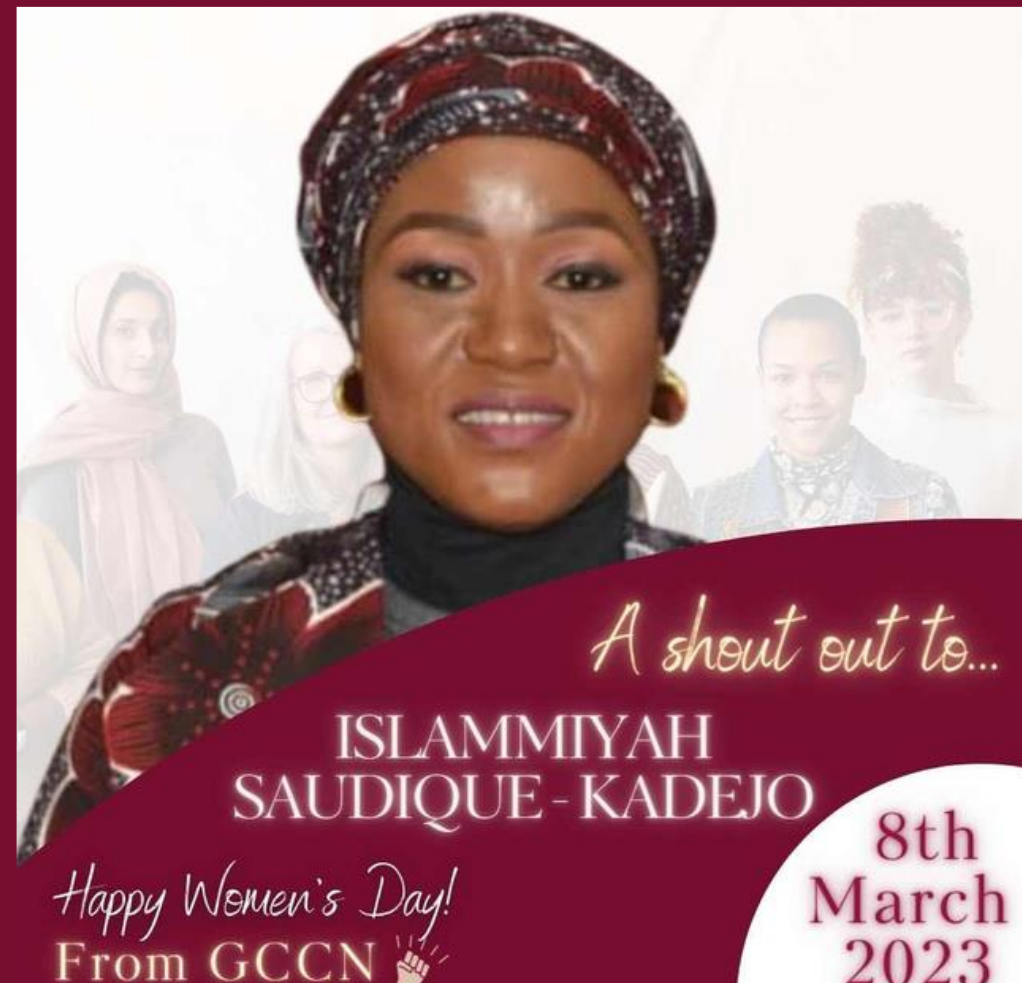
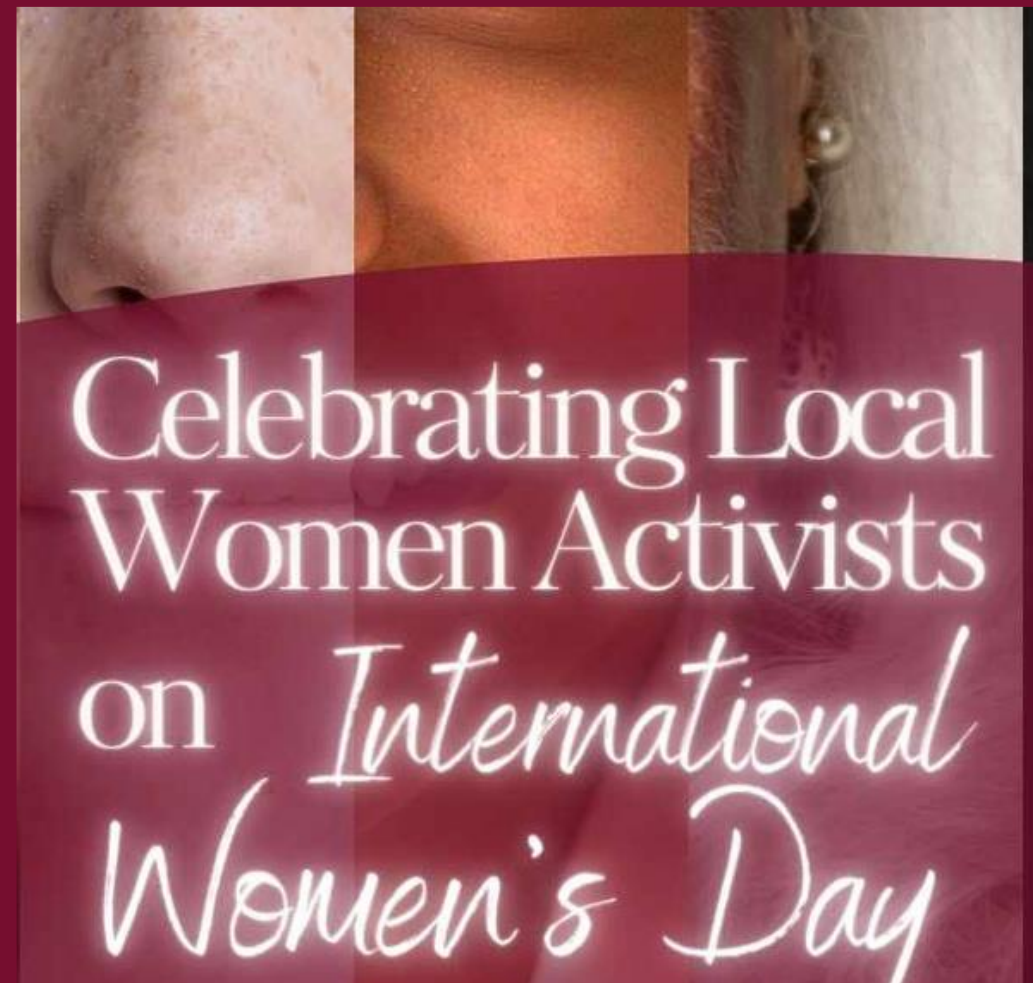


