

**Galway City Development Board
Bord Forbartha Cathrach na Gaillimhe**

Priority Action Plan 2005-2008

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ARTS & CULTURE GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

AC 1. Priority Action: Advance the Community Cultural Campus as promoted by the Arts Groups which are representative of the Arts Organisations in Galway

AC 2. Priority Action: Development of a school of music

AC 3. Priority Action: Advancement of the City as the bi-lingual capital of Ireland.

AC 4. Priority Action: Advance the development of a Concert Hall/ Performance Space/ Conference Centre in Galway City.

AC 5. Priority Action: Develop the concept of Galway as a Creative City.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

CD 1. Priority Action: Voter Participation - review the voter participation strategy with particular reference to registration of voters, and measures to improve turnout.

CD 2. Priority Action: Promoting volunteerism - support efforts to get Galway Volunteer Bureau up and running by 2005. Also take steps to promote Corporate Social Responsibility, for example by encouraging the business sector to support an annual volunteer week.

CD 3. Priority Action: Establish a Law and Order Forum to address issues including Anti-Social Behaviour, Alcohol Misuse & Public Order.

CD 4. Priority Action: Promote greater use of community buildings [e.g.schools], as a community resource, and establish a resource centre in the city centre.

CD 5. Priority Action: Support the extension of the “active retired group” concept to all older people in all areas of the city

CD 6. Priority Action: Provide funding for supporting community festivals in the city.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

ED 1. Priority Action: To increase research and development, innovation, entrepreneurship and commercialisation in the City adopting a collaborative approach across all sectors of Economic Activity.

ED 2. Priority Action: To further increase broadband awareness and uptake in the City and work collaboratively through the eGalway Group to develop Galway as an eCity.

ED 3. Priority Action: To develop a Marketing Plan for the City in context of the wider development in the region.

ED 4. Priority Action: Acknowledge the need for necessary works to create and sustain Galway City as a nationally / globally competitive environment.

**GALWAY CITY & COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE PRIORITY ACTIONS
2005-2008**

GCCCC 1. Priority Action: Work with schools and school Boards of Management to increase provision of after-school and out of school services using school buildings

GCCCC 2. Priority Action: Develop quantity and quality of childminding services through support for existing childminders, establishment of childminding clusters, and increasing number of registered childminders.

GCCCC 3. Priority Action: Extend the playbus service in the city.

GCCCC 4. Priority Action: Identify and respond to childcare needs in the Doughiska area

GALWAY CITY & COUNTY TOURISM FORUM PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

TF 1. Priority Action:

Product Development The need for a flag ship project such as (i) Children's Discovery Museum (ii) Community Cultural Campus / Conference Centre. (iii) The need for product development and innovation in Galway.

TF 2. Priority Action

Product Development: To investigate the potential of developing a partnership with eco- tourism Green Box initiative.

TF 3. Priority Action

Product Development: To develop a shop front incentive initiative and (initiative to improve towns village and rural areas.)

TF 4. Priority Action

Servicing the Visitor: To implement training programmes aimed at providing a Customer friendly service to visitors.

TF 5. Priority Action

Access (i) To reduce journey times to Galway from Shannon and Ireland West Airports, (ii) to collaborate on securing the Western Rail Corridor, (iii) to promote the need for freight to be carried by rail rather than road, (iv) to increase the number of bus corridors, (v) the need for an increased air packages to Galway (vi) to continue to develop the feasibility of Galway Port.

TF 6. Priority Action

Marketing: (i) to strengthen R&D - need to communicate research findings to the trade, (ii) the need to value for money offers and (iii) implement successful West of Ireland Marketing Campaigns.

TF 7. Priority Action

Marketing: To investigate the potential of new niche markets in language, culture and natural resources.

HEALTH FORUM GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

HF 1. Priority Action : Pursue WHO Healthy Cities status for Galway City, and encourage the development of a data set to capture data relevant to the Healthy Cities project

HF 2. Priority Action: Pursue the use of Health Impact Assessment, (one of the main criteria identified by the WHO for Cities joining the Health Cities Network) by:

- (a) raising awareness among all relevant agencies in the city and
- (b) providing training in Healthy Impact Assessment.

