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Through our contribution to the Foundation for the Global Compact, An Post has supported the creation of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to transform our World. An Post is working with the Postal industry, Government, staff, and suppliers to take big steps within the SDGs most relevant to our business. Actions being taken include a move towards a zero-emission electric fleet of vehicles, the adoption of green energy for refrigeration and lighting at An Post buildings, and investment in sustainability in its Retail and Mails & Parcels networks. An Post has also achieved its target of Zero Waste to Landfill a year ahead of schedule.



ECO-UNESCO has over 30 years' experience working to empower young people to protect our environment. It channels the passion and energy of young people into positive environmental action; it educates, inspires, and empowers action. ECO-UNESCO promotes the SDGs through its range of programmes aligning its work to the goals and advocates for the key role of education and youth engagement in achieving sustainability.



Over the past decade, the men's sheds movement and its membership has ploughed an entirely new field in community relations. It has opened up important conversations about how men relate to themselves, to one another, and to their communities. That learning can be applied to broader society, in Ireland and beyond, in the name of a shared sustainable global future.



Smart Farming is a voluntary resource efficiency Programme, run by the Irish Farmers' Association in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency. It focuses on delivering the double dividend of improving farm returns while enhancing the rural environment through better resource management. The Programme strives to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals, including quality education, economic growth, climate action, life on land, and partnerships for the goals.



The environmental, economic, and social sustainability of the Irish seafood sector is central to BIM's strategy. BIM recognises how crucial the careful management and conservation of Ireland's natural capital is to the continued sustainability of the Irish seafood sector. Careful management and conservation of the 'natural capital' upon which the sector relies cannot be compromised. Sustainability initiatives include: research in gear technology; certification and stock management; energy and waste management to stewardship of the natural environment; and continually improving measures by implementing management systems and achieving voluntary standards.



GAA activities support a number of SDGs, such as Good Health & Wellbeing and Quality Education, through quality Coaching and Officer Development initiatives. In mainstream education, the Future Leaders Transition Year Programme introduces students to sustainable development concepts and practices. The organisation endeavours to work in harmony with our surroundings, building a Green Club Toolkit to further its development in a sustainable way.



Musgrave's commitment to sustainability goes right back to the founding values of the business. In 2004, it became the first Irish company to become members of the UN Global Compact and, in 2015, became one of the first businesses globally to embed the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in its business Strategy. In 2018, Musgrave published a new sustainability strategy entitled 'Taking Care of our World', underpinned by the SDGs. It sets out an agenda across three core elements of sustainability: People, Planet, and Prosperity.



The Union of Students in Ireland is the national representative body for over 374,000 students in Third Level Education across the island of Ireland. Through lobbying, campaigning, and events, USI promotes sustainable communities, affordable energy, climate action, and responsible consumption and production. USI works with key stakeholders towards strategies to reduce inequalities, promote good health and well-being, provide quality education to our members, and promote a sustainable way of life.



The Carlow County Development Plan sets out Carlow County Council's policies and objectives for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county and addresses a wide range of interrelated economic, social, and environmental issues set within an overall framework of achieving sustainable development, social inclusion, and adapting to climate change. The Council is committed to working for the common good of citizens, in partnership with the communities and relevant agencies, to deliver quality services and to promote sustainable economic, social, and cultural development for current and future generations.



Congress is affiliated internationally to the ETUC and the ITUC who play an active role internationally on the Sustainable Development Goals. It has played an active role nationally in seeking to raise awareness about the goals amongst its membership and in engagements with Government on implementation of the agenda via submissions and active participation in national stakeholder fora. ICTU is a founding member of the SDG civil society grouping in Ireland, Coalition 2030.



NWCI is the leading feminist women's organisation in Ireland. Our vision is of an Ireland and a world where every woman and girl can achieve her full potential in a just and equal society. We represent and take our mandate from our over 190 member groups from diverse backgrounds, sectors, and locations and our growing individual members who support our vision for a feminist Ireland. With our members, we campaign on realising women's right to health and bodily integrity; ending violence against women; recognising and valuing women's care roles; ensuring economic independence for women; and promoting women's leadership and representation in decision-making. NWCI is a member of the SDG civil society grouping in Ireland, Coalition 2030.



Sustainable business is embedded as part of Vodafone's company priorities, contributing to positive socio-economic change in Ireland. It is committed to leveraging technology, networks, services, and people to contribute to the SDGs. Vodafone Ireland launched a Sustainable Business Report in October 2018. The report lays out a series of transformational goals for 2025 and tracks progress across three 'pillars of responsibility', including Diversity & Equality, Energy & Environment, and Youth Skills & Jobs.