



Galway City Community Network  
Líonra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

## **GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK** THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK IN GALWAY CITY



# **ANNUAL REPORT** **2021**



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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>All 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 my pleasure to present to you  
the 2021 Annual Report of  
GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK.**

2021 progressed against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic that started the year before and which, unfortunately, continued to impact us greatly.

Further uncertainty reigned throughout 2021 as we still grappled with the virus, and while we continued to adapt to the new way of living and operating. I wish to commend the GCCN members for the flexibility and commitment demonstrated in these difficult times.

In 2021, GCCN pursued its contribution to our city's future development according to the GCCN vision as we worked to achieve our 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.**

Regardless of the past year's continued unpredictability, the GCCN members persevered in giving a significant amount of their time to ensure that GCCN and its work represent and reflect the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Galway City. For this, GCCN and Galway City are truly in your debt.

I want to give sincere thanks in particular to the GCCN Representatives and the GCCN Secretariat for your resoluteness and dedication.

I would also like to acknowledge the GCCN staff for keeping up the great work that often remains unseen but ensures that we remain in line with all our objectives and, ultimately, our vision for Galway City.

As we prepare for 2022, we hope that brighter days are ahead of us as we progress with our strive for appropriate representation of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in all aspects of life in Galway City and to continue engaging and supporting initiatives in Galway City.

As for previous years, one of our aims for this coming year is to advance our commitment towards articulating the voice of civil society in Galway City, including that of the most marginalised, and to make this voice heard in policy-making, programme development and all areas that touch our lives.

We look forward to a busy year in 2022 and to working with you and any new GCCN members.

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.



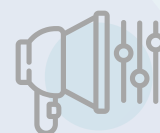
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Engage in cross-sectoral collaboration and strengthen alliances.



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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

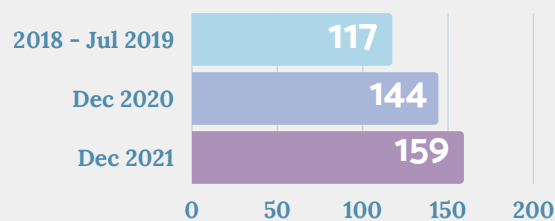
The GCCN membership is the ultimate decision-making authority and it is open to all groups and organisations active in Galway City that fulfil the criteria outlined in the GCCN Constitution[1].

The GCCN membership meets in Plenary three/four times a year. In 2021 the Plenary meetings were held in April, July and December. The Annual General Meeting coincided with the Plenary meeting held in April 2021.

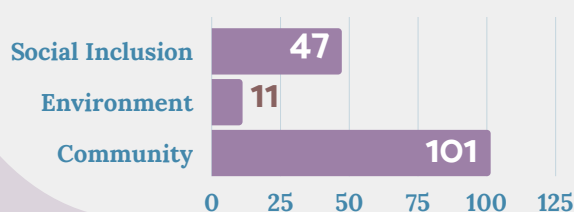
In 2021, GCCN has continued to engage and register members onto the GCCN database in compliance with the GDPR regulations. On December 31st, 2021 there were 159 member groups and organisations registered with GCCN.

GCCN staff have continued to update the membership through various means including directly engaging members by phone, group meetings, use of GCCN social and digital media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter, the GCCN website, etc.

#### 2021 INCREASE IN GCCN MEMBERSHIP



#### GCCN MEMBERSHIP BY PILLAR IN 2021



### GCCN INDUCTION

A diversity of communities, including communities experiencing disadvantage, are consistently encouraged to get involved in GCCN and are proactively targeted for the GCCN induction workshops.

In 2021, GCCN held two induction meetings to provide new members with an introduction to GCCN - the history, GCCN values, structures and processes. A priority for GCCN is to promote social inclusion and equality, including embedding these priorities in membership and representation development.

## 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.

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.

In 2021, GCCN held Representatives Elections to replace five GCCN representatives who had completed their term or who stepped down. At the first Plenary of 2021 held in April, three new representatives were elected for the Housing and Social Inclusion SPC, the Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC and the board of Galway City Partnership. Further elections followed in July and December for two replacement representatives on the Local Community and Development Committee.

### REPRESENTATIVES TRAINING

In 2021, 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[2] outlines the roles and responsibilities of GCCN representatives and the support they can expect from staff.



### REMEMBERING

**Terrence McDonough**

22/12/1952 - 7/9/2021

2021 marked a great loss for GCCN with Terry McDonough's passing in September.

A former professor of Economics at NUI Galway, Terrence was a valued member of GCCN since 2014 and a huge supporter of GCCN work. He represented GCCN on the Secretariat, the LCDC, and at a national level. He was a visionary and used all his intellect and analysis to work for a better Galway.