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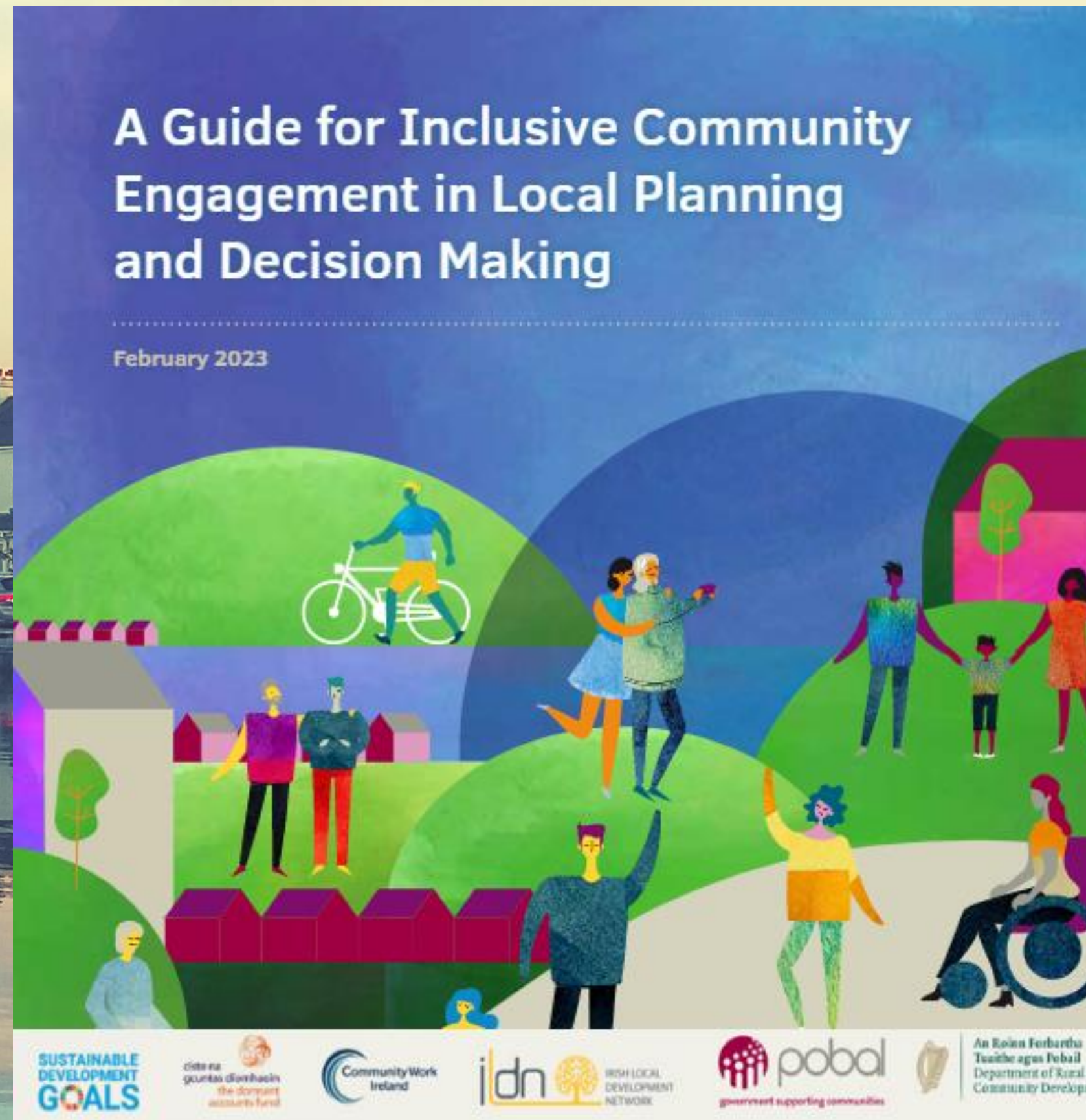




