



**Galway City Community Network**  
**Líonra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe**

# **2022**

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# **Annual REPORT**





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# GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

<b>DRCD</b>	<b>Department of Rural and Community Development</b>
<b>GCCN</b>	<b>Galway City Community Network</b>
<b>GCC</b>	<b>Galway City Council</b>
<b>GCP</b>	<b>Galway City Partnership</b>
<b>GDPR</b>	<b>General Data Protection Regulation</b>
<b>LCDC</b>	<b>Local Community Development Committee</b>
<b>LECP</b>	<b>Local Economic and Community Plan</b>
<b>LG</b>	<b>Linkage Group</b>
<b>LGBTI+</b>	<b>Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans+ and intersex people</b>
<b>PPN</b>	<b>Public Participation Network</b>
<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>Full-members meeting</b>
<b>SDG</b>	<b>Sustainable Development Goals</b>
<b>SPC</b>	<b>Strategic Policing Committee</b>
<b>UNRCPD</b>	<b>UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b>



# FOREWORD



**It is with great pleasure that I  
present to you the  
GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK  
Annual Report for the year 2022.**

Just as we hoped to regroup following the COVID-19 pandemic, the year 2022 witnessed new challenges that continued to test our communities' resilience.

Russia's war in Ukraine gave rise to a set of complex and interrelated issues, including the displacement of millions of people, with some seeking refuge on Irish shores. Meanwhile, the escalating cost of living and soaring energy prices further intensified local instability.

Against this backdrop of ongoing uncertainty, GCCN continued to pursue its contribution to our city's future development according to the GCCN vision as we worked to achieve our twin objectives to:

- 1 Develop and implement progressive models of and approaches to representation, participation and engagement for civil society in informing and shaping policy development and implementation;**
- 2 Advance the values of sustainability, equality, culture, community, empowerment and inclusivity and embed these in the policies, programmes and practice of local government, state organisations, national government and civil society.**

In 2022, despite the ongoing challenges, GCCN remained steadfast in our commitment to articulate the voice of civil society in Galway City, including that of the most marginalised. Over the past year, we strived to make this voice heard in policy-making, programme development and all areas that touch our lives. We also continued to build strong relationships with key stakeholders in the city.

In this report, you will find details of the various activities and initiatives that GCCN has undertaken over 2022, including some of the key achievements, challenges and contributions made throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members groups and organisations, the GCCN Secretariat and Representatives on the various structures that ensure the voice of the community is listened to. I would also on behalf of the Secretariat and membership thank our staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year and for ensuring that GCCN operates between plenary sessions. Without your commitment and enthusiasm, none of the GCCN achievements would have been possible.

We remain hopeful for a brighter year ahead, as we reflect on the past year and continue working towards adequate representation of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in all aspects of life in Galway City in 2023.

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**Tommy Flaherty, on behalf of GCCN**



# ABOUT GCCN

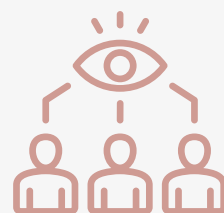
## BACKGROUND

Established in 2014 and formally launched in 2015, Galway City Community Network (GCCN) is the Public Participation Network in Galway City. The GCCN work is motivated and guided by values of:

- SUSTAINABILITY** • including valuing, preserving and protecting the natural environment.
- EQUALITY** • including working in a nondiscriminatory way, valuing and respecting diversity, empowering people, and securing people's access to social and economic resources.
- CULTURE** • including valuing, empowering, and fostering the diversity of cultures in the city and enabling people to express their creativity.
- COMMUNITY** • involving the physical space, identity, and/or interests shared by a group, where people enjoy wellbeing and harmony, organise collectively, and engage in shared creativity.
- EMPOWERMENT** • including representation and participation in decision-making and democracy in the city.
- INCLUSION** • involving fostering and ensuring a sense of belonging to and opportunities to engage with one's community and the city.
- PARTICIPATION** • including an acknowledgement of the right of civil society organisations to play a role in shaping the decisions that affect the lives of those they represent.
- AUTONOMY** • including the belief that civil society has the right to organise autonomously and to determine their own goals and actions while maintaining the highest level of accountability and transparency.
- SOLIDARITY** • involving building relationships with, and supporting the work of, the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary sectors.
- ACCOUNTABILITY** • including in how GCCN sets and advances its shared policy positions and how it reports to stakeholders including funders.

