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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Galway City Partnership



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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Galway City Partnership is a local and community development company working in Galway City. We have been in existence since 1996 and our aim is to provide meaningful support to people experiencing disadvantage and social exclusion.

We support the people we work with to feel empowered to engage fully in their communities. We work with groups and individuals using a community development approach, responding to their needs in terms of community, employment and education supports. Our team is based on the Headford Road in the city centre, with outreach offices in Ballinfoile, Ballybane, Westside, Ballinasloe, as well as other areas across the county.



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OUR MISSION

Our mission is:

- **To tackle disadvantage and social exclusion**, with a particular emphasis on those currently or in danger of becoming long-term unemployed and to
- **To enhance our target groups' capacity** to contribute fully to their own and their communities sustainable development.

We undertake to maintain a strong code of governance and uphold and maintain compliance with the Charities and CRO Governance Code together with other Regulations & Codes from external stakeholders.



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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

2024 was a very successful year for Galway City Partnership and our annual report gives a great insight into the varied work that Galway City Partnership undertakes. It also highlights how GCP works with other agencies and organisations to fulfil our aims and objectives. Linda has highlighted

much of this in her report especially the SICAP programme and the workability programme which got off to a great start.



The year again saw GCP responding to an increased number of international protection applications and this has involved our staff working sometimes at short notice to respond and support them in settling into new places of residence. As we have seen our staff on the Bridge project were instrumental in working with other agencies to provide the support that was needed.

Our 2024 report provides a great insight into the large and diverse work that the staff of Galway City Partnership carry out in Galway City. The many programmes that come under GCP's belt show this diverse range of work carried out by our staff on these programmes. Consultation and engagement with our communities is key to the success of this work. Being underpinned by Community Development approach and values along with adherence to our aims and objectives along with our Goals and values ensure that this work is carried out to the highest standard.

I have also noticed that our work with other bodies ensures we are the go-to company for dealing with disadvantage and social exclusion in Galway City.

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

The commitment and dedication of our staff on all programmes led by Linda is second to none and their commitment to our target groups and to those suffering social disadvantage and exclusion is also second to none. I have heard nothing but praise about our staff from those that I have met at meetings or events I have attended, and I am most definitely proud to be chairperson such a fantastic organisation. Our staff have risen to all challenges and were exceptional in providing support where needed. Activities organised by staff in Galway City Partnership have attracted excellent reviews and praise for their professional delivery.

In the background we are supported by a great voluntary Board of Directors who ensure that we are compliant with all that is required of a company such as ours. I would really like to thank them for their support to me as Chairperson, Linda as CEO and to the staff. I know that the Board are proud of the work that the staff do and greatly appreciate when we receive reports in person from staff teams. This past year we have seen many letters of praise from clients that engage with our services, and they tell the story of that dedication and care our staff bring to them. The Board are proud to say that we take on board the input from staff in our deliberations at board level. I would also personally like to thank Linda for all of her support to me and the Board during the past year.

As we go into another year, I firmly believe that GCP and all of our programmes can rise up to any challenge that present itself. I am sure that Linda and the team will respond to the best of their ability in rising to any challenge.



Tommy Flaerty
Chairperson of Board



CHIEF EXECUTIVE STATEMENT

Our 2024 Galway City Partnership Annual Report gives us the opportunity to reflect on and share the breadth of work we have undertaken across our programmes throughout the past year.

Galway City Partnership continues to deliver eleven publicly funded programmes on behalf of a range of Government Departments, Galway City Local Community Development Committee, and various state agencies.

In 2024, we were proud to meet the ambitious performance targets set out under each of these contracts which is a testament to the dedication of our team and the strength of our community partnerships.

This year saw the growth and evolution of our work. We were successful in securing the delivery of the new Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (BRIDGE) together with match funding from local agencies.

In 2024 we commenced the work of the new Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, and the new WorkAbility Programme.

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Alongside this, we delivered the Youth Advocacy Service, Gold Star, Social Prescribing, Healthy Ireland, the Local Area Employment Service, and the Tús Programme—core elements of our mission to support people into fuller participation in community and economic life.

Behind every number in this report is a person; a story, a journey, and a set of achievements. It is our privilege to walk part of that journey with individuals, families, and communities across Galway.

Community development remains at the heart of all that we do. The delivery of SICAP, the continued provision of a community-based employment service, and the support we offer to grassroots groups are all expressions of that enduring commitment—from staff, management, and our voluntary Board of Directors.

Strategic engagement has also remained a key focus. Through our involvement in the Local Development Companies Network (formally Irish Local Development Network), contribution to research initiatives, and responses to policy consultations, we continue to bring the lived experiences of communities in Galway to the heart of national dialogue.

I also want to thank our staff teams who remained resilient and focused ensuring we delivered our programmes and remained committed to serving the communities in the City and also in County with the delivery of the Local Area Employment Service, HSE Social Inclusion Initiatives and the Asylum Migration Integration Fund.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank our colleagues in Galway City Council, the Galway City LCDC, HSE, DSP, GRETB and all our funders for their continued belief in our work and for ensuring the resources are in place to support those we serve. Together, we are building a more inclusive, connected, and resilient Galway.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Linda Sice Brogan
CEO, Galway City Partnership

OUR SERVICES

SICAP

LAES

TÚS

Youth Advocacy Service

BRIDGE

Social Prescribing

WorkAbility

HSE Social Inclusion

OUR DIRECTORS

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Board Attendance 2024

	30/01/24	27/02/24	23/04/24	28/05/24	12/06/24	10/07/24	26/07/24	17/09/24	22/10/24	26/11/24	TOTAL
Tommy Flaherty	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	10/10
Morgan Mee	Apologies	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	8/10
Brendan Mulligan	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	10/10
Davnet McEllin	Apologies	Present	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	8/10
Marian Maloney	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Present	Apologies	7/10
Martin O'Connor	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	9/10
Paul Shelly	Present	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Present	8/10
Anne Marie Stokes	Present	Apologies	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Present	5/10
Val Coakley	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Present	Apologies	Present	Present	Present	Present	Apologies	5/10
Aidan Harte	Apologies	Apologies	Resigned								0/2
Fergus Gaughan			Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Present	Apologies	Present	Apologies	Apologies	2/9





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GOAL 1 SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

EMPOWERING AND DEVELOPING LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS
AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

SICAP Goal 1 focuses on contributing to the building of more sustainable, inclusive and empowered communities: Empower groups of individuals, local community groups, networks, and social enterprises to address collective community needs.

➤ In 2024, the SICAP Goal 1 team supported local community groups, networks and social enterprises under **five actions**:

- Community Animation
- Capacity Building
- Developing Collaborative Responses
- Climate Change & Sustainability
- Supporting New Arrivals

The team is comprised of one Programme Manager, one full-time Community Development (CD) worker, one part-time CD worker, one part-time Social Enterprise worker and three part-time New Arrivals support workers.