Terry was a friend to many in GCCN and he will be missed dearly.

**40 GCCN Representatives in 2021 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 are subgroups of Galway City Community Network that are convened on a thematic basis. They are crucial to the way GCCN ensures that issues are discussed by members, and for representatives to provide accountability back to the membership.

GCCN supports and facilitates the Linkage Groups and Thematic Working Groups by organising and facilitating the meetings, following up on decisions and recommendations and drafting submissions for comment and finalisation where appropriate.

In 2021 GCCN continued to support the following Linkage and Thematic Groups:

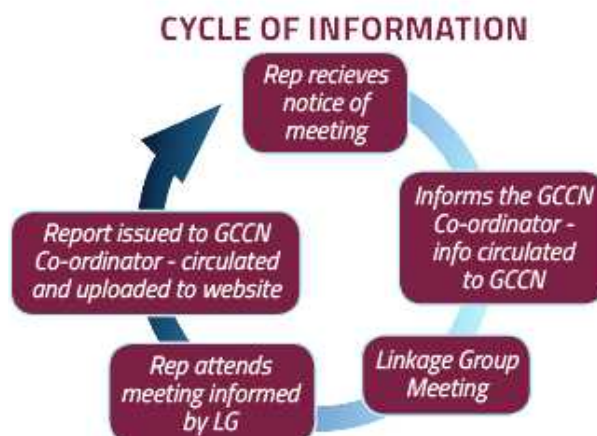
### LINKAGE GROUPS (LG)

- 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 also circulates reports from GCCN representatives on a regular basis. Thank you to all GCCN representatives for sharing the information so we can continue circulating it with our members.



## 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 2021, the GCCN Secretariat met on 11 occasions.

### GOVERNANCE

In 2021 GCCN:

- Fulfilled all its obligations under the Lobbying legislation;
- Continued the process of adopting 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
- Lorraine Grimes - until July
- Terence McDonough - until September

### GCCN STAFF

- Ann Irwin
- Jacinta Fay
- Oana Maria Nicoara



## COMMUNICATIONS

Given the need and importance to keep members informed and up to date in various areas, communication and information sharing are critical areas of work for GCCN. This includes the dissemination of information through social and digital media, emails and on the GCCN website.

GCCN has a Communications Strategy, the primary aim of which is to inform members and local communities of the existence, role and activities of GCCN as the Public Participation Network in Galway City. The management and implementation of the communication strategy support the objectives of GCCN.

In 2021, alongside the regular newsletter and communications, when necessary, GCCN continued to circulate COVID-19-related information to all member organisations on behalf of HSE, DRCD and other official sources.

Promotion was also enhanced with media releases and interviews on local radio, attendance and promotion of GCCN at a range of meetings and a number of induction meetings for new members.

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**GCCN Newsletters and Covid-19 Updates circulated in 2021**

1108

**Followers on Facebook in December 2021**

756

**Followers on Twitter in December 2021**

492

**Followers on Instagram in December 2021**

19611

**Website visits in December 2021**

150

**Events and meetings hosted or attended by GCCN staff in 2021**

111

**Posts on the GCCN website in 2021**

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 2021

1. Bus Connects Galway
2. National Recovery and Resilience Plan
3. LECP Guidelines 2021
4. Galway City Development Plan '23 – '29 St 1
5. Re-imagining Our Outdoor Spaces Fund 2021
6. GCCN Climate Conversations Report
7. National Action Plan Against Racism
8. Expanding Ireland's Marine Area Network
9. PPN Structural Review
10. SDG National Implementation Plan '21 – '23
11. Draft Joint Policing Committee Guidelines
12. Proposed Active Travel Schemes:  
Ballyloughane Road Clybaun Road
13. Review of the Equality Legislation 2021

## PARTICIPATION & COLLABORATION

GCCN works closely with a range of organisations and agencies in Galway City, maintaining a focus on coordinating and supporting local participation in decision-making structures. A series of events and meetings were co-hosted/co-organised/participated throughout 2020 and these include:

### 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.

In 2021, GCCN appointed the LECP Action for Equality Co-ordinator, who is supported by funding from Galway City Council. The project co-ordinator supports the five LECP actions outlined below.

Throughout 2021, GCCN continued to work on the implementation of the LECP through a number of innovative initiatives that draw a range of partners together to collaborate on the themes on the right.

#### 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

#### 1. LECP Flagship Four - 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 employees, customers, service users.

The Equality and Rights in Action Galway 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. The project is undertaken by GCCN and Galway City Partnership with the support of Galway City Council and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC).

