



TU Dublin SDG 17: Partnership

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
September 2022	Language Studies at TU Dublin, in collaboration with language, culture and history of empire scholars in the University of Sussex (UK), Mary Immaculate College (University of Limerick) and University College Cork, hosted the Algeria – Ireland: Resistance Cultures Festival, 16-18 September 2022 . This year marks one hundred years since the independence of the Irish State and sixty years since Algerian independence. For the first time, this three-day festival brought together Algerian and Irish photographers, filmmakers, musicians, dancers, scholars and writers to explore the common anti-colonial resistance histories.
September 2022	TU Dublin is one of eight members of the EUt+ (European University of Technology) Alliance, which hosted several conferences and events, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd European Culture and Technology Lab+ Annual Conference (Ect Lab+) • Improving Teaching and Learning in Stem Fields: A Research and Development Approach • Re-imagining Higher Education through Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability

July 2022	TU Dublin welcomed the Creating Our Future Report . Creating our Future is a unique national brainstorm that received more than 18,000 ideas on how to create a better society. The diverse breadth of public submissions on where research should be focused ranged from ideas on the environment, mental health, food and sustainable and green living, to housing, health, the arts, digital challenges, learning and development, and nurturing community.
July 2022	TU Dublin is delighted to welcome the Chadwicks Group to a tightly connected network of industry and academic partners, collaborating to hasten the digital transformation of the sector and set new international standards of practice in support of climate action. Leading builders' merchants Chadwicks Group will contribute to the development of Ireland's First Design and Construct Centre , which commenced in July 2022. The new €22M project at Broombridge is Ireland's first Centre of Excellence for construction education.
June 2022	Allied Irish Bank (AIB) and TU Dublin support the Entrepreneurship for People with Disabilities Programme , a new 12-week course which commenced in September.
June 2022	TU Dublin is part of a Consortium of Technological Universities in Ireland that was awarded an initial allocation of €18.81M under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) to support teaching and learning reforms arising from the experiences of digitally enabled education during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Recovery and Resilience Facility is funded by the European Union and is the largest component of <i>NextGenerationEU</i> – the European Union's response to the global pandemic.
March 2022	TU Dublin Green Week is an annual celebration of innovation and partnerships, a chance to debate ideas and to showcase a living lab for environmental sustainability across Ireland's first Technological University. A wide range of events, activities and opportunities to participate in Green Week 2022 were organized and delivered in conjunction with our external partners, including the Planting an Urban Forest with the Local Community . Green Week is organised in partnership with the Environmental Education Unit of <i>An Taisce</i> , and seeks to educate and promote successful environmental programmes, including the Green Campus .
Feb and Oct 2022	CONVENE , a TU Dublin and University College Dublin initiative, which received €17.5M in funding, seeks to transform university-enterprise engagement for the benefit of Irish society and the economy. In February, CONVENE launched a new Enterprise Fellowship Programme to give staff the time, space, and resources to work on a wide range of projects aligned with TU Dublin's strategic plan, and CONVENE's mission to transform university-enterprise engagement for the benefit of Irish society and the economy. In October, TU Dublin launched an Enterprise Academy for Talent Development , a new business unit to support Irish-based enterprise in their talent development efforts and long-term skills strategy.

Ongoing	TU Dublin is a member of SGroup . SGroup is a network of over 50 higher education institutions from 23 European countries and six countries outside Europe that aims to strengthen the institutional capacities of its member universities to reinforce their international visibility, to expand their collaboration opportunities in education and research and to improve the quality of their governance, teaching, research and administrative practices.
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 actively reaches out and in to connect people, to share competencies, join ideas, create synergies and unearth new opportunities. The University seeks to increase and deepen partnerships all over the world, on the understanding that the complex problems of today are solved together.
Ongoing	TU Dublin, in conjunction with Dublin City Council is working with local schools on an Air Quality Project . This project is part of the UN Globe Project and is supported by the Irish European Protection Agency (EPA) and An Taisce's Global Citizen Science Initiative . Schools use their grounds to take NO2 measurements, comparing the results with others in the area, nationally and internationally.
Ongoing	The three main campuses at TU Dublin are implementing a Biodiversity Action Plan in conjunction with local government, with interventions that aim to progress the local natural environment.
Ongoing	TU Dublin is collaborating with the Dublin Food Co-Op , which promotes and sells sustainably sourced vegetarian, organic and local food. TU Dublin culinary arts students created a sustainability checklist for purchasing and business students worked to create a sustainable business plan.
Ongoing	TU Dublin is a member of Campus Engage , a national initiative that seeks to enable and embed civic and community engagement activities in higher education (SDG 11). Their report, Campus – Community Engagement in Action , features initiatives from all three main campuses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Campus (p. 6) students collaborated with the <i>Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT)</i> to produce reports that could affect Irish penal policy into the future - Blanchardstown Campus (p. 10) worked to inform the development of a five to ten year social, community and economic plan for the Mulhuddart area - Tallaght Campus (p. 18) I-VOL mobile app was developed by a part time student to enable Volunteer Ireland to engage people through use of the app. I-VOL makes the process of finding a suitable volunteering opportunity in your locality easier
Ongoing	TU Dublin's Environment Sustainability & Health Institute (ESHI) addresses national policy objectives, undertaking user-focused, goal-oriented research with national and industry relevance. ESHI informs policy design and translation and develops capacity for implementing policy, delivering science to policy.
Ongoing	TU Dublin is a member of SFI MaREI , which comprises of 220 researchers focusing on defined global challenges such as Energy Transition, Climate Action and the Blue Economy.