The team's KPI for 2024 was 59 COs. The KPI achieved was **81**.





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Community Animation:



Staff supported **20 Community Organisations** to:

- Undertake **Awareness Raising** of important social inclusion topics in their community;
- Form **new Local Community Groups, Social Enterprises & Networks**;
- Engage in targeted pre-development initiatives such as **community consultations, needs analysis and outreach initiatives**;
- Come together around pertinent issues in their communities to respond collectively.

Examples of groups and events supported include weekly Coffee Mornings, community based Parent & Toddler Groups, Consultations held to inform Local Area Plans, events to celebrate International Women's Day, to raise awareness on Domestic Abuse, to promote the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



Domestic Violence Awareness Morning for
Go Purple Day, Westside May 2024



Traveller Well-Being Awareness Session at International
Women's Day Event March 2024



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Capacity Building



Staff supported **42 Community Organisations** to:

- **Participate in local planning and decision-making** spaces that affect them;
- **Establish themselves formally**, and strengthen their structure through guidance, support and training;
- **Apply for funding streams** which would support them to expand and sustain their work;
- **Address social inclusion needs** faced by their target groups.

Examples of groups supported are the Westside, Ballinfoile & Ballybane Walking Groups, the Ballybane Contenders, Groups for Older People, Community Art Groups and Men's Sheds, Ballinfoile Traveller Men's Group, Ballybane, Westside & Ballinfoile Men's Groups, Traveller Women's Groups and Community Crafting Groups.



Ballinfoile Walking Group



Westside Community Arts Group



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Developing Collaborative Responses

Staff supported **23 Community Organisations** to come together to develop collaborative responses to gaps in services and need. This involved the development of meaningful solutions and strong working partnerships with a variety of stakeholders.

Examples of collaborative working include:

- GCP joined **Galway City Community Network's Local Election Sub Committee** to support the organisation of a voter awareness campaign in the lead up to the local and European Elections.
- Engagement with and support of the **3 city-based Child and Family Support Networks (CFSNs)**



Members of Local Election Sub Committee 2024 including GCP, GCCN, University of Galway, Shining Light community group.



'Meet The Candidates' Local Election event for City Central Ward organised by Local Election Sub Committee, May 2024



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- The establishment of the **Eastside Arts Festival** and continued support of the Westside Arts Festival.
- **Impact Research** collaboration between Social Enterprises and University of Galway
- The **Community Health & Wellbeing Network** which achieved significant milestones in promoting physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing in Galway City.
- The new **Peer Network of Social Enterprises** in the city.
- The establishment of the **Community Voice Sub Committee** of Galway City Partnership



Launch of Social Prescribing Service March 2024



Launch of Eastside Arts Festival Oct 2024



Westside Arts Festival Open Night July 2024



Social Enterprise Networking Event Feb 2024



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Climate Change & Sustainability

Staff supported **10 Community Organisations** to take meaningful action on climate change through supporting the delivery of awareness raising initiatives and engagement of local communities in Biodiversity Awareness, National Climate Action Week and exploration of Food Waste and Food Sharing Projects in communities. Examples of groups supported were:

- The **Let's Get Galway Growing Network (LGGG)** of Community Gardens who ran biodiversity workshops for their member groups as well as playing a significant role with Galway Climate Change Festival, hosted by Galway City Council in September 2024. Hinterland were also supported with carrying out a targeted needs analysis in the key disadvantaged communities in the city.
- A collaboration between **Hinterland West and LGGG** to develop a food systems map, further supporting research and engagement around healthy and sustainable food accessibility in low-income communities.



Ballybane Community Organic Garden Open Day Aug 2024

Produce of Ballinfolle Mór Community Garden Aug 2024



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Supporting New Arrivals

Staff supported 13 New Arrivals community organisations. This was carried out through the provision of capacity building and other community development supports to new groups consisting of New Arrivals across the city and within accommodation centres with a social inclusion and equality focus.

- **Supports to groups with running of events** for International Day for Elimination of Racism Day, World Refugee Day, Ukrainian Independence Day, St. Patrick's Day.
- **Information Workshops** (Irish Red Cross on Housing, how to apply for Garda Vetting, how to take on volunteers, how to apply for GCC grants, how to write an invoice etc.)
- **Supports to Harmony Choir** to partake in numerous community events and activities as well as to continue partaking in national SICAP initiative with Phil Coulter – Steal Away documentary and launch.



Harmony Choir members at screening of
'Steal Away' documentary with Phil Coulter, Oct 2024



Harmony Ukrainian Choir



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- **Supports to UA Mriya** to run their dance, theatre and Ukrainian language classes as well as host two community shows throughout the year
- **Supports to UHUG** to run their English classes, coffee mornings and partake in various events.
- **Supports to Ukrainian COs** to run Ukrainian Festival on Independence Day
- **Supports to Galway Communities Against Racism and Discrimination (GCARD)** to run community workshops and partake in GCARD Solidarity Rally on International Day for the Elimination of Racism
- **Supports to Kalyna** to run weekly art classes for new communities in Westside Library
- **Supports to launch IPAs Network**



Ukrainian Independence Day 2024



World Refugee Day 2024 at Westside Library



Ukrainian groups participating in St. Patrick's Day 2024



Kalyna Art Group March 2024

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GOAL 1 Success Story

The Community Voice Sub Committee of Galway City Partnership was established in April 2024.

The Community Voice group met three times in 2024 and brought together individuals from a variety of SICAP target groups including people living in disadvantaged areas, older people, people with disabilities and members of the Traveller community and members of new communities in Galway city. Together, they explored and discussed the Vision, Mission and Terms & Conditions of the group.

The group also agreed the themes they wished to explore in 2025:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Housing
- Disability
- Youth
- Transport



Community Voice Launch Meeting Apr 2024



Community Voice Launch Meeting Apr 2024

The Vision of the Community Voice is for the elimination of social exclusion in Galway city and the creation of a society where members of marginalised communities can fully participate in decisions that impact their lives and their community.

The purpose of the Sub Committee is to create a safe space where people from marginalised communities feel comfortable to share their issues and concerns, to feel that they have a voice and to feed issues that have been identified to the Board of Galway City Partnership.



OTHER COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

The SICAP Goal 1 Community Development (CD) team also supported the following programmes and initiatives in 2024:

- Ballybane Afterschool Programme & Homework Club
- SafeFood Community Food Initiatives
- Let's Get Galway Growing
- Early Years
- Healthy Food Made Easy
- Healthy Ireland Fund





BALLYBANE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME & HOMEWORK CLUB

SUPPORTED BY CD TEAM

The Ballybane Afterschools Club is a free Homework support and Social and Educational activities club for children aged 6-12 years. The Club runs Monday to Thursday from 3-6pm. GRETb cover the provision of teaching hours under the GRETb Co-operation Hours Scheme.