## GCCN VISION FOR GALWAY CITY

Galway, a creative and inclusive city that respects and values its people and communities, their wellbeing and quality of life, that will develop a vibrant, sustainable, economy and environment and participative and transparent governance.



## GCCN AIM

The GCCN aim is to co-ordinate and support the representation of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Galway City.

## GCCN OBJECTIVES

1

Facilitate representation of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors on all relevant decision-making bodies, developing and implementing effective and inclusive models of representation, participation and engagement of civil society in local decision making.



2

Build the profile and engagement of GCCN as a key stakeholder in the development of Galway City.



3

Strengthen GCCN's membership and enhance the capacity of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors to contribute to the sustainable and inclusive development of Galway City.



4

Provide relevant, up to date and accessible information to the community, voluntary and environmental sectors and publicise GCCN work.



5

Engage in cross-sectoral collaboration and strengthen alliances.



6

Ensure high levels of governance and the sustainability of GCCN.



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## **GCCN ROLE**

The role of Galway City Community Network is:

- To act as a platform for the groups/organisations engaged in the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Galway City;
- To develop policy and positions on issues of common concern to the sectors and to communities and to advocate for these policies and positions to be implemented;
- To facilitate the representation of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors on the Local Community Development Committee, the Strategic Policy Committees, the Joint Policing Committee, other local government and local development bodies and any local, regional, national or international body deemed appropriate by the Galway City Community Network;
- To contribute to the development and achievement of a vision for the well-being of this and future generations.

## **GCCN PURPOSE**

Galway City Community Network:

- Facilitates participation and representation of communities on decision-making bodies in a fair, equitable and transparent manner, through the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary sectors;
- Works to strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion, and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate;
- Provides information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary sectors and acts as a hub around which information is distributed and received.

