



Delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals: What Role for the NI Voluntary and Community Sector?

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- **70.2%** of member organisations **unintentionally** set out to undertake work to become aligned to the SDGs



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- The main SDGs that organisations felt should be adopted were **Good Health and Wellbeing, Reduced Inequalities and Gender Equality**
- **40.1%** of member organisations said that they would consider undertaking **more work** to align with the SDG's whereas, **51.2%** said that they did not know





The UN Sustainable Development Goals

More Hot Air or a Framework for Change?



Leave No-one Behind



The Global Goals

- Sept. 2015: 193 member states of UN General Assembly agreed a new Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- A **universal call** to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure all people enjoy peace & prosperity
- The vision for the SDGs is that they will be **transformational**
- Many different parts of government will need to be involved and **coordinated** to deliver them
- The UN has called on all member states to **develop national strategies on the SDGs**



UK Stakeholders for SD

A screenshot of the UKSSD website header. It features a yellow background with a dark blue circular logo containing the text 'ukssd' on the left. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links: 'Meet the network', 'Our activities', 'Get involved', 'Why Sustainable Development?', and 'Pages'. Further right are two white buttons with rounded corners: 'CONTACT US' and 'JOIN US'. Below the navigation menu, the main text reads: 'UKSSD is a cross-sector network of organisations who work together to drive action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the UK'.

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Meet the network Our activities Get involved Why Sustainable Development? Pages

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A graphic showing a map of the United Kingdom composed of many small, multi-colored dots. A small circular logo with the text 'ukssd' is positioned to the left of the map.

Measuring up
How the UK is performing on the UN Sustainable Development Goals



UK National Voluntary Review



About the Voluntary National Review

As part of Agenda 2030, the UK is reviewing its progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. This website will share information about the Voluntary National Review and invite people and organisations to share information about their projects that contribute to the UK's delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Voluntary National Review will consider what programmes and policies are contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals, take stock of progress that has been made and understand better what more needs to be done. It will also aim to reflect the work that is going on by people, organisations and groups across the UK.

The UK's Voluntary National Review will:

- set out the UK's contributions towards all 17 Sustainable Development Goals;
- be underpinned by data; and
- demonstrate both the UK's domestic and international activity.

We will be submitting the Voluntary National Review to the United Nations, ahead of the [High Level Political](#) Forum in July 2019.

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The Sustainable Development Goals in the UK inquiry

Inquiry status: **Concluded**

Report published on Wednesday 26 April.

- Report: Sustainable Development Goals in the UK
- Report: Sustainable Development Goals in the UK (PDF 499 KB)

Scope of the inquiry

The Environmental Audit Committee launch an inquiry into the domestic implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 17 SDGs were adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015.

The SDGs cut across all areas of Government – from ending poverty and achieving gender equality through to tackling climate change and using resources sustainably.



‘This report represents the start of our work to hold the Government to account on the Goals. We intend to monitor the Government’s progress over the course of this Parliament and will undertake any work we deem necessary to scrutinise the Government’s efforts and highlight any successes and failures to implement the Goals in the UK’

- *‘Despite adopting the Sustainable Development Goals and committing itself to working “tirelessly for the full implementation of [the Goals] by 2030”, the Government has shown little interest in, or enthusiasm for, implementing the Goals in the UK’*



DAERA Mapping Project

‘The Programme for Government will be the mechanism used to measure Northern Ireland’s progression towards the SDGs. Given the complexity facing the leadership of Northern Ireland’s Government at the time of writing it is unclear how effective this will be’



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United Nations Sustainable Development Goals mapped to Programme for Government Outcomes and Indicators

Date published: 06 December 2018

Topics: [Sustainability](#) , [Sustainable development](#)

A mapping exercise has been carried out to highlight how the Programme for Government (PfG) Outcomes Delivery Plan 2018 - 19 aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The monitoring arrangements for the Programme for Government will show how Northern Ireland is progressing towards the SDGs.

Additional information on the SDGs and PfG Outcomes and Indicators can be obtained by clicking on the icons and links provided in the document below.

Documents



UN SDGs mapped to PfG Outcomes and Indicators
Excel (398 KB)



An Implementation Plan for Ireland

the 2016 Irish Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals

Thu 5th May, 2016 | 13:30 | location: Croke Park

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President Michael D. Higgins spoke at an NGO summit meeting in Croke Park which focused on the question of what it takes to build societies that are truly 'sustainable'.

The President spoke of the set of Global Goals for Sustainable Development, agreed by the nations of the world in 2015. Under this global agreement, the members of the UN must now develop national plans to implement the Goals.

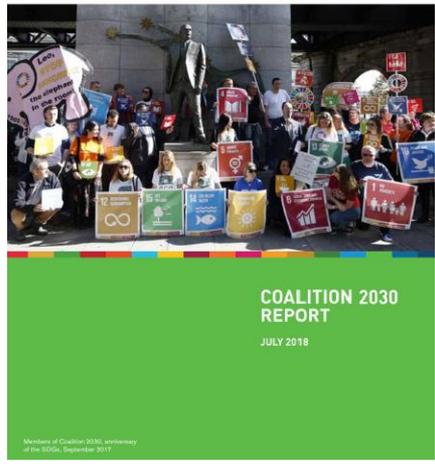


The Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018-2020





Coalition 2030





UN High Level Political Forum

'...thus far, the HLPF has not been the robust accountability body civil society campaigned for in the run-up to agreement of the SDGs. The VNRs are, as the name suggests, voluntary, and so far many countries' reports have been

weak on meaningful self-reflection or critique.

Indeed, many have amounted to little more than optimistic PR exercises on the part of national governments, and there has been little effort by states to challenge the glaring omissions in them"

(Coalition 2030 website)



*'It is critically important, therefore,
that **civil society organisations stand
together** and work effectively to hold
governments to account for the promises
made in the SDGs. Most importantly, **civil society must succeed in
promoting broad ownership of the SDGs** both within our
own organisations, and among the media, private sector and the general
public'*

(Coalition 2030 website)



NIEL SDG Project 2016-18

Taking Responsibility for Delivering the SDGs – Michael Ewing, Environmental