- **58 children** attended two or more programmes each week during the year.
- The main focus is on **homework support** with a variety of **activity-based programmes**.
- Children attending the club live in **Ballybane** but attend Primary schools in **Mervue, Renmore & Doughiska**.
- The **boy:girl ratio was close to 50:50** with the children attending coming from diverse cultures and backgrounds.





SAFEFOOD COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVES

DELIVERED BY CD TEAM

The Community Food Initiatives programme aims to empower people in low-income communities to make healthier food choices. It funds local projects that improve access to healthy and safe food using a community development approach.

➤ **Two Healthy CFI Food Made Easy Programmes** were run in the city.

➤ **Two Community Events** were held as part of the Eastside Arts Festival. The support provided focused on developing skills and knowledge that positively influence the eating habits and basic food skills among families/individuals in low income areas.



Healthy Food Made Easy Sept 2024 Westside



Advertising of Community Food Event on Eastside Arts Festival 2024 flyer



LET'S GET GALWAY GROWING

DELIVERED BY CD TEAM

- **Eight Community Gardens** were supported with grant aid ranging from €600 to €1200.
- **4 Let's Get Galway Growing Network meetings** were held.
- Organised a **Field Trip to Portumna Castle** and Community Garden in County Galway in mid-October 2024, with 20 participants attending.
- Four gardens contributed vegetables, fruits, and herbs for the **new Climate Festival** in September 2024.
- Conducted **Garden First Aid Workshops** for all gardens, with 19 participants from six gardens.
- Organised a **Climate Change Action Information Session**.



Let's Get Galway Growing Network Members at Portumna Castle



EARLY YEARS

DELIVERED BY CD TEAM

- Conducted **three First Aid Workshops** for three groups for Ballybane, Westside and Ballinfoile Parent and Toddler Groups, with 12-15 participants attended the sessions.
- Conducted **six Active Play workshops** for two groups from Ballinfoile, one group from Westside Parent and Toddler Group, two groups from Ballybane Accommodation Centre, and one group from Centre Point Accommodation Centre with 6 to 9 participants in each group.
- Conducted **four Baby Bonding Workshops** for two groups in Glen Oaks, one group in Centre Point Accommodation Centre, and one group in Cúirt Uisce Accommodation Centre. 5 participants in each group.





HEALTHY FOOD MADE EASY

DELIVERED BY CD TEAM

The Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) Programme is a basic nutrition and cookery course that helps people to change to a healthy diet, plan meals on a budget and make easy to cook meals. The course content is based on the most up-to-date healthy eating guidelines from the Department of Health.

5 Healthy Food Made Easy courses were delivered.

- **Course 1:** Pavee Beoirs Traveller Women's Group
- **Course 2:** Ballybane Traveller & Settled Women's Group
- **Course 3:** People from the Ukrainian Community
- **Course 4:** People with Disabilities
- **Course 5:** Westside Older People



Participants and tutors on two HFME courses in Westside 2024



HEALTHY GALWAY CITY ROUND 4

DELIVERED BY CD TEAM

As a result of being a Healthy Galway City implementing partner we have been able to facilitate the delivery of supports across our key areas of Westside, Ballybane and Ballinfoile.

- **Three Community Singing Groups were supported** across the 3 locations of Westside, Ballinfoile & Ballybane. These groups met on a weekly basis throughout the year and contributed to local initiatives in their communities as well as achieving a benefit for themselves as individuals.
- **Support was provided to the Ballinfoile Youth Activity Project** throughout the year allowing the children from that community to benefit from the provision of tennis, music workshops, circus taster workshops and outdoor adventures in the local forest. The project was also enabled to purchase equipment essential to the running of the activity programmes.
- **The Social Prescribing Initiative was supported to enhance their provision of supports** in locations that were local and accessible to their clients. Project run include Thoughtful Tuesdays, Active August and the production of a Community Wellbeing Calendar.
- **The Ballybane & Doughiska Sports Hub** was able to continue to deliver participation opportunities to the communities which it serves.



Ballinfoile, Ballybane and Westside Community Singing Groups performing together in June 2024



Launch of Community Wellbeing Calendar Dec 2024





TASC: FINANCIAL RESILIENCE TRAINING

DELIVERED BY CD TEAM

➤ **2 Targeted Managing Your Money courses** ran in Mervue & Ballinfoile.

➤ **Key learning gained** from the programme as noted by participants:

- How to shop around
- How to monitor electricity usage
- How to manage your money and save on bills
- Save for a rainy day fund
- There is help available for most issues
- How many websites are available.
- Research and think before spending
- To keep vigilant re online / financial security
- Switching providers
- To seek help when I need it.
- Don't be afraid to contact MABS - they will help.



➤ TASC ran **2 additional training programmes with GCP staff** to support their work with clients across the city.

➤ TASC provided staff and participants with a **Financial Resilience Training Toolkit** for use across communities in the city.





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GOAL 2 SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS

EMPOWERING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THE
QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES

SICAP Goal 2 supports disadvantaged individuals, children and families to progress their formal education and participate in lifelong learning, to progress into employment/self-employment, and to improve their soft skills and wellbeing.

➤ SICAP Goal 2 supports enable people to empower themselves and build capacity across the life course in the home, at school, in the workplace and in social settings.

Supports are co-designed in collaboration with beneficiaries and seek wherever possible to be tailored to the particular needs and desires of the beneficiary, this sometimes requires detailed and extensive relational work between all parties.

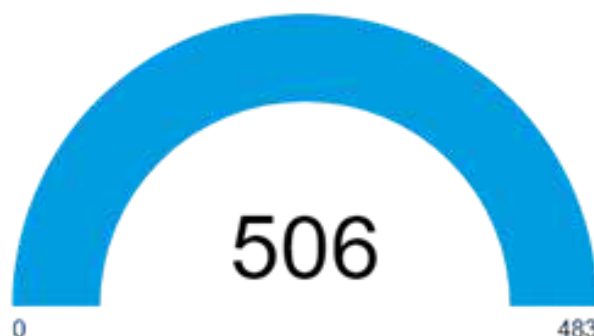
Figures referenced are drawn from the Pobal Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS) for Galway City.

Key Performance Target Goal 2 (IRIS)

In 2024 the KPI target for G2
was exceeded at 105%

90% of the Benefciaries were
New Registrations to the
SICAP Programme

KPI 2





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IRIS: **208** Beneficiaries of SICAP Goal 2 participated in 2024 in a
Lifelong Learning Course.

