



TU Dublin SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities Progress Report 2020

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.

TU Dublin was formally established on the 1st of January 2019 as the first technological university in Ireland. The TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 was launched in January 2020 and this document forms the first 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
Ongoing	TU Dublin Grangegorman Campus Environmental Sustainability Master Plan outlines its commitment to preserving 30 existing protected structures and places significant focus on pedestrian movements which guarantees the conditions for walking trips to be encouraged (page 12 & 13).
Ongoing	Walking tours of Grangegorman campus are available to the local community and Grangegorman Histories Induction Packs are available to TU Dublin staff and students to introduce them to the 'chequered' past of their new campus.
Ongoing	TU Dublin library provides a wide range of membership to non TU Dublin registered staff, student and community - TU Dublin Alumni and External Readers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TU Dublin is a member of ALCID a co-operative access scheme between the universities of Ireland, allowing academics to collections without formality - TU Dublin SCONUL Access Scheme granting borrowing privileges to research postgraduate students and staff to over 180 higher education in Ireland and the UK.
Ongoing	To encourage cycling as a more sustainable transport commuting option, DIT produced a Cycling Facilities flyer
Ongoing	TU Dublin have created the TU Dublin Travel Hub to encourage staff and students to take advantage of the Government initiative offering tax-free bikes for cycling to work or tax-free annual transport passes.
Ongoing	TU Dublin encourages and promotes working from home to provide a sustainable approach to work and commuting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TU Dublin Remote Access Policy - ICT guides and supports on working remotely
Ongoing	TU Dublin accommodation and living costs supports contact details for students investigating accommodation options available to them.
October 2020	TU Dublin funded Housing MPhil programme was launched offering students an opportunity to research and develop areas of knowledge fundamental to our understanding of the necessity of creating appropriate, diverse housing systems for a sustainable future both within Ireland and for our fragile planet.
2020	The Graduate Exhibition of the Dublin School of Creative Arts, the School of Manufacturing and Design Engineering and the School of Media is usually the highlight of the academic year for students and staff. To adapt to the new and challenging circumstances of Covid-19, the 2020 Graduate Exhibition move to an online environment.
2019	TU Dublin conservatoire of music and drama events were plentiful but due to Covid-19 these events have been postponed during 2020.
2019	In conjunction with the National Transport Authority, TU Dublin produced a Student & Staff Smarter Travel Survey to assist in informing national and TU Dublin travel policies and amenities.
2015	TU Dublin launched a new pedestrian walkway connecting a local shopping centre to the campus.