



### TU Dublin SDG 15: Life on Land 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	The TU Dublin School of Architecture launched a new programme in <a href="#">Sustainable Timber Technology</a> . This programme supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals, focusing on the sustainable use of timber products, which have a vital role to play in the emerging sustainable bioeconomy.
April 2021	TU Dublin supported <a href="#">Intercultural Sculpture Day</a> , developing two site-specific public artworks for TU Dublin Grangegorman and IMMA, and inviting the local community to reflect on ‘crocsmia x’ (a flower) as a metaphor for diversity and inclusion in Ireland. The plant, originally from South Africa, is now celebrated as an Irish wildflower. The gesture of planting these vibrant wildflowers transformed previously neglected areas by the playing fields in the TU Dublin campus and a white metal bench by the front lawn in IMMA into a place where people might sit and reflect.
March 2021	During <a href="#">TU Dublin Green Week</a> , we organized seminars, workshops, films and talks, exploring various topics related to climate action, sustainability and protecting our environment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Houseboats and Waterways Ireland</li> </ul>

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Sept 2021	TU Dublin contracted a new company, <a href="#">Sodexo</a> , to provide catering services on campus. The company is committed to sustainability, with a corporate citizen goal to reduce food waste by 50% by 2025 and have 100 million Stop Hunger beneficiaries.
Ongoing	<a href="#">TU Dublin's Grangegorman campus vision</a> is to be one of the leading urban quarters in Ireland for its sustainability performance by 2050 and includes a biodiversity management plan.
Ongoing	<p><a href="#">TU Dublin's Grangegorman Sustainability Strategy</a> has committed to improving life on land through the following goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- use 60% less mains water by 2050</li> <li>- achieve good practice in Biodiversity</li> <li>- achieve best practice in Waste</li> <li>- achieve best practice in Transport</li> </ul>
Ongoing	TU Dublin's canteen supplier <a href="#">Aramark</a> has made a commitment to reduce food loss and waste by 50% by 2030 on all its operations. Their goal is 'Less Waste, More Impact'.
Ongoing	TU Dublin's <a href="#">Grangegorman Campus Development Master Plan</a> provides for the preservation of existing natural and cultural heritage through Habitat Conservation, Landscape Conservation, Cultural Heritage Conservation Strategy and investigation into any archaeological heritage on the site.
Ongoing	<a href="#">TU Dublin Sustainability Statement</a> commits to review measures to reduce the use of natural resources and the environmental impact of air, land, and water pollution benchmarking against international best practice.