Course Type	No. Individuals
Industry certified	163
Accredited certification	47
No accreditation	13
Total	208

These courses ranged from Labour Market Training such as Manual Handling, Barista, Nail Design and Care to Special Needs Assistant (SNA) QQI Level6.

The **Local Priority Target Groups** identified by the LCDC were International Protection Applicants, People living in communities impacted by disadvantage and People living in households that are jobless or low-paid and/or precariously employed **85.57% of Supported Individuals** under SICAP Goal 2 fell into these local priority target groups. This figure illustrates that these targeted interventions serve to meet a significant demand within the community in Galway City.





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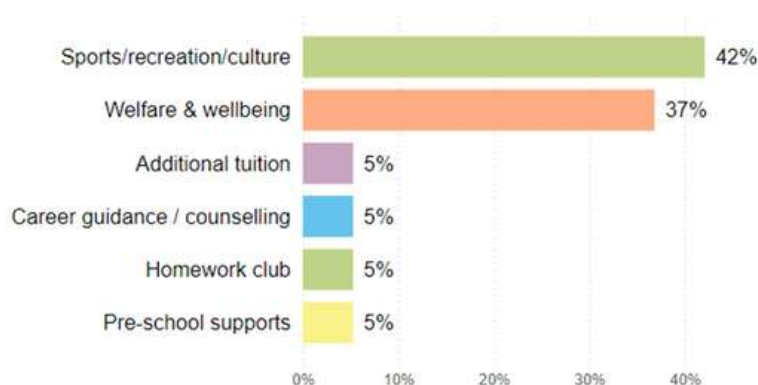
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Individual Caseload (KPI 2) by Target GroupGalway City (26-1)/2024 IRIS	CAB/Lot caseload(KPI 2): 506	
Target group	Number	Percentage
People living in Disadvantaged Communities	28	6%
People impacted by educational disadvantage	138	27%
People living in jobless households or households where the primary income source is low-paid and/or precarious	399	79%
People who are long-term unemployed	158	31%
People with a criminal history	4	1%
Refugees	148	29%
International Protection Applicants	179	35%
People with Disabilities	34	7%
Heads of One-parent Families	58	11%
Travellers	45	9%

This table from IRIS identifies the broader spectrum of this work and the wider community with whom we engage.

During 2024 SICAP supported **1316 Children and Young People** with a range of interventions as illustrated by the table below from IRIS. These supports were delivered both in-school and out in their communities.

Progress Outputs by Activity Type





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Supporting New Arrivals

➤ This year Galway City saw a huge increase in numbers of International Protection Applicant New Arrivals to the city, especially Newly Arrived families. The pivot of accommodation centres from BOTPs to IPAs led to **5 new family accommodation centres** for IPAs and whilst the numbers of BOTPs in state provided accommodation has decreased, many of our BOTP clients have stayed on in Galway City in precarious housing situations and are still linking in with us for supports.

➤ Challenges and Barriers included:

- Not enough English classes being run in the city
- Increase in client who are not literate in their native language
Moves implemented by IPAS and UCTAT throughout the year causing disruption to learning
- Rise in anti-migrant rhetoric in politics and the mainstream media.





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NEW ARRIVALS SUPPORT

PROVISION OF SUPPORTS TO NEW ARRIVALS ACROSS THE CITY AND
WITHIN ACCOMMODATION CENTRES UNDER SICAP GOAL 1 AND GOAL 2.

Some of the supports that we implemented to support New Arrivals and combat some of the barriers and challenges include:

Employability, Self-Employment, and Educational Supports:

- Safe Pass in Ukrainian (10 people)
- Manual Handling in Ukrainian and English (52 people)
- Nails Course in English (12 people)
- QQI Level 4 Retail and Static Security Training (13 people)
- Start Your Own Business Supports (14 people)
- Barista Course (30 people)
- Links to Tus Programme
- Support to LAES with Ukrainian Clients
- English Language referrals (within GCP and to GRETB's GABES, ARD Resource Centre and Croi na Gaillimhe)
- Pilot English Language Conversational Class (to establish viability for 2025)
- Support to access Intreo services
- Form-Filling Support



Children and Families

- Schools (supports directly to DEIS schools to support newly arrived pupils)
- Transport (support in applying for places on school buses as well as taxi support for families to attend different events, classes, and activities)
- Referrals to Music Generation, Balinfoile Youth Project and FAI Summer Camps
- Support the launch of new project – iDance – in Galway City





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- Links and Referrals to Youth Projects (YWI, Foroige, Parent Toddler Groups, HSE Baby Bonding, Babaro Festival, Balinfoile Youth Project)
- Supports to Ballinfoile Youth Activities Project which has been invaluable to the many new arrivals who have moved into the community
- Links to Volunteering Opportunities (Community Gardens, Galway International Arts Festival, Babaro Theatre Festival, Westside Arts Festival, Eastside Arts Festival, Galway Volunteer Centre)
- School Readiness Packs for 150 newly arrived primary children.
- Distribution of school packs for teenagers and materials for new mothers and their babies (received through donations)





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Health and Wellbeing:

- Collaboration with Marie Keating Foundation – launch of leaflets in Ukrainian on breast, prostate, and cervical cancer with three health information days with wellness supports, health checks and access to medical professionals.
- Collaboration with Croi Heart and Health Foundation – 4 health information sessions with health checks and access to medical professionals. Languages included: Ukrainian, Russian, Arabic, Somali, Urdu, Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish.





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Photo Collage illustrating some of the work undertaken and delivered to support SICAP beneficiaries across the programme in 2024



Student of the Year Elizabeth Peter with some members of the wider SICAP Goal 2 Team on receipt of her award.



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EMPOWERING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES

Success Story

Elizabeth Peter engaged with the Galway City Partnership under the SICAP programme in April 2024. She noticed an advertisement for an online **Special Needs Assistant (SNA) QQI Level 6** course which was to be provided under the SICAP Lifelong Learning Action. She was successful in securing a place on the accredited three-month course and commenced her studies with on-going assistance from SICAP Project Officer Donnacha Minton. Originally from Nigeria, Elizabeth has been living in Ireland for many years and as English is her second language, it was sometimes difficult for her to understand the course material. Elizabeth had limited I.T. skills but through hard work, dedication and determination, she managed to overcome the many obstacles that were placed in her path. The course was academically demanding and required the use of Harvard Style referencing and bibliography.

Donnacha and the SICAP Goal 2 team were always available to meet Elizabeth to provide **practical support and encouragement** with her studies. She learned about the functions of her laptop, project research methods, received guidance on academic English terms, and received an up-to-date C.V. We were always happy to meet and work with such **an enthusiastic and dedicated student** and we are delighted to celebrate Elizabeth and her achievement in successfully completing her course and receiving an award of merit. The SICAP Goal 2 team have unanimously agreed that Elizabeth Peter is a worthy recipient of our **Student of the Year Award**, and a marvellous example of how the SICAP programme helps people to help themselves.