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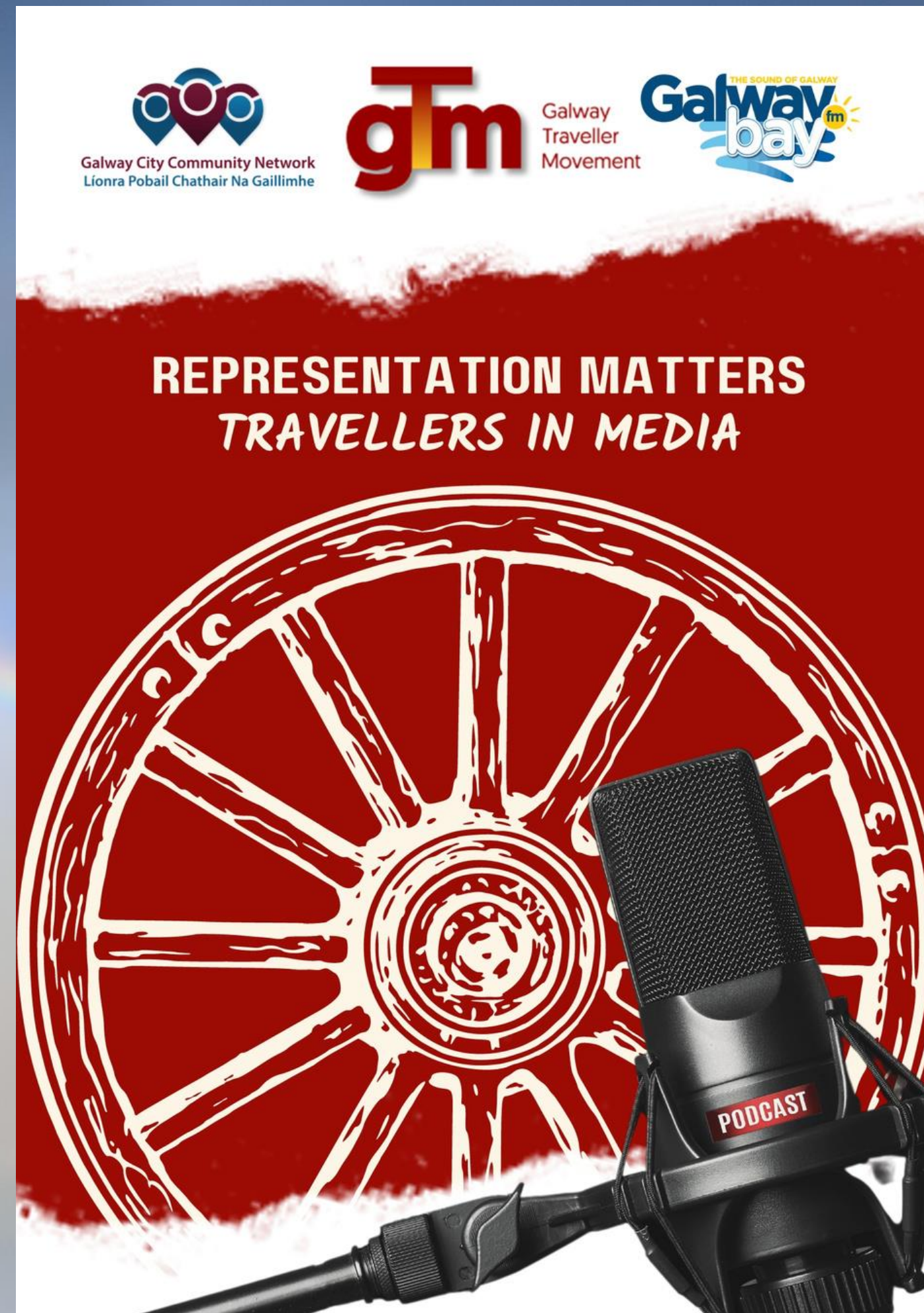