In 2021, a Steering Committee, comprising representatives of public bodies and civil society, continued to work collaboratively to implement the project. Whilst the responsibility for ensuring key milestones are met rests with GCCN, collaboration with stakeholders is key to the success of the project,

The Civil Society Panel, which draws members of communities protected by the Irish Equality Legislation also continued to meet in 2021 and advance their work to assess the public body plans, a key element of the Public Sector Duty.





## Implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in Galway City

In December 2021, GCCN hosted Implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in Galway City. This event outlined how civil society groups and those with lived experience of discrimination, inequality and a denial of human rights are best placed to use their rights-holder expertise to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty.

On this occasion, a video showcasing the work of the Galway City Civil Society Panel was launched by Sinéad Gibney, the Chief Commissioner of IHREC, who also launched a community resource on implementing the Duty entitled A Grass Roots Approach to the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty: A Resource from Experience.

### 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 Galway City Councillors.

In 2021, the group has identified the importance of embedding the SDGs in city planning including in the new City Development Plan and the LECP. The Working Group in collaboration with Galway City Council supports the work of the City Councillors in relation to embedding the SDGs in city planning.



## Sustainable Development Goals and Galway City Planning

On July 20th 2021, GCCN held the SDGs and City Planning for Counsellors and City Planners, which was attended by City Councillors, Planners, GCCN members and the Galway SDG Working Group.

The workshop heard from the SDG unit in the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and from Michelle O'Dowd and Professor Jamie Goggins on the innovative work being carried out by NUI Galway in embedding the SDGs across campus. The meeting also heard how critical it is to provide leadership and the pivotal part the new Galway City Development Plan could play in this.



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

In 2021, GCCN continued to attend the meetings of the LGBTI+ Interagency and to support the development of the action plan for this initiative. In 2021, the LGBTI+ Interagency Group worked on developing a resource pack which will signpost available training and resources. Also, the Group in collaboration with Galway Chamber worked on a Public Recognition Marker for Galway City to be distributed in the coming year to community facilities and businesses to show they are a LGBTI+ friendly venue.

### 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. A Traveller Inter-Agency Group Strategy was developed in 2021. All LECP Working Groups were also contacted and asked by the Traveller Inter-Agency Group to specifically consider Traveller needs in their work.

In 2021, a survey was circulated to service providers on 'Practices in Responding to Traveller Culture in Services Provision' to assess good practice in their work with the Traveller community. The results of the survey will inform subsequent strategic actions to support culturally appropriate service provision.

### 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). In February 2021, GCCN supported training on the UNCRPD for Access for All members. Access for All continues to engage with Galway City Council in relation to physical access issues within the city.



## GALWAY CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Following the opening of the Pre-Draft Public Consultation of Galway City Development Plan in early 2021, GCCN in collaboration with Galway City Partnership and ARD Family Resource Centre held a series of thematic and area-based Townhall Meetings.

These 14 workshops were aimed at facilitating participation and engagement with the consultation process and they were attended by over 400 people, including GCCN members, City Councillors and others. Staff from the Galway City Planning Office also attended and were commended by GCCN for their involvement in this consultation process. The GCCN process was noted by the Office of the Planning Regulator in their submission.

Following this, GCCN welcomed the opportunity of making a submission on the City Development Plan 2023-2029 considering the views and feedback of GCCN members and other attendees present at the Townhall Meetings.

Following the community consultation process to inform the Galway City Development Plan in March, GCCN held an event in May to review the Chief Executive's report. Many of the participants who attended the initial stages of the consultation process also engaged in this process which developed collective recommendations from the community, voluntary and environmental sectors.

GCCN then held a well-attended follow-up meeting with Councillors in June to discuss these recommendations and issued a priorities paper to Councillor to inform the next stage of the planning process. GCCN welcomes this valuable ongoing engagement and dialogue throughout the city development plan process.





## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

The seminar Social Future: Supporting a Thriving Social Enterprise Sector for Galway was hosted by GCCN in October 2021. This hybrid event brought together social enterprises, decision-makers and policy-makers, locally and nationally, and explored the potential of the social enterprise sector in Galway and how this can be supported.

Three local social enterprises, An Mheitheal Rothar, Bounce Back Recycling and Galway Community Circus, shared their models of good practice and demonstrated the cross-cutting social policy areas that social enterprises are delivering on, including job creation, skills development, community education, social justice, inclusion and diversity, circular economy and sustainability.