Elizabeth Peter receiving the First Student of the Year award from SICAP Programme Coordinator Mary McHugh and Project Officer Donnacha Minton



LAES



LAES (LOCAL AREA EMPLOYMENT SERVICE)

The Local Area Employment Service works with clients that are referred by the Department of Social Protection. It offers a client-centred guidance service to support long term unemployed clients into work, training, self-employment or options that would best suit their circumstances

- We greatly enhanced our service delivery in the City and in the County with the **opening of two new offices**. We **relocated our largest office** in the City from Bohermore to the second floor of the Plaza Offices on the Headford Road, creating **5 purpose built offices** to ensure our clients have a comfortable and welcoming environment to engage with their Employment Guidance Officer. We did the same in Ballinasloe, moving to a newly refitted office at Review, beside the local Intreo office, creating 3 new purpose-built offices in an easily accessible location.
- We continue to provide delivery of our service through the **Irish language** across the Connemara region, including the opening of a new outreach office on Inis Mór to ensure we provide the service to our clients in the communities where they live.
- We reached the end of year two of our new contract managing **1,129 referrals from the Department of Social Protection** and achieved significant results with 95% of our clients attending their initial interview and 97% completing a Personal Progression Plan.





LAES (LOCAL AREA EMPLOYMENT SERVICE)

- Over the course of 2024, our Employment Guidance Officers across our Galway City offices in the Headford Road, Westside, Ballybane and in the East and North of the County in Ballinasloe, and outreach offices in Tuam, Portumna, Loughrea and Gort, and in Indreabhán, Oughterard, Clifden, Ros Muc, Carna and Inis Mór in Connemara, had a **total of 13,658 meetings** scheduled with their clients.
- We also enhanced our team in 2024 with the arrival of an **additional Employment Guidance Officer and a new Employer Liaison Officer** to support our clients into employment and build strong ties directly with employers across the county



New LAES Office on 2nd Floor of The Plaza Offices

LAES (LOCAL AREA EMPLOYMENT SERVICE)



Success Story

Dara Kerins, LAES Employment Guidance Officer for Connemara, supported a **client based in Conamara Láir** to pursue training, education, and employment opportunities associated with the **seaweed, crustacean, and fish farm industries** local to Conamara Láir. The client had previously been employed as a general operative in a local business, but their career progression opportunities were limited by their lack of access to the requisite certifications and qualifications necessary for this line of work. Having liaised with their previous employer, the client was informed that work opportunities would be available in seafloor diving to harvest farmed maritime produce. However, training and certifications are necessary in order to perform such work.

In collaboration with the LAES, the client identified a local training provider. In collaboration with the



LAES, the client identified a local training provider in Connemara that offered a suite of diver training courses, including the fundamental prerequisite training necessary to pursue work as a diver. Having had this training paid on their behalf through the **Galway City Partnership Client Development Fund** to remove any financial barrier, the client subsequently completed the week-long **training in sea diving**, opening-up career progression opportunities with local employers that were previously inaccessible.

This client continues to receive ongoing support from the LAES Employment Guidance Officer to support them in their preparation for work as a deep-sea harvester, contributing, in turn, to the growth of the maritime industries specific to Connemara.



Youth Advocacy Service



YOUTH ADVOCACY SERVICE

The Galway City Youth Advocacy Service (YAS) is a community-based career guidance service for educationally disadvantaged and unemployed young people. The service works primarily with young people (16-20 years old) who have left school early, who have few or no qualifications and/or are unemployed. The service networks with a wide range of Galway city youth and community organisations, training centres and with the school sector.

- In 2024 the Youth Advocacy Service worked with a total of **179 clients**. The ratio of male to female clients is approximately 2:1: two-thirds male (112 clients / 62.6%) to one-third female (62 clients / 34.6%). This year 5 clients (2.6%) engaging with the service have chosen not to specify their gender as their gender identity does not correspond with the sex assigned to them at birth.
- In 2024, the number of **young people from the Traveller community** who engaged with the service **increased to 84** (46.9% of total clients), our highest ever figure.
- This year, the YAS was asked by the GRETb to work more closely with the **pre-16 Turas Alternative Education Centre** in Galway city. This has required YAS working with a cohort of young people aged under-16 which now, in total, accounts for 34 clients (19%) of our client group.





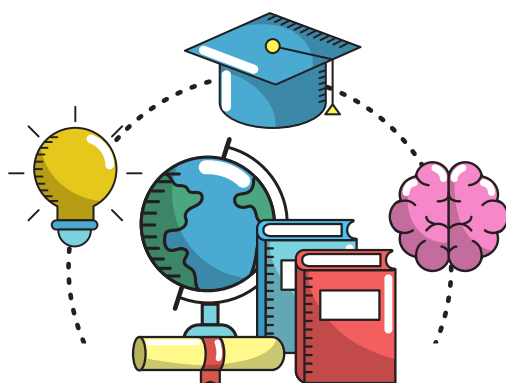
YOUTH ADVOCACY SERVICE

➤ Referrals to the YAS are drawn from an increasingly wide range of sources. For ease of analysis, we group these disparate sources into three main categories, as detailed below:

- **Individual/Family Referrals** (include self-referrals, family member referrals, peer and past client referrals) numbering 58 clients, or 32% in 2024.
- **Community/School Referrals** (include direct school referrals and referrals from a wide range of community organisations/agencies) accounted for 33 clients or 18% of YAS clients.
- **Training Centres** (Youthreach, Dochas don Oige (Justice Project), Galway City Community Training Centre (CTC) and Turas). In 2024, the YAS engaged with 88 training centre clients, 49% of total YAS clients.

➤ Against a 'client progressions' GRETb target of 50% of YAS clients, in 2024, the YAS saw 120 (67%) of clients progressing into the following areas:

- **Education: 44 clients** (25%)
- **Employment: 7 clients** (4%)
- **Training: 69 clients** (39%)



YOUTH ADVOCACY SERVICE

Success Story



Many clients referred to the Youth Advocacy Service (YAS) present with a very wide range of issues which may prevent their successful progression into appropriate education, training or employment. Below is a sample case study of just one client - the issues faced and how engagement with YAS helped.

Client Background

Parent phoned, having found YAS information on GCP website. Client presents as **bi-sexual and neurodiverse**. Dropped out of school, considering Youthreach, but unclear about options. Values education highly, motivated to do well when focused. Bad experience of school: “Not going back there”.

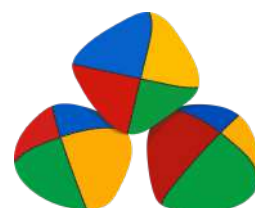


YAS Intervention(s)

Due to client's **anxiety** level, Advocate brought Community Circus Tutor into home: client too anxious to visit or take first step. Youthreach visit and application made to Centre. Review of return to school options.

