

Sustainable Development Goals

From **Global** Goals
To **Local** Action



What are the SDGs?



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

The 17 SDGs are integrated - they recognise that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

The creativity, knowhow, technology and financial resources from all of society is necessary to achieve the SDGs in every context.

(Source: <https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals>)



Local Actions help to deliver on the Global SDGs



To mark SDG Week 2026, we are reflecting on our work over the past number of years in collaboration with Wicklow County Council to raise awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and encourage communities to **think global and act local**.

Our collaboration has helped to make the Global Goals more accessible and relevant to communities across Wicklow, highlighting the many ways local projects and initiatives are contributing to global sustainability targets.

As part of this work, Wicklow County Council now has an [SDG Mapping Tool](#), which showcases local projects and initiatives and links them to the relevant Sustainable Development Goals. We have also developed a number of [Short videos](#) and [Case Studies](#) (see below) highlighting how local community groups are putting the SDGs into practice through their everyday work.

We have also produced a [practical flyer with ideas for local groups](#) (see below) on how they can take action on the SDGs within their own communities.

This year, we hosted an information session introducing [SustainabilityPlan.ie](#), a new free website developed by two of Wicklow PPN member groups ([Blessington Allotment Campaign](#) & the [Blessington Tourist Office](#)). The website supports community groups, school and small businesses to develop their own bespoke sustainability plan, helping organisations identify practical actions they can take to become more sustainable.

And, of course, we couldn't talk about our SDG awareness work without mentioning our [SDG cardigan](#) which went on tour last year. The cardigan became a fun and memorable way to start conversations at events, encouraging people to share the actions they are taking locally and discover which of the Global Goals they are contributing to.

The SDGs can sometimes feel like big global ambitions, but the work happening in communities across Wicklow shows that local action really does contribute to global change.

From Local Actions to Global Goals.

Every Action we take to improve our Community has a Global Impact

Together we can make the SDGs a reality for all

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Some action ideas for Local Community Groups on the SDGs

1 NO POVERTY

Buy sustainable and fair trade produce
Support and engage with groups working with more marginalised people.

2 ZERO HUNGER

Purchase local & sustainable foods
Donate leftover food from community event to groups that can get it to people in need.
Community Fridge & Gardens

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Promote good physical & mental health in your group & community.
Engage in community good health initiatives.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Host or lead on the provision of continuing education sessions.
Connect with your local ETB. Share skills. Connect with Schools.
Set up mini community libraries

5 GENDER EQUALITY

Address unconscious biases - don't be silent. Address this issue in your community group governance document.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Get involved in Citizen Science initiatives. Organise river or sea community clean ups.
Reduce water consumption

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Car pool or use public transport within community group.
Retrofit community facilities.
Set up sustainable energy community initiatives.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Purchase and promote fair-trade produce.
Support local

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Set up a digital Hub.
Buy sustainable products.
Be open to innovative ideas for your group and community

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Be welcoming and inclusive. Find out about the inequalities in your community and consider how your group can help to address them.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Set up a Community Green recreation spaces, Community Garden/ Allotments.
Set up a reuse/recycle centres in your community.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Track your groups consumption of key resources and explore how to reduce consumption.
Set up Sharing projects with your community.

13 CLIMATE ACTION

Reduce use of single use plastic
Retrofit community facilities
Community Composting
Facilitate Recycling and reusing in the community

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

Find out about your local water source (citizen science projects and get together for community water clean up projects.

15 LIFE ON LAND

Plant native trees, take actions to support and promote biodiversity in your area, litter picks, community composting. Don't use pesticides in your community

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Host Bystander Training in your community which aims to support people to act when they witness an injustice.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Join Wicklow PPN, speak up, get active in policy making and ensure the voice of your community is heard.
Collaborate with other groups
Share experience & learning

Public Participation Network Wicklow

We support the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Local Action delivering on Global Goals Case Studies

In 2022 Wicklow PPN and Wicklow County Council collaborated on a project which sought to Map the actions of all sectors of our society to the Sustainable Development Goals.

As part of this project, we collected a number of case studies which sought to illustrate how local actions are delivering on the global goals. We have included links to the case studies below by way of sharing ideas and to acknowledge the contributions already made by some groups/organisations in Co Wicklow to delivering on the SDGs.

We encourage you to upload details of your groups actions to the Wicklow SDG [Mapping Tool](#)

Calling all Community Groups & Clubs in Co Wicklow

FILL THE WHEEL & MAP THE GOALS

Wicklow County Council

FoodCloud

Arklow Food Cloud

Blessington Women's Shed

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Brockagh Resource Centre Digital Hub

Brockagh Resource Centre Digital Hub

Carnew Community Care

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COMMON GROUND COMMUNITISED HOUSING

Common Ground Community Lead Housing

GO GREENER WITH GRANGECON

Go Greener With Grangecon

Greystones Family Resource Centre

Greystones Family Resource Centre

Greystones Tidy Towns

Greystones Tidy Towns

The Bray Head U3A

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West Wicklow Environmental Network

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Wicklow Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Group

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Wicklow Aquanauts

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Wicklow Local Enterprise Office

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Wicklow Library Service (Greystones)

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Ireland & the SDGs

What are we doing & How are we doing?



Check out Ireland's [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) Data Hub](#)

The SDG Data Hub is a platform for reporting on progress towards the goals and sharing information on related initiatives. Ireland's progress against each goal is measured using a set of United Nations (UN) global and European Union (EU) agreed targets and indicators.

From the home page of the [Data Hub](#), you can access information on specific goals, view videos and sign up to receive updates.



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