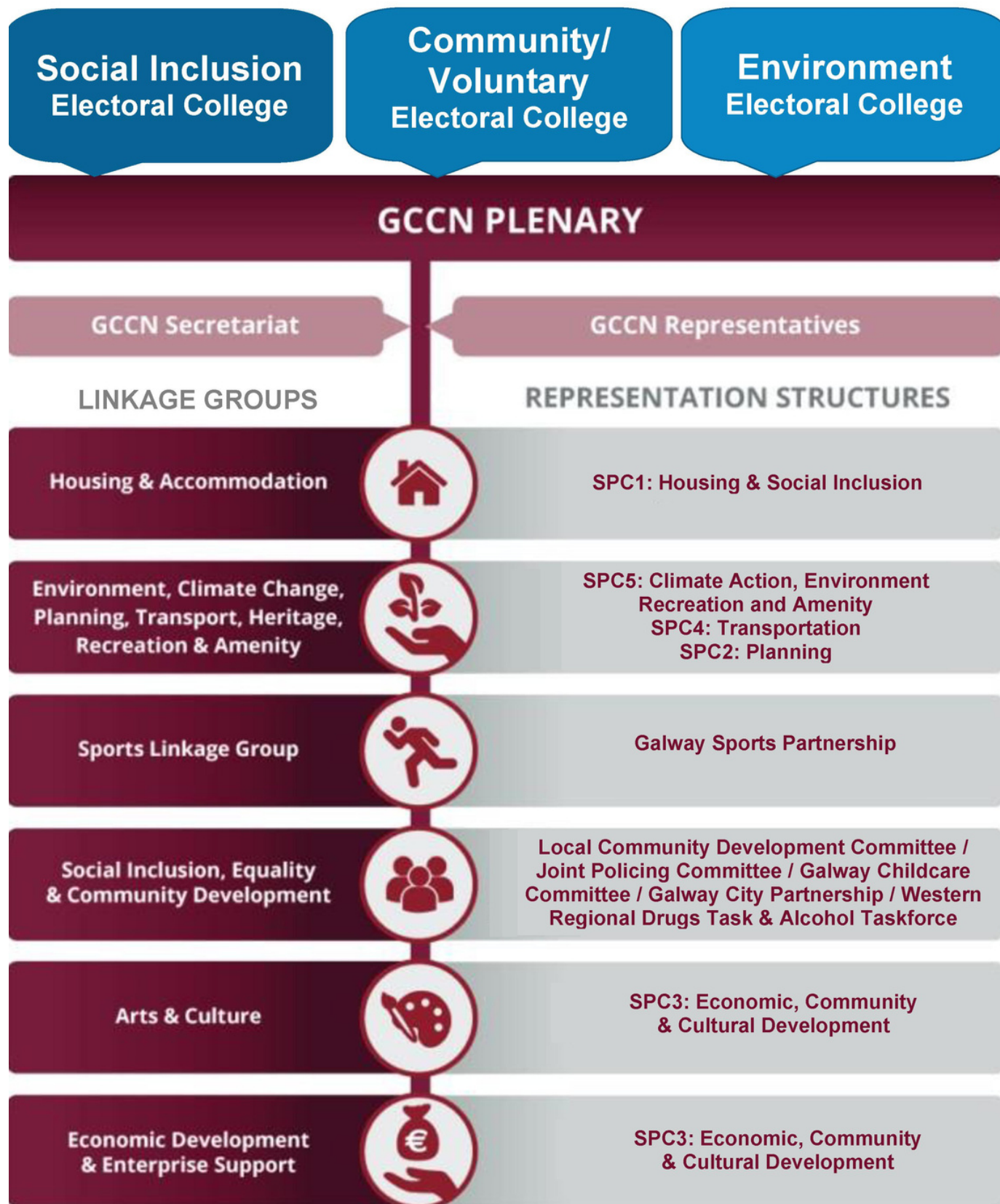
## **GCCN APPROACH**

Galway City Community Network has established Linkage Groups:

- To support representatives on the appropriate Strategic Policing Committees (SPC) and other structures;
- To act as a reference point for GCCN representatives in the thematic areas.



## GCCN STRUCTURE



Develop and implement progressive models of and approaches to representation, participation and engagement for civil society in informing and shaping policy development and implementation.

## PART ONE

### GCCN MEMBERSHIP

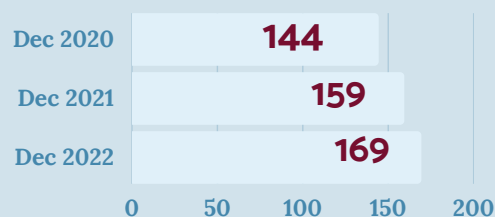
The GCCN membership is the network's ultimate decision-making authority. It is open to all groups and organisations active in Galway City that fulfil the GCCN membership criteria as outlined in the GCCN Constitution[1] and online on the GCCN website[2].

The GCCN membership meets in Plenary three/four times a year. In 2022 the Plenary meetings were held in April, September and December. The Annual General Meeting was held individually in July 2022.

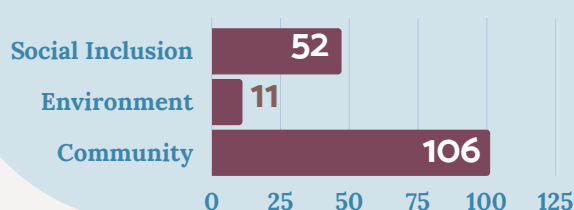
In 2022, GCCN has continued to engage and register members onto the GCCN database. As of December 31st 2022, GCCN had 169 member groups and organizations successfully registered in compliance with the GDPR regulations.

The GCCN staff utilized a variety of approaches to keep the membership updated, including engagement via telephone, group meetings, and the use of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and through the GCCN website.

#### 2022 INCREASE IN GCCN MEMBERSHIP



#### GCCN MEMBERSHIP BY PILLAR IN 2022



### GCCN INDUCTION

GCCN prides itself on its commitment to social inclusion and equality, including embedding these priorities in membership and representation development. GCCN takes an active role in encouraging the participation of a variety of communities, including those that may face disadvantage, through the proactive targeting of these communities for GCCN induction workshops.

In 2022, GCCN held three induction workshops, in January, October and November. These sessions provided new members with an introduction to GCCN - the history, GCCN values, structures and processes and fostered further engagement. GCCN also held a GCCN Information Session for Galway City Council staff at the end of April.

## GCCN REPRESENTATIVES

GCCN elects representatives to a variety of policy and decision-making structures in the city. To this end, GCCN actively targets members from marginalised communities and their representative organisations.

GCCN conducted Representative Elections in 2022 to replace five outgoing representatives. Three representatives were elected during the first Plenary in April for positions on the Housing and Social Inclusion SPC, the Local Community Development Committee, and the Galway City Partnership board. In September and December, additional elections were held to replace representatives on the Local Community and Development Committee and Comhairle na nÓg.

All GCCN representatives are required to attend Linkage Group or Thematic Group meetings. A meeting for representatives is held before every Linkage Group or Thematic Group meeting to ensure that there is clarity and the knowledge is shared.

### REPRESENTATIVES TRAINING

In 2022, GCCN organised training on negotiation and representation for current GCCN representatives and potential future GCCN representatives. Ongoing support was offered to all GCCN representatives.

**GCCN seeks to ensure that all representatives have an excellent understanding of their role and the GCCN positions relevant to their area of representation.**

**The GCCN Representatives Charter[3] outlines the roles and responsibilities of GCCN representatives and the support they can expect from GCCN staff.**

## GCCN STAFF IN 2022



**Jacinta Fay**  
GCCN Co-ordinator



**Brian Doherty**  
Development Worker  
and Interim Co-ordinator



**Rebecca Jackson**  
Development Worker



**Oana Nicoara**  
Communications and  
Support Worker

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**GCCN Representatives  
in 2022 on the 18 boards  
AND committees below**



### LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**SPC1: HOUSING AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

**SPC2: PLANNING**

**SPC3: ECONOMIC, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

**SPC4: TRANSPORTATION**

**SPC5: CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT,  
RECREATION & AMENITY**

**JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

**GALWAY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

**GALWAY CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**GALWAY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE**

**GALWAY AGE FRIENDLY**

**COMHAIRLE NA NÓG**

**ALCOHOL FORUM**

**WESTERN REGIONAL DRUGS & ALCOHOL  
TASKFORCE**

**HEALTHY GALWAY CITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM - NUI GALWAY**

**LECP ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**LCDC SOCIAL INCLUSION SUBGROUP**



## LINKAGE GROUPS & THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

Linkage Groups, which are convened on a thematic basis, represent an essential component of how GCCN operates. These subgroups enable members to engage in constructive discussions around pertinent issues, while also providing representatives with an opportunity to be accountable to the membership.

GCCN plays a pivotal role in supporting and facilitating the Linkage Groups and Thematic Working Groups, which involves organizing and overseeing meetings, following up on decisions and recommendations, and drafting submissions for review and finalization where necessary. In 2022 GCCN continued to support the following:

### LINKAGE GROUPS (LG)

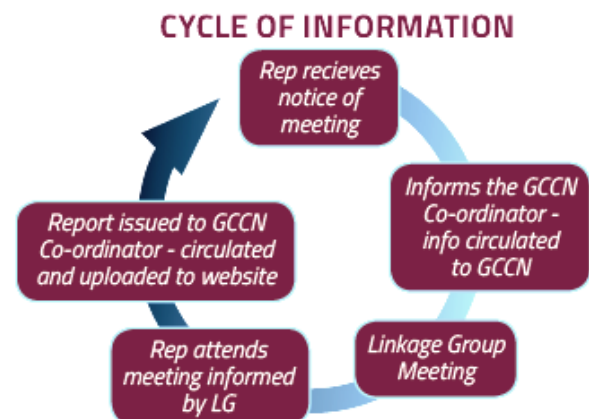
- Arts and Culture LG
- Environmental LG
- Housing & Accommodation LG
- Social Inclusion & Community Development LG
- Sports and Recreation LG
- Economic & Enterprise LG

### THEMATIC GROUPS (TG)

- Community Safety TG
- Disability TG
- Community Enterprise TG

GCCN shares meeting reports from its representatives to keep members informed on progress made by the local structures GCCN is represented on.

Thank you to all GCCN representatives for circulating valuable information.



## GOVERNANCE AND ADMIN

### GCCN STAFF AND SECRETARIAT

The role of the GCCN Secretariat is to ensure the efficient implementation of the GCCN decisions, co-ordinate the GCCN activities and manage and direct the work of the GCCN Co-ordinator and staff. In 2022, the GCCN Secretariat met on 8 occasions.

### GOVERNANCE

In 2022, GCCN:

- Fulfilled all its obligations under the Lobbying legislation;
- Adopted and implemented the Charities Governance Code;
- Sent all the required reports to the Galway City Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

### GCCN SECRETARIAT

- Tommy Flaherty
- Derrick Hambleton
- Margaret Ó Riada
- Marian Maloney
- Shane Foran
- John Rabbitte
- Islammiyah Saudique-Kadejo
- Arun Asan
- Letizia Gorinin Coady

### GCCN CO-ORDINATOR

After serving as the Co-ordinator of GCCN since 2014, Ann Irwin stepped down from her position in December 2021. Jacinta Fay took over as the new Co-ordinator in January 2022.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The dissemination of information and effective communication play pivotal roles in keeping members informed and up to date on various matters, and are considered critical areas of operation for GCCN. To this end, GCCN employs various channels of communication, including social media, newsletters and email correspondence, and the GCCN website.