Outcomes

New school opportunity taken. Successful school transfer. Client joined **Community Circus** and has made **new friends**. Maintains participation. Older sibling also returned to school after a year out as collateral positive influence.





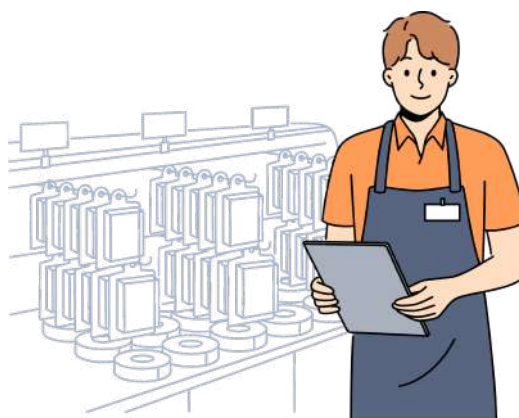
Tús



Tús

Tús is a community work placement initiative providing short-term work opportunities for long-term jobseekers. Work experience is provided by community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations. Tús is funded by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and managed by GCP in Galway City. Participants work 19 ½ hours a week and the placements last for 12 months.

- **48 new Tús placements** were created.
- **24 Community Organisations** were assisted including sporting organisations, charity shops, community theatre, men's sheds, counselling, disability, and community development services.
- Tús at GCP worked with **102 participants** in 2024 providing **work experience** in areas such as administration, English Language teaching, ecology projects, retail, theatre, and many other types of assistance with community organisations.





In early 2024, Tús responded to an expression of interest from a couple of **community gardens**. An initial challenge was that local supervision could not be provided for the time required to create a **Tús placement**. At the same time, a corresponding expression of interest was made by a **horticultural enthusiast**, to assist with community gardening.

Through communication with all associated parties, a solution was found in the form of a placement that would service both gardens. The sunflowers in Ballinfoile Community Garden, although magnificent, are only a sample of the completed projects at both gardens.



Later in 2024, Tús recruited a **second gardener** to work with community gardening projects and we now have a model that can be continued and developed. GCP will soon be developing its own small garden which will provide further Tús opportunities in tandem with horticultural training. Together these initiatives are facilitating the emergence of a **Tús community gardening team**.





BRIDGE



THE BRIDGE PROJECT



The BRIDGE Project provides reception and integration supports to Asylum Seekers and Third Country Nationals residing in Galway City and County.

➤ In April 2024, Galway City Partnership secured more than **€632,960 in grant aid** from the EU Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2024-2027 on foot of a grant application submitted by Galway City Partnership.

➤ The BRIDGE Project worked with United Women Galway to support the participation of **20 Asylum Seekers in the Galway City St Patrick's Day Parade 2024**, carrying a giant tapestry of international flags on view to thousands of onlookers.

➤ To support schools to become places of welcome and sanctuary for all children, the BRIDGE Project coordinated meetings between representatives from the **Schools of Sanctuary Initiative, University of Galway and Uni4U** to meet with local schools. On foot of these meetings St Patrick's National School, Galway Educate Together National School and Claddagh National School commenced their Schools of Sanctuary journey.

➤ The BRIDGE Project funded the rollout of a **Homework Club** in conjunction with Croí na Gaillimhe for 36 children 4 days per week in the Eglinton, where some attendees had no English on arrival.

➤ Under the new AMIF Programme for 2024-28, the BRIDGE team provided support to **146 Asylum Seekers** over the period September to December 2024 through **information sessions, case work and one-stop shops**.

THE BRIDGE PROJECT

Success Story



With co-funding from the Government of Ireland and support from the European Union, the BRIDGE Project was awarded a grant of **€8,780 from the St Stephens Green Trust** in November 2024. This funding enabled the BRIDGE Project to provide **€20 Christmas gift vouchers to children living in Direct Provision** in Galway City and County. By purchasing these vouchers in bulk, discounts secured made it possible to buy an additional 18 vouchers.

During December 2024, the BRIDGE team **delivered a total of 457 vouchers** to children living in the following Galway Direct Provision Centres across Galway city.



This initiative was very warmly received by parents and enabled the BRIDGE Team to further deepen its relationship with these families and Centre Managers, essential in the rollout of the EU funded Asylum, Migration and Integration programme for 2025.





Social Prescribing



SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

A Community Development Approach to Health and Wellbeing, Social Prescribing is a community-led movement that seeks to address these needs in a holistic way using an assets-based approach by empowering participants to improve their Health and Wellbeing. It aims to reduce social isolation and improve people's health and wellbeing by linking them with activities in their local area. This is achieved through one to one support and some group activity work.

➤ **Launched and promoted Galway City Social Prescribing Service**, ensuring that the service is reaching a diverse profile of people in need of support.

➤ **Strengthened links with local agencies, support groups and community activities.** Both for receiving referrals and making referrals.

➤ Hosted an event in the Menlo Hotel for **Social Prescribing Day** officially launching the service with over 100 in attendance.

➤ Established the **Health and Wellbeing Network** for Galway City Partnership and lead the Community Wellbeing Calendar project.

➤ Hosted **Art and Photography classes** in August in Croí Na Gaillimhe. Approximately 20 people attended



SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

Success Story

The Social Prescribing Coordinator chaired **Galway City Health and Wellbeing Network** and led out on the **Community Health and Wellbeing Art Project and Calendar**.

The network secured funding to run **four art projects** across the city. This artwork was displayed throughout the city and further used to create a Health and Wellbeing Calendar.

The calendar is as a **resource** providing information about activities and services available in Galway city all linked to promoting people's health and wellbeing.





WorkAbility: Inclusive Pathways to Employment



WORKABILITY: INCLUSIVE PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

The WorkAbility: Inclusive Pathway to Employment programme is a comprehensive initiative that provides progressive pathways into employment, including self-employment, for people living with disabilities in Galway City. The goal of the programme is to establish a barrier-free environment for hiring individuals with disabilities.

In 2024 the team **reached its target** for the year. The team provided **tailored one-to-one supports** enabling participants to feel comfortable and understood.

The **steering committee members** played a pivotal role in guiding the programme. Comprising of experienced professionals from diverse backgrounds, the members bring valuable insights and expertise to the team's decision-making processes.

The team collaborated with other organisations to provide comprehensive **Disability Awareness Training** for management and staff.

The **Peer Support Group** for the WorkAbility: Inclusive Pathways to Employment programme was established in 2024. The group is led by two people with the lived experience of disability. Meetings take place twice a month.

Two Manual Handling Training sessions were delivered to participants who included young school leavers from the Irish Wheelchair Association, Café Links Galway, Ability West and Brothers of Charity.