HF 3. Priority Action: Develop current approaches to Healthy Urban Planning, (one of the main criteria identified by the WHO for Cities joining the Health Cities Network) by:

- (a) raising awareness among all relevant agencies in the city of the Healthy Cities approach
- (b) identify how health & wellbeing can become an integral part of Urban Planning

HF 4. Priority Action: Develop an integrated holistic approach to healthy ageing in Galway City by:

- (a) Bringing together the various groups, agencies and project working with older people as well as older people themselves to develop a collective approach to healthy and active ageing
- (b) Developing an intersectoral action plan for Healthy Ageing in Galway City

HF 5. Priority Action: Pilot a community organic gardening healthy living project in a RAPID area of the city

HF 6. Priority Action: Strengthen links with Sports & Recreation Forum and Galway City Council, looking at both active and passive recreation

HF 7. Priority Action: Develop Actions to address issue of Childhood Obesity

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION CO-ORDINATING GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

ITCG 1. Priority Action: To implement Short/ Medium and long-term measures needed to alleviate traffic congestion

ITCG 2. Priority Action: To Pilot Park & Ride Facilities on Headford Rd/ Tuam Rd./ Barna and Knocknacarra and implement bus priority measures aimed at improving traffic flows within the City

ITCG 3. Priority Action: Monitor the Implementation of the Barcelona Declaration

ITCG 4. Priority Action: Develop adequate facilities for cyclists and pedestrians

ITCG 5. Priority Action: Develop an Integrated Transport Plan.

ITCG 6. Priority Action: Establish a dedicated Transport Office in the City

REGIONAL GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

RG 1. Priority Action: Prioritise the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor

RG 2. Priority Action: Engage with Central Government and all relevant agencies in the development of the Atlantic Economic Corridor

RG 3. Priority Action: Support the complete Roll-out of Broadband in the Region

RG 4. Priority Action: Ringfence NDP Funding for Capital Infrastructure for the BMW Region

SOCIAL INCLUSION GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2006-2008

SIG 1. Priority Action: Promote Interculturalism in Galway City and implement the actions outlined in the Anti – Racism Strategy (including the Integrated Targeted Group Plan) aimed at increasing empowerment.

SIG 2. Priority Action: Develop an Employment Plan for Marginalised Groups, including People with Disabilities:

- Improving progression from low paid work and unemployment through measures such as upskilling, in-service training and other supports
- Increasing opportunities for participation and employment through literacy, education and improvement of levels of basic skills.

SIG 3. Priority Action: Produce a Galway City Social Inclusion Research Catalogue based on existing multi-agency research.

SIG 4. Other Actions Ongoing from Phase 1 of Strategy Implementation

SPATIAL PLANNING GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

SP 1. Priority Action: To expedite the development of the Local Integrated Plan for the Ardaun Corridor

SP 2. Priority Action: To ensure the Social, Recreational and educational facilities are included as key priorities in the development of the Ardaun Corridor

SP 3. Priority Action: To complete the Galway City Heritage Plan within an agreed timeframe

SPORTS & RECREATION GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

SRG 1. Priority Action: Establish Local Sports Partnership and Appoint City Sports Co-ordinator

SRG 2. Priority Action: Publish and Launch Sports Directory

SRG 3. Priority Action: Complete and implement Sports Strategy

SRG 4. Priority Action: Carry out Sports/ Recreation needs analysis

STRATEGIC LEARNING NETWORK PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

SLN 1. Priority Action: Devise meaningful strategies to tackle early school leaving.

SLN 2. Priority Action: Development of the SLN Portal/Online Directory of Learning Opportunities in Galway City.

SLN 3. Priority Action: Secure funding for Galway Learning Week to include a Co-ordinator to plan and run the Week.

SLN 4. Priority Action: Prioritise provision of new schools on the East Side of the City & explore opportunity for Community Education on same site.

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & WATERWAYS GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005-2008

NEWG 1. Priority Action: To develop a Waterways Strategy incorporating a programme of maintenance works.

NEWG 2. Priority Action: To implement recommendations outlined in the Galway City Habitats Inventory.

NEWG 3. Priority Action: To undertake Green Mapping

NEWG 4. Priority Action: To implement environmental enhancement initiatives in a number of areas throughout the City.

NEWG 5. Priority Action: To endeavour to create Wildlife Corridors

NEWG 6. Priority Action: Re-investigate potential of Marina (Community Owned) Claddagh Basin

NEWG 7. Priority Action: To Explore and develop interpretative elements of Waterways / Tours

NEWG 8. Priority Action: Re-name the Waterways in Galway City