



TU Dublin SDG 17: Partnership 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 using the SDGs as a framework and has committed to embedding SDG education into the curriculum through the following KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sustainability is incorporated into the TU Dublin Graduate Attributes and all programmes will have sustainability as learning outcome</i> - <i>Every programme will incorporate SDG related practice based research</i> - <i>Concentrate our research activity in at least 5 research fields addressing the SDGs</i>
May-November 2019	TU Dublin collaborated with international partners to research and review comparative approaches in developing international best practice on tackling the SDGs, in particular community partnership. TU Dublin conducted a pilot

	community engagement programme with TEFCE Toolbox over the course of seven months at the College of Business. The TEFCE project (Towards a European Framework for Community Engagement in Higher Education) 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.
December 2020	TU Dublin students were invited to volunteer with the TU Dublin Christmas Appeal 2020 which proudly supported SVP - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ireland and Dublin Simon Community.
October 2020	TU Dublin Walkability App was awarded funding from the international Alstom Foundation towards the development of the app. The research asked women to share their perceptions of walking in Dublin City. TU Dublin is working towards hosting the Walk21 International Conference on Walking and Livable Cities in Autumn 2022.
November 2020	As part of the European Researchers' Night a 3hr TU Dublin Zero Hunger Hack was held to develop new concepts, ideas and proposals so that TU Dublin researchers could contribute responses to the global challenge of achieving Zero Hunger.
January 2019	TU Dublin Sustainability Statement commits to ensuring that all students graduate from TU Dublin with a greater understanding of the sustainability challenges and possess the expertise and commitment to help find solutions for tomorrow's generations.
March 2019 & 2020	TU Dublin celebrated Green Week. This much-anticipated annual event includes seminars, workshops, films and talks exploring various topics related to climate action, sustainability and protecting our environment. The events included various participants from NGOs including St. Vincent de Paul (Ireland's largest, voluntary, charitable organisation) and Climate Case Ireland (who took the Irish Government to the Supreme Court for failing to take adequate action on climate change – and won!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2020 Green Week Events - 2019 Green Week Events
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.
2019	TU Dublin engaged in international research to gather and measure data for the SDGs for the publication Engineering Skills Requirements For Sustainable Development And Achieving The SDGs - Outcomes Of Focus Groups Held In Ireland, France, Denmark And Finland As Part Of A Step 2030 Project
March 2019	The long standing TOY consortia involving DIT launched their new course . TOY (Together Old and Young), is an intergenerational learning project involving senior people (55 years +) and young children (0- 8 years).

October 2018	DTC (Development Technology in the Community Research Group) of DIT hosted Achieving Resilient Cities and Communities conference . This event is part of the European Union (EU) development education and awareness raising (DEAR) programme.
2018	Mozambique's first ever optometrists graduated with the help of Irish students from Dublin Institute of Technology - Research Published - TheJournal.ie
2018	TU Dublin engaged in international research to gather and measure data for the SDGs for the publication A Systems Approach to Research and Innovation for Food System Transformation which was conducted with Aberdeen University and the University of Honenheim.