WORKABILITY: INCLUSIVE PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT



➤ One **6-week Healthy Food Made Easy programme** was delivered to support our participants with healthy diet education.

➤ A **Mindfulness and Relaxation Programme** was organised at the end of 2024. This was done to support any anxieties around the Christmas period, any fears of loneliness and isolation.

➤ The team also organised an **Interview Skills Training** session and workshop for the participants to attend, facilitated by an external trainer, to provide participants with the opportunity to learn new skills and learn in a peer-supported environment.

➤ A number of **presentations on WorkAbility** were given to services including GRETB, LAES, Social Prescribing, and the Irish Wheelchair Association.



WORKABILITY: INCLUSIVE PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Success Story

The WorkAbility team had two successes in **part-time employment/self-employment**. We supported one of our participants in gaining **part-time employment** in two different locations with two different companies. This happened as a result of support in building her confidence in one area giving her the possibility to move onto another. This process was **supported by our Mentor** who accompanied her for additional support at the beginning. This particular participant also availed of our **Peer Support Group** and found her own voice to the extent that she was able to stand up in front of a group of people and give her own personal testimonial of her journey.



We also supported a **young person from the Deaf community** to gain part-time employment. This came about by her gaining part-time employment through the **Galway City Partnership TÚS scheme**. Her presence in GCP meant that staff gained a clear understanding of the issues faced on a daily basis by somebody who is Deaf. The most significant part of this placement is that this participant now gives educational sessions to the other TÚS scheme members on how to use **Irish Sign Language** to communicate with her and other members of the deaf community.



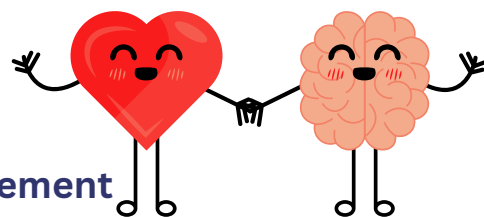
HSE Social Inclusion



HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION

The HSE Social Inclusion Programme supports Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs) in Galway city and county by providing essential healthcare access, information dissemination, and cultural mediation. The Programme also provides essential health support and guidance to International Protection Applicants (IPAs) ensuring they have access to adequate medical services while promoting health awareness within migrant communities.

Ukrainian Peer Health Support



Comprehensive Community Assistance & Engagement

- **Assisted over 4,000 Ukrainians** across County Galway including residents of 62 accommodation centres and those living independently in the community.
- Provided over **2,400 Ukrainians** with support in **accessing primary healthcare**.
- Carried out over **300 visits to congregated centres**, ensuring ongoing healthcare support and facilitating timely medical check-ups for children and individuals with urgent health needs.

Community Health Information Clinics

- Set up **4 weekly Community Health Information Clinics** in Galway Westside, Loughrea, Tuam, and Ballinasloe community centres.
- Over **100 clinics** in the community were held.
- Offered **direct support to over 800 individuals**, including both residents of accommodation centres and those living independently in the community.
- **Facilitated access to primary healthcare**, including medical card applications, GP appointments, and referrals.
- **Coordinated Health Nurse Assessments** for Ukrainian residents, ensuring successful completion in over 40 congregated centres across Galway County in 2024.



HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION



Vaccination Program Support

- Facilitated the **Catch-Up Vaccination Program** for Ukrainian residents, ensuring its successful completion in numerous congregated centres across Galway County.
- Promoted **information dissemination** efforts, translating and sharing dozens of vaccine-related updates via Ukrainian chat groups on Telegram, Viber, and WhatsApp to maximize awareness and participation.
- Supported the organisation of **over 30 vaccination clinics**, ensuring broad Ukrainian community access to essential immunisations.

Cancer and Heart Disease Awareness Initiatives

- Translated and distributed **7,500 cancer awareness leaflets** in partnership with SICAP, GCC Ukrainian Response team and the Marie Keating Foundation, educating the Ukrainian community on cancer prevention and early detection.
- Organized **three cancer awareness events** focusing on cervical, prostate, and breast cancer, featuring expert-led presentations translated into Ukrainian, reaching 80+ participants.
- **Collaborated with Croí, The West of Ireland Cardiac Foundation**, to host heart disease and stroke awareness event, including blood pressure and cholesterol testing conducted by Croí nurses.

Social Media & Community Engagement

- Shared **over 400 health-related posts** across Telegram, Viber, and WhatsApp, ensuring widespread access to essential healthcare information.
- Provided **updates on healthcare services**, applying for medical cards, mental well-being, sexual health, ophthalmic, and dental care to support informed decision-making.
- Offered **real-time responses** to health-related inquiries from Ukrainians in the community, ensuring timely guidance and assistance.

HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION

Ukrainian Peer Health Support Success Story



A Ukrainian mother of an autistic child, newly settled in Ballinasloe, faced significant challenges in accessing essential healthcare for her family due to **language barriers** and unfamiliarity with the Irish healthcare system. Her difficulties were further compounded when her child experienced **bullying** on the school bus, prompting the school principal's involvement.

She visited a Community Health Information Clinic in Ballinasloe, where an HSE Liaison Health Support Worker and a Ukrainian Peer Support Worker assisted her with medical card applications, securing **GP appointments**, and accessing **mental health support** for her child.

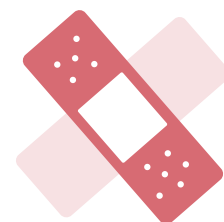
Additionally, the family was connected with the **Children's Disability Network Team**. They also received support from the Family Support Coordinator at **Ballinasloe Social Services** and the Local Authority Integration Team of Galway County Council.

Through the intervention of the HSE Social Inclusion Programme, — the mother not only **gained confidence** in navigating the local healthcare system but also saw **improvements in her child's health**. She was further referred to mental health services to help cope with post-relocation stress. Within weeks, she successfully accessed necessary medical care and expressed deep gratitude for the guidance and support she received.



HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION

Health Support to International Protection Applicants



Health Clinics: 152

152 health information clinics were conducted in five centres, and where necessary, and also were visited every Friday Ballybrit Centre which holds approximately 315 IPAs.

Health Information Presentations: 17

In 2024 17 presentations on the Irish Health System were delivered in several IPA centres.

Vaccination Clinics: 23

23 clinics for MMR vaccinations were facilitated clinics in IPA centres.

Peer Support Presentations: 11

Presentations have included The Asylum Journey, How to Get Involved in Volunteering, How to Pursue an LLM Degree in International Human Rights Law, How to Gain an Irish Driving License, Resettling/Transitioning from DP to Housing.

