



TU Dublin SDG 16: Peace and Justice 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	<p>TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 was created having engaged over 2,500 stakeholders. A key pillar in our TU Dublin Strategic Intent is Partnership. Our Ambition is to <i>Deliver Shared Impact</i> and we will do this ‘Through a Tightly Connect Network’ where we will make things happen through close partnerships with stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why Collaborate with TU Dublin?
Ongoing	<p>At TU Dublin every student is automatically a member of TUSU (TU Dublin Students’ Union) to ensure that every student receives a quality educational experience and that every student has a voice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TUSU website - Peer Mentoring Programmes

Ongoing	TU Dublin produce public annual reports and financial statements for their stakeholders.
July 2020	TU Dublin Governing Body appointed new members which includes 5 staff members, 3 student members, 11 external members.
July 2020	TU Dublin hosted The Covid 19: Social Justice, and Rebuilding Ireland conference with the aim to air opportunities arising from the pandemic. Key members of the panel included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colette Bennett - Research and Policy Analyst at Social Justice Ireland - Salome Mbugua Henry - Commissioner of Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
February 2020	Dr. Ruth Casey, Lecturer in Communications & EU Affairs at TU Dublin speaks at National Security Summit Ireland
May-November 2019	TU Dublin piloted a community engagement programme with TEFCE Toolbox over the course of seven months at the College of Business. The TEFCE project (<i>Towards a European Framework for Community Engagement in Higher Education</i>) is the result of a co-creation process involving over 170 participants from eight countries over 18 months to serve as a reference tool for universities, communities and policymakers to better understand the dimensions of community engagement in higher education.
October 2019	TU Dublin's participation in the National Stakeholder Forum on Sustainable Development Goals held in Dublin Castle on the 18th October 2019 is captured in this facilitator's report.
February 2019	TU Dublin conducted an exploratory research project in conjunction with the Department of Health & Children in relation to The Drug Economy and Youth Interventions to create a model for working with young people, that can be further examined for its fit with European or international models.
2018	As part of the Technological Universities Act TU Dublin is required by law under Chapter 2 to provide the right and responsibility to preserve and promote the principles of academic freedom. Academic freedom had been previously recognised by the University under the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and the IUA Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland and was included as part of the Contract of Employment.
2016 - 2017	TU Dublin's HEPRU (Higher Education Policy Research Unit) launched three books. HEPRU is the only research group in Ireland looking at questions of strategic and policy concern to the future of higher education in Ireland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Impact and Future of Arts and Humanities Research - The Civic University: The Policy and Leadership Challenges - Global Rankings and the Geopolitics of Higher Education