## CLIMATE BILL, CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, JUST TRANSITION AND COP26

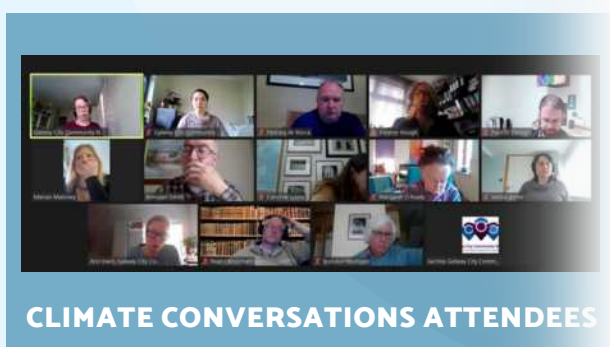
In November 2021, GCCN and the Galway Environmental Network hosted a workshop exploring the Climate Bill, Climate Action Plan, Just Transition and COP26 with Dr. Sadhbh O'Neill, Climate Policy and Politics lecturer at Dublin City University School of Law and Government. A recording of the event is available at the link [here](#).

The event aimed to explore how climate change and the policies around de-carbonising the Irish economy impact on us all in the aftermath of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) held at the beginning of November 2021 in Glasgow, UK.

## CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

In 2021, GCCN was selected as one of the pilot areas for the Climate Conversation initiative as part of the Government's National Dialogue on Climate Action aimed at informing the Climate Action Plan 2021 & Climate Action Fund.

The event was attended by representatives of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Galway City who brought forth issues such as disability, Traveller community, young people, socio-economic disadvantage, and environmental concerns. Participants highlighted successful community initiatives and the support infrastructure and policy change that are needed to ensure a just transition and to strengthen communities' response to the twin climate and biodiversity emergencies.



## SOCIAL INCLUSION

A Social Inclusion Linkage Group meeting held in May 2021 gave an opportunity to GCCN members whose primary focus is on social inclusion to discuss progress on the LECP and receive general updates in relation to social inclusion nationally and in the city.

In the context of the new National Action Plan against Racism, this meeting had a specific focus on the national consultation on a National Action Plan against Racism.

Anastasia Crickley, a member of the National Anti-Racism Committee and former Chair of UN CERD, gave an update on the work of the Anti-Racism Committee and an overview of the committee's Interim Report.

GCCN held a follow-up workshop in June to feed into the Joint Galway Submission on the National Consultation on a National Action Plan against Racism was coordinated by GCCN and collectively submitted in July by GCCN, Galway City Partnership, Galway County PPN, Galway Traveller Movement, Galway Anti Racism Network and Blue Teapot Theatre Company.

## LOVE NOT HATE CAMPAIGN

In April 2021, GCCN endorsed the Love Not Hate campaign, re-launched by INAR - Irish Network Against Racism. The campaign called for the immediate introduction of hate crime legislation in Ireland to offer the best possible protection to people affected by hate crime. A number of GCCN members showed their support in this initiative

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

A Community Safety Meeting was held in early June 2021 looking to contribute to the new Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan. The meeting included input from three expert speakers focusing on supporting community responses to substance misuse, alcohol misuse and crime prevention.

## 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 LECP Advisory Group.





## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

GCCN co-facilitated a workshop on the Community Enhancement Programme in conjunction with Galway City Council in June 2021. This was targeted at GCCN member organisations, amongst others. The event was held remotely due to the Covid-19 restrictions and a recording was made available on the GCCN website.

## OTHER COLLABORATIONS

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.

## 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.

## COVID-19 WORK

GCCN continued to participate in the meetings of the Community Response Forum and the Galway City NGO Group until when the Forum was stood down in late 2021. Updates to the Community Response Map were made when required and COVID-19-related communications continued to be circulated to both GCCN members and non-members as necessary.

In January 2021, GCCN co-facilitated a workshop on the Covid-19 Emergency Fund in conjunction with Galway City Council. This was targeted at GCCN members and non-members.

In October 2021, GCCN attended the Community Call: Learning for the Future event held by the Department of Rural and Community Development and participated in the review of the Community Response Forum in Galway City.



**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).

**Thank you to all GCCN members and representatives. Your commitment and contribution makes Galway City a better place.**





# 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 Representatives Charter:**

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## 2021 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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### **Group/Organisation**

- 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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## **NEW MEMBERS - JOINED IN 2021**

### **Group/Organisation**

- HopeSpace Galway Children's Grief Centre
- Ed Centre Bridge Club
- Coogan Park Residents Association
- SCCUL Enterprises CLG
- Rietumkrasts, Galway Latvian Support Group
- Let's Get Talking
- Galway Samaritans
- Galway Dyspraxia Support Group
- Friends of Barna Woods and Rusheen Bay
- Roscam Doughiska Men's Shed
- National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI)
- Galway Music Residency
- Shining Light Galway
- Le Chéile Gym
- Galway Hooker Sailing Club
- Arthritis Ireland Galway Branch
- Galway Rowing Club
- Cúirt International Festival of Literature

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