In pursuit of the GCCN objectives, the GCCN Communications Strategy's primary purpose is to apprise members and local communities of the existence of GCCN and of its role and activities as the Public Participation Network in Galway City.

In 2022, in addition to regular newsletters and other forms of communication, GCCN actively disseminated official information to all members on behalf of various sources, including the HSE and DRCD.

Further, the organization enhanced its promotional activities by issuing media releases, participating in local radio interviews, and attending and promoting GCCN at numerous meetings and induction sessions for new members.

Throughout 2022, GCCN attended meetings of the National Communications Subgroup established by the Department of Rural and Community Development to oversee and input into the development of the National PPN Communications Campaign scheduled to be launched in 2023 to raise awareness on the existence and role of PPNs in Ireland.

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**GCCN Newsletters  
circulated in 2022**

1656

**Followers on  
Facebook in  
December 2022**

857

**Followers on  
Twitter in  
December 2022**

647

**Followers on  
Instagram in  
December 2022**

19464

**Website visits in  
December 2022**

162

**Events and meetings  
hosted or attended  
by GCCN staff in  
2022**

99

**Posts on the GCCN  
website in 2022**

6

**Times GCCN was  
featured by local  
media and radio**



**Advance the values of sustainability, equality, culture, community, empowerment and inclusivity and embed these in the policies, programmes and practice of local government, state organisations, national government and civil society.**

## PART TWO

GCCN is particularly concerned with the promotion of meaningful and effective participation of communities in the decision-making processes that affect their lives.

GCCN is deeply committed to the principles of participation, representation, consultation and collaboration as we believe that:

- It is the right of people to participate in decisions and policies that affect them and their communities;
- The participation of people and communities benefit and improve decision-making and policy development.

### POLICY SUBMISSIONS

Representing the views of GCCN members on policy development at local, regional and national levels is a critical area of work for GCCN. We actively encourage and facilitate engagement in relation to making policy submissions.

GCCN actively participates in written submissions in two ways. We inform members and encourage them to make their own submissions and we request members' input into formulating submissions compiled and submitted by GCCN.

All GCCN submissions are underpinned by participatory processes that include workshops, Linkage Group meetings and emails requesting submissions.

### GCCN SUBMISSIONS IN 2022

- Co-operative Legislation
- River Basin Management Plan
- Galway Development Plan 2023-2029
- Salthill Cycleway
- Participation in the SDG National Implementation Plan
- SDGs in Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029
- Access for All LECP Submission 2022
- Local Economic Community Plan 2023-2029
- LECP Submission 2023-2029



## PARTICIPATION & COLLABORATION

GCCN collaborates extensively with various organizations and agencies in Galway City to coordinate and foster local participation in decision-making structures. Throughout 2022, a series of events and meetings were jointly hosted, organised, and attended by GCCN and its partner organizations and these include the following:

### GALWAY CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN

In previous years, GCCN worked closely with the Local Community Development Committee and Galway City Council to facilitate the review of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2015-2021 and the development of a new LECP Implementation Plan 2020-2021.

Throughout 2022, GCCN continued to work on the implementation of the LECP in collaboration with a range of partners.

GCCN manages the LECP Action for Equality Worker, who is supported by funding from Galway City Council and whose work involves the five LECP actions outlined below.

#### 1. LECP Flagship Four - Public Sector Duty

Throughout 2022, GCCN continued to work on the Equality and Rights in Action Galway Project, which is undertaken by GCCN and Galway City Partnership with the support of Galway City Council and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC). Whilst the responsibility for ensuring key milestones are met rests with GCCN, collaboration with stakeholders is key to the success of the project.

The project aims to build on work already done in the City to ensure that public/government bodies meet their responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty - a legal obligation on all public bodies to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, service users.

In 2022, a Steering Committee, comprising representatives of public bodies and civil society, continued to work collaboratively to implement the project.

The Civil Society Panel, which draws members of communities protected by the Irish Equality Legislation also continued to meet in 2022 and advance their work to assess the public body plans, a key element of the Public Sector Duty.

#### 1. LECP Flagship Four - Public Sector Duty

#### 2. LECP Seed Nine - Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

#### 3. LECP Seed Five - LGBTI+ Interagency Group

#### 4. LECP Seed Four - Reconvene the Galway City Traveller Inter-Agency Group

#### 5. LECP Flagship Six - UNCRPD



## 2. LECP Seed Nine – Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

In what is an innovative, cross-sectoral approach to making the UN Sustainable Development Goals visible in Galway City, GCCN coordinates the LECP Sustainable Development Goals Working Group that includes members from civil society organisations, agencies and City Councillors.

In 2022, the Working Group, in collaboration with Galway City Council, continued to support the work of the City Councillors in relation to embedding the SDGs in city planning. The Working Group also continued to promote the use of the Global Indicator Framework for SDGs in LECP planning processes and is planning to develop tools to support organisations to use the SDGs as a framework for organisational planning.

GCCN, with the support of the SDG Working Group, welcomed the opportunity to make a submission on the SDG National Implementation Plan in June 2022. GCCN worked with Development Perspectives to develop and deliver training to the SDG Working Group, PPN members, and city councillors and council staff in order to support the integration of SDGs at a local level through collaborative efforts.

## 3. LECP Seed Five – LGBTI+ Interagency

In 2022, GCCN continued to attend the meetings of the LGBTI+ Interagency and to support the development of the action plan for this initiative. The Public Recognition Marker (PRM) and Resource Pack developed the year prior, were re-launched on May 17, 2022 to mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

Throughout 2022, the Interagency maintained a focus on promoting the PRM and Resource Pack, and delivering training to support LGBTI+ friendly service provision in Galway.

The group has participated in a mapping initiative to identify services and organizations in Galway that may assist the LGBTI+ community. This effort is part of a larger national project aimed at enhancing the access of the community to care and services. The group is currently engaged in the planning phase to strategise the effective integration of the National LGBTI+ Strategy at the local level.



Equality and Rights  
In Action Galway

#### 4. LECP Seed Four - Reconvene the Galway City Traveller Inter-Agency Group

GCCN continues to support the development of the action plan for this initiative.

In 2022 the Traveller Inter-Agency Group (TIG) focused on engagement with Galway City Council and relevant agencies in relation to undertaking Public Sector Duty assessments. The TIG has reached out to all LECP leads in relation to Equality and Human Rights assessments and the need for engagement by all LECP leads with the TIG to report on how their initiatives consider the Traveller community. A public PR strategy relating to Public Sector Duty was developed for Traveller Pride week in July, and again for Míseóir Festival of Nomadic Cultures.

#### 5. LECP Flagship Six - UNCRPD

GCCN continues to support the work of Access for All and its work on the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD). GCCN provides supports for policy submissions, and for the Gold Star Initiative which aims to increase the accessibility of business and services in Galway.

In July 2022, GCCN in collaboration with Independent Movement Ireland held Disability Awareness Training open to all GCCN members.

#### POBAL PILOT PROJECT

A successful expression of Interest was developed in 2022 by GCCN, Galway City Partnership and Galway City Council for a pilot project to support the participation of the most marginalised groups in Galway in the development of the new LECP. This action, funded by Pobal, aims also to contribute learning towards a National set of Guidelines for the Engagement of Marginalised Groups. Work on the Pilot Project has reached the active consultation phase at the end of 2022, and it is set to continue until March 2023.





## ACTIVE TRAVEL IN GALWAY

During 2022, GCCN and Galway County PPN held 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.

## CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

In June 2022, GCCN supported and attended the second PPN Climate Conversations, as part of the Government's National Dialogue on Climate Action led by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.

## ANTI-RACISM WORK

To mark the International Day Against Racism, GCCN in collaboration with Galway Traveller Movement, Galway Anti Racism Network, Communities of Sanctuary and NUI Galway have hosted the Galway Communities Against Racism – Dialogue Workshop on Monday, 21st March.

Further to the work done as part of Galway Communities Against Racism, GCCN took part in the October 2022 Anti-Racism Protest to stand in solidarity with the Traveller Community and all marginalised communities following racist remarks on behalf of one City Councillor during a local radio interview.

## COLLABORATIONS

Collaboration underpins the work of GCCN. In 2022, GCCN actively collaborates with several groups, agencies and organisations such as Healthy Galway, Galway Age Friendly Forum, #EqualityVotesGalway, Access for All and Galway Environmental Network.

In January 2022, GCCN in collaboration with the Galway City Council, held an information webinar on the Communities Activities Fund 2022.



