



TU Dublin SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

The vision for TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 is to *'Create a Better World, Together'*. In developing our TU Dublin strategy, and over the course of our conversations with over 2,500 stakeholders, we viewed the challenges facing us through the lens of the UN Sustainability Goals (SDGs). Some clear areas of focus emerged which resulted in shaping our plan to tackle our task through the following themes - People, Planet, Partnership and underpinned by the key SDG goal of 'Quality Education'. These pillars inform our approach to educational, research and engagement practices, ensuring that TU Dublin delivers real change, innovation and impact for society.

This is TU Dublin's third report on how the University has been addressing the SDGs. It includes examples of initiatives, events and project work that are having an impact across the 17 SDGs.

Year	Event
August 2022	TU Dublin launched the Student Ambassador Programme which provides an opportunity for current TU Dublin students to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills while providing a valuable service to the University and to prospective students.
June 2022	TU Dublin Graduate Business School alumni gathered to brainstorm Fundraising Solutions for the Dublin Simon Community , a charity that supports the homeless and those in poverty.
May 2022	The School of Media and the Centre for Critical Media Literacy at TU Dublin hosted a seminar, Disability, Equality and Media: Questions of Representation that explored how intellectual disability, care and the meaning of freedom are represented in the media.

May 2022	TU Dublin is the first technological university to successfully complete an institutional review as part of quality checks conducted by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) the state agency responsible for the external quality assurance of further and higher education and training in Ireland. The Institutional Review Quality Report is publicly available on the QQI website and the TU Dublin website
March 2022	As a member of the Irish University's Association (IUA) and the EUA (European University Association), TU Dublin supports Ukrainian students in Ireland through the Ukraine Crisis Programme . The Government has set a target to make the Irish education system the "best in Europe" by 2026. The IUA acts as a voice for Irish universities in this respect and accounts for over two-thirds of all students in higher education.
Ongoing	Established under the Technological Universities Act 2018 TU Dublin is required by law under Section 10 to provide the right and responsibility to preserve and promote the principles of academic freedom and as such it has been incorporated into TU Dublin's Code of Governance document.
Ongoing	The University's Code of Conduct sets the highest standard of conduct amongst staff to ensure that actions are lawful and ethical, honourable and transparent.
Ongoing	TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 was created having engaged over 2,500 stakeholders. A key pillar in our TU Dublin Strategic Intent is Partnership. TU Dublin's ambition is to deliver shared impact and we will do this through a tightly connected network where we will make things happen through close partnerships with stakeholders. TU Dublin has formed close relationships and partnerships through research, industry and community .
Ongoing	At TU Dublin, every student is automatically a member of the TU Dublin Students Union (TDSU) . The SU supports every student in receiving a quality educational experience and ensuring that there is an independent, democratic, voice of TU Dublin students. The SU is formally recognised by TU Dublin and works with the University to run the Class Representatives system to help enhance quality on academic programmes.
Ongoing	TU Dublin publishes on its website various documents related to its governance and operations, including annual reports, financial statements and Governing Body Minutes – available at Governance
Ongoing	TU Dublin's HEPRU (Higher Education Policy Research Unit) , works closely with national and international higher education organisations such as the Higher Education Authority of Ireland (HEA), European University Association (EUA) and International Association of Universities (IAU) looking at questions of strategic and policy concern to the future of higher education.

Ongoing	<p>TU Dublin has a range of initiatives that engage local stakeholders, including residents, local government, local private groups and local civil society representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The AIB Research Centre on Inclusive and Equitable Cultures (RINCE) public lecture series provides a forum to discuss contemporary issues and current research and practice on equality, diversity and inclusion. – GLLF: The Grangegorman Labour and Learning Forum (GLLF) is a multi-agency voluntary group made up of representatives of a range of statutory, voluntary and community organisations and stakeholders – SLWC: This award-winning programme involves TU Dublin staff & students working with communities to develop real life projects for mutual benefit – CIRCLET: CIRCLET is an international learning community, which has developed two new professional development initiatives supporting community engaged learning and research – Engagement Outreach: The Engagement Outreach team host workshops and motivating events to encourage students to consider applying for higher education – Grangegorman ABC Programme: This is a prevention and early intervention programme for children aged 0-6 and their families. It is part of the national ABC programme, funded by TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency – TU Dublin Active Retirement Association: TU Dublin ARA was set up and is managed by the retired members of staff of the University and currently has over 100 members
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