# Collaboration

- Guide for the representation of the Traveller Community in the media

## PPN Regional Meeting - Jan 2023







# Progress Report

## 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



# Progress Report

## Local Economic and Community Plan actions

- LECP Flagship Four action – Public Sector Duty
- LECP Seed Nine action – Sustainable Development Goals
- LECP Seed Five – LGBTI+ Interagency Group
- LECP Seed Four - Reconvene the Galway City Traveller Inter-Agency Group
- LECP Flagship Six – UNCRPD

## Submissions

- Bus Connects - Dublin Road
- DRCD Consultation on Strategy 2023-2025





# Communications

## Newsletters:

- GCCN Newsletters now out once a month

## Social Media:

- regularly updated
- Facebook: 1,693 followers
- Twitter: 891 followers
- Instagram: 729 followers







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Thank you!



# Member Group Presentation



## HopeSpace

Children's grief support service



Visit [HopeSpace.ie](https://www.hopespace.ie)  
for more info

### What does HopeSpace do?

We support children and young people (4-17 years old) from Galway City and its environs who are negatively impacted by grief caused by bereavement.

### How does HopeSpace support these children?

We provide a free one-to-one listening service, in a confidential, warm, caring and supportive environment in Galway City. A trained volunteer helps children verbalise and address their concerns, helping them cope with their newfound circumstances.

### How does HopeSpace help?

- **Provides** a critical early intervention service
- **Helps** children to express emotions around grief
- **Improves** coping skills and self-esteem
- **Facilitates** positive parent-child relationships
- **Encourages** parent-child communication
- **Reduces** parental stress and worry

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