Sessional GP Clinics:

- 138 GP appointments facilitated
- 170 Developmental Checks of Children 0-5 years
- 13 Mental Health cases supported

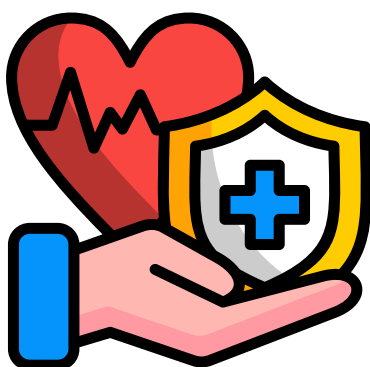


HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION

Health Support to International Protection Applicants

Success Story

Ireland has long upheld its commitment to peace, human rights, and international law. As part of the HSE Social Inclusion Team, GCP has had the privilege of contributing to this mission by **providing essential healthcare services and emotional support** to International Protection Applicants (IPAs) including children and women arriving in Galway. The team's goal is to **ensure that every individual receives timely healthcare**, recognising access to healthcare as a fundamental human right. By offering both physical and emotional support, we have not only improved the well-being of IPAs but also facilitated their integration into society.



Through a dedicated service, we have made **a meaningful and tangible impact on their lives**. Witnessing their progress—from receiving necessary medical care to gaining a sense of belonging—has been a truly rewarding experience.

The impact of this work has been significant. Through dedicated efforts, we have helped individuals navigate the healthcare system, access necessary medical care, and receive the support needed for their overall well-being. This initiative has not only **enhanced their quality of life** but has also **strengthened social inclusion**, reflecting Ireland's commitment to dignity, equality, and compassion for all.



Finance

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2024

Galway City Partnership CLG BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	1,177,602	1,227,774
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	241,917	372,605
Cash at bank and in hand	11	1,293,983	1,127,904
		1,535,900	1,500,509
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(531,064)	(936,344)
Net Current Assets		1,004,836	564,165
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		2,182,438	1,791,939
Grants	14	(191,632)	(234,122)
Total Net Assets		1,990,806	1,557,817
Funds			
Reserves at year end		1,990,806	1,557,817
Total funds	17	1,990,806	1,557,817

Approved by the Board of Directors on 25 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Thomas Flaherty
Director


Morgan Mee
Director

FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

Grants and State Funding Received During the Year

State Department	Grant Agency	Type of Funding	2024	2023
			€	€
Department of Social Protection	Pobal	Community Work Placement - TUS	102,500	78,748
Department of Children Equality, Disability Integration, and Youth (DCEDIY)	Department of Children Equality, Disability Integration, and Youth (DCEDIY)	Asylum Migration Integration Fund	202,720	128,013
Department of Education	Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board	Youth Advocacy Service	138,276	136,353
Department of Education	Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board	Community Grants	8,480	12,511
SOLAS	SOLAS	ALL Collaboration	-	38,696
SOLAS	SOLAS	Repaid of underspend Solas	(4,309)	-
TASC Research Limited	TASC	Money Management	-	10,500
Department of Health	HSE	HSE Roma/Migrant	90,000	64,997
	HSE	HSE Social Prescribing	60,260	28,525
	HSE	Ukrainian Funds	-	21,645
	HSE	Early Childhood Supports	25,000	15,000
	HSE	Lets Get Galway Growing	-	10,000
	HSE	HFME (Healthy Food Made Easy)	13,000	10,000
	HSE	HSE Mental Health	-	3,570
	HSE	Health & Wellbeing (Covid Grant)	-	1,000
	HSE	WRC Settlement 2023/2024	16,784	-
	HSE	Other	600	-
Department of Health	Galway City Council	Healthy Ireland	30,200	10,095
Department of Health	Positive Mental Health	Mental Health	-	42
Department of Health	Tusla	Youth Workers Ballinfoile	40,170	26,577
	Tusla	Repaid Family Support Practitioner	(29,063)	29,771
	Tusla	Community Youth (December 2024)	74,000	-
	Tusla	Heart to Heart TTT Project	3,093	-
	Tusla	AMIF Bridget Project	3,500	-
Dormant Accounts Fund	Pobal	Pathways to Employment	180,896	75,429
Department of Environment	Pobal	Energy Grant	-	3,679

FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

continued

Galway City Partnership CLG NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

Department of Rural & Community Devlp / Pobal	Galway City Council	Ukrainian Funds Support	136,501	186,939
Dept. Housing & L.G.	Galway City Council	Ukrainian Funds Support	7,182	50,125
Department of Rural & Community Devlp / Pobal	Galway City Council	SICAP Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme	1,095,733	602,884
Department of Rural & Community Devlp / Pobal	Galway City Council	VAT refund scheme	10,435	13,510
	Galway City Council	Local Enhancement Prog	1,000	-
	Galway City Council	Youth Lift Grant	2,400	-
	Galway City Council	Social Enterprise Grant	5,000	-
	Galway City Council	Minibus	10,000	-
Older Persons Council	Galway City Council	Older Persons	7,008	7,008
Galway City Council	Galway City Council	B-Foile youth workers	30,000	-
Galway City Council	Galway City Council	Supporting Literacy (English Classes)	5,000	5,000
Galway City Council	Galway City Council	Community Van Fund	2,621	50,500
Galway City Council		Creative Communities	8,950	-
Galway City Council		Africa Day	2,567	-
Galway City Council		Other	5,712	-
Department of Social Protection	Employment Services	Local Employment Service Network - Employment & Training (LAES)	1,492,991	1,475,409
		DSP	67,140	-
		PSWT 2023 (LAES ACC)	115,701	-
	Community Programme / Grants	Community Grants	-	8,091
National Lottery Funding	HSE	Community Grants	4,000	5,000
Other	St Vincent de Paul	Ballybane Afterschools	-	5,000
	Tusla	Ballybane Afterschools	5,318	5,318
	Tusla	AMIF 2 match funds	5,318	5,318
	NUIG	AMIF 2 match funds	2,500	0
	Galway City Council	AMIF 2 match funds	10,000	0
	SECAD	Safe Food Initiative	8,761	9,100
	St Stephens Green Trust	Direct Provision Voucher/AMIF match Funds	8,780	1,600
	Croi Na Gaillimhe	AMIF match Funds	5,000	-
	Galway Lions Club		3,000	-
Funds from other sources			5,671	13,124
			4,020,393	3,149,077

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Tá an Clár um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus Gníomhachtú Pobail (SICAP) cómhaoinithe ag Rialtas na hÉireann, tríd an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta, agus Ciste Sóisialta na hEorpa Plus faoin gClár Fostaíochta, Cuimsiú, Scileanna agus Oiliúna (EIST) 2021 -2027.



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Department of Social Protection



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Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education



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Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
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Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council



ciste na
gcuntas díomhaoín
the dormant
accounts fund



Safefood
Community
Food Initiatives



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
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SECAD Community
Engagement Services
Community Industry Partnerships

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st.stephen's
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