Communities Against Racism 2022



October 2022 Anti-Racism Protest

## NATIONAL PARTICIPATION

GCCN continues to collaborate with other PPN colleagues, including the sharing of resources where appropriate. GCCN participated at a national level attending meetings of the Network of PPN Resource Workers, North West Resource Worker Meeting and National Secretariat Network.

## POLICIES AND POSITIONS REVIEW

During 2022, GCCN undertook a comprehensive review and revision of its Policies and Positions document. This was led through a series of workshops and by soliciting written feedback on various topics included in the document. The finalization of this process is planned to take place in 2023.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

GCCN continues to support the active participation of its representatives on the LCDC. GCCN is active in the Social Inclusion Subgroup of the LCDC and is represented on the LECF Advisory Group.

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE

In light of the war initiated by Russia in Ukraine in early 2022, the Community Response Forum has been re-activated for the support of refugees arriving in Ireland. GCCN attended the meetings held throughout 2022. Covid-19 related communications also continued to be circulated when relevant updates were made available.

**Thank you to all GCCN members and representatives.**

**Your commitment and contribution makes Galway City a better place.**




**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2021  
INFORMATION WEBINAR**

Applications for funding under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2021 are invited from interested community / voluntary groups until Friday, 18th June 2021 at 5.00pm.

Galway City Community Network and Galway City Council would like to invite all interested groups and organisations to attend an **Information Webinar on Thursday, June 10th at 6pm.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For any queries in relation to this funding and the application process please contact [candc@galwaycity.ie](mailto:candc@galwaycity.ie)



**COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND  
(2ND ROUND)  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING  
INFORMATION WEBINAR**

Galway City Council through the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications under the 2nd round of COVID-19 Emergency Funding within the Galway City Administrative area from community groups/organisations. The closing date for applications is Friday, 5th February 2021 at 4.00pm.

Galway City Community Network is pleased to work with the Galway City Council and the LCDC to facilitate an **information webinar on Monday 18th January 2021 6pm - 7pm**

[Please register here](#)

For queries about joining this webinar please get in touch at [communications@gccn.ie](mailto:communications@gccn.ie).



# APPENDIX

## NOTES AND USEFUL LINKS

[1] **GCCN Constitution:**

<https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/2040115-Galway-City-Community-Network-Constitution-A3-to-A41.pdf>

[2] **GCCN Membership Criteria:** <https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/members/join-gccn/>

[3] **GCCN Representatives Charter:**

<https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/GCCN-Reps-Charter.pdf>

[4] **GCCN Representatives:**

<https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/about-us/our-representatives/>

[5] **GCCN Staff and Secretariat:**

<https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/about-us/our-staff-secretariat/>



## GCCN MEMBERSHIP

We extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the ten new groups that have joined the GCCN in 2022! We are thrilled to have you and all our previous members on board.

### NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

#### Group/Organisation

1. Brothers of Charity Services Connect Programme
2. Chime
3. Coogan Park Residents Association
4. Ed Centre Bridge Club
5. Flirt FM / College Campus Radio DAC
6. Galway Deaf Centre
7. HopeSpace Galway Children's Grief Centre
8. NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK GALWAY
9. Quest Brain Injury Services
10. United Women Galway

#### Pillar

- Community
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### MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2021

#### Group/Organisation

1. Arthritis Ireland Galway Branch
2. Coogan Park Residents Association
3. Cúirt International Festival of Literature
4. Ed Centre Bridge Club
5. Friends of Barna Woods and Rusheen Bay
6. Galway Dyspraxia Support Group
7. Galway Hooker Sailing Club
8. Galway Music Residency
9. Galway Rowing Club
10. Galway Samaritans
11. HopeSpace Galway Children's Grief Centre
12. Le Chéile Gym
13. Let's Get Talking
14. National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI)
15. Rietumkrasts, Galway Latvian Support Group
16. Roscam Doughiska Men's Shed
17. SCCUL Enterprises CLG
18. Shining Light Galway

#### Pillar

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# GCCN MEMBERSHIP

## Group/Organisation

- 14th St Patrick's Scout Group
- Ability West
- Abortion Access Campaign West (AAC West)
- Access for All
- Africa United Galway
- Age Action Ireland
- AIDS West
- AMACH! LGBT+
- Amdalah Africa Foundation (AMDAF)
- An Ait Eile Cooperative
- An Mheitheal Rothar
- An Taisce - Galway Association (branch)
- Architecture at the Edge
- ARD Family Resource Centre
- Atmos Collective
- Baile an Choiste/Ard an Choiste Residents Group
- Ballinfoile Castlegar Neighbourhood Centre
- Ballinfoile Mór Community Organic Garden
- Ballybane Community Resource Centre
- Ballybane Taskforce
- Blue Teapot Theatre Company
- Claddagh Watch Patrol
- Clifton Park Residents Association
- Clúid Housing
- Community Knowledge Initiative (CKI), NUI Galway
- Conservation Volunteers Galway
- Cooperative Housing Ireland
- COPE Galway
- Corrib Waterpolo Club
- Cosáin CLG
- Croí na Gaillimhe
- Cuidiú (Galway branch)
- Cumann Siuil Cois Corribe
- Disability Federation of Ireland
- Down Syndrome Ireland Galway Branch
- DVR Galway
- Eastside Community Drama
- EmployAbility Galway
- Engineers Ireland West Region
- Enugu state Progressive Union Ireland, Galway branch
- Epilepsy Ireland Galway
- Etinosasere Community Association Group

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## Group/Organisation

- Fana Bui Residents Association
- Foróige Galway
- Fr Griffins Éire Óg GFC
- Friends of Merlin Woods
- Galway 2020
- Galway African Diaspora
- Galway Age Friendly Older Persons Council
- Galway Anti Racism Network
- Galway Arts Centre
- Galway Autism Partnership
- Galway Bohemians AFC
- Galway Centre for Independent Living
- Galway Cheshire
- Galway City Partnership
- Galway City Sailing Club
- Galway City School of Judo
- Galway City Senior Branch/ Irish Girl Guides
- Galway Civic Trust
- Galway Community Circus
- Galway Contact
- Galway Co-operative Housing Development Society
- Galway Cycling Campaign
- Galway Energy Co Operative
- Galway Environmental Network
- Galway Hibernians Football Club
- Galway Kayak Club
- Galway Pro-Choice
- Galway Simon Client Action group
- Galway Simon Community
- Galway Softball
- Galway Special Olympics Kayak Club
- Galway Swimming Club
- Galway Traveller Movement
- Galway Visually Impaired Activity Club
- Galway Volunteer Centre
- Galway Waterways Foundation
- Gleann na Rí Residents' Association
- Glór Age Action
- GLUAS
- Grattan Court Residents Association
- Hazel Park Residents Association
- Helplink Support Services CLG
- HSE Health Promotion & Improvement
- Igbo Progressive Union

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## Group/Organisation

- Igbo Progressive Union - Women Wing
- Independent Living Movement Ireland
- Indian Cultural & Sports Community, Galway
- Irish Chinese Society Galway
- Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
- Irish Wheelchair Association
- Irish Wildlife Trust (Galway)
- JCI Galway
- Jigsaw Galway
- Knocknacarra Community Group
- Le Cheile Westside Co Ltd
- Leas na Mara Social Committee
- Link Galway Limited (Cafe Link)
- Merlin Woods Sports Club
- Merlin Woods Tennis Club
- Mervue United Football Club
- Migraine Association of Ireland
- Muscular Dystrophy Ireland
- Music for Galway
- MS Ireland Western Regional Office
- No. 4 Youth Service
- North Galway City Community Choir (NGCCC)
- NUI Galway University of Sanctuary
- OLBC Youth Club
- Pernet CLG
- Port of Galway Sea Scouts
- Ragoon Family Centre
- Respond
- Rockfield Park Residents Association
- Row to Recovery
- Serve The City Galway
- Shark Swimming Club Ltd
- Special Heroes Ireland
- St James' Ladies Football Club
- St Michael's GAA
- Stay-At-Home Parents Association
- Terryland Forest Park Alliance
- The Brothers of Charity Physiotherapy Department
- The Galway Buskers' Community
- The Melting Pot Luck
- Theatre 57
- Theatre for Change-Galway CLG
- Theatre Room Galway
- Third Space Galway

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- Threshold
- Tribes Basketball Club
- Tuath Housing
- Visionation Drama Group
- Western Housing Association CLG
- Westside Age Inclusion Ltd
- Westside Men's Club
- Westside Resource Centre CLG
- Whitehall Close Residents' Association
- Woodhaven Residents Association.
- Woodquay Residents Association
- Write-on Group
- Yoruba Heritage Art And Cultural Group Galway
- Youth Work Ireland Galway

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