



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

About the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The GAA Green Club Programme is aligned to the objectives and actions of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are a set of 17 goals, adopted by the UN in 2015, that act as an urgent call for action, recognising that ending poverty and tackling climate change must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality and spur economic growth.

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>



The National SDG Champions Programme

In 2019, the GAA was nominated as a national Sustainability Development Goal (SDG) Champion by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment. The SDG Champions Programme is designed to raise public awareness of the SDGs and to illustrate practical ways in which organisations and individuals can contribute to achieving the Goals. The GAA was one 12 organisations chosen for the programme, with each champion organisation focusing primarily on a select number of priority Goals.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/ff4201-17-sustainable-development-goals/>



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The GAA as an SDG Champion

In recognition of the GAA's contributions to health & well-being through its games as well as through structured health well-being programmes of the GAA Healthy Club Project, of the Association's volunteer education programmes and its contributions to mainstream education, of its presence in rural and urban communities across the island of Ireland and of the organisation's networks of community and local partnerships, the GAA was chosen as an SDG champion for SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 15 (Life on Land) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



The SDGs and the GAA Green Club Programme

The Green Club Programme partnership between the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association with local authorities, through the County City and Management Association (CCMA), arose out of an SDG Champions Programme collaboration. Carlow County Council were, along with the GAA, chosen as an SDG Champion, in 2019. Carlow County Council were nominated to champion SDG 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities) and SDG 12 (Responsible Production and Consumption). This initial collaboration developed into a national partnership, formalised by a Memorandum of Understanding between the GAA and the CCMA in 2020 as well as an ongoing structured working relationship with the Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs), forming the basis for the GAA Green Club Programme.

