



TU Dublin SDG 1: No Poverty Progress Report 2021

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 second 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
Sept 2021	To assist people with disabilities wishing to start their own business, TU Dublin introduced a new programme, Self-employment for People with Disabilities . This programme is delivered online and addresses the distinctive challenges facing people with disabilities in becoming self-employed.
May 2021	A review of project Community Engagement Practices at TU Dublin was held to provide a forum for discussion and shared learning in relation to community-university engagement. This followed the launch of the EU-Funded Community Engagement Report which examined some current community engagement initiatives in TU Dublin.
Feb 2021	TU Dublin encouraged students develop innovative solutions, including to support our nation's mental health, which is suffering due to COVID-19. The Business Plan Competition 2021 , in partnership with St. Patrick’s Mental Health

	Services, supports innovation to deliver mental health services and provide citizens and patients with mental health self-management tools.
2021	TU Dublin Access Service was established over 20 years ago to assist individuals and communities in overcoming socio-economic barriers to accessing higher education. Additional measures were initiated to support students during Covid, including the Student Laptop Scheme and the Student Support Fund
2021	Supported by the Giving to the University programme, the TU Dublin Foundation supported various initiatives to enhance the experience of our students, our staff and our communities, providing access to education for marginalised communities, helping to transform our educational facilities and to help our communities to develop closer links with TU Dublin.
Ongoing	Our TU Dublin Access Foundation Programme is a one-year full-time course preparing students, both personally and academically, to pursue undergraduate programmes at TU Dublin. The programme forms part of TU Dublin's commitment to extending access to education to people from communities lacking a strong tradition of participation in third-level education.
Ongoing	TU Dublin HEAR Scheme encourages school-leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to apply for full time undergraduate programmes at TU Dublin
Ongoing	TU Dublin Financial Aid , in conjunction with the Government of Ireland provides financial support to full or part-time students who are experiencing financial difficulties while attending college. It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Assistance Funds • SUSI grants • Funds for Students with Disabilities
Ongoing	TU Dublin Academic Supports offers additional support in mathematics, writing and grinds to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to graduate
Ongoing	As well as partnering with industry, we increased our efforts to partner with community organisations, schools, social enterprises, charities, and to use entrepreneurial skills to empower people economically, socially and environmentally. Innovation & Enterprise services at TU Dublin support start-ups and innovation and technology transfer activities.
Ongoing	To support the development of Dublin's North West Inner City, in particular the Grangegorman area, the Grangegorman Labour and Leader Forum organized a series of Business & Enterprise networking and information events to explore how to develop the area and support the local business community.

Ongoing	<p>TU Dublin offers a range of entrepreneur incubator and accelerator programmes offering cash prizes and capital investment to students to progress their business ideas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I-CUBED - iveNTUre
Ongoing	<p>The Area Based Childhood Programme (ABC) at TU Dublin is an early intervention programme for children aged 0-6 and their families. It aims to work in partnership with families, practitioners, communities, and national stakeholders to deliver better outcomes for children and families living in areas where poverty is most deeply entrenched.</p>
Ongoing	<p>The Grangegorman Labour and Learning Forum (GLLF) works closely with TU Dublin and other partners to promote Life Long Learning with access to education and training, particularly for ‘non-traditional’ learners. The primary aim is to work with partners to address barriers to access to learning, identify gaps in adult and continuing education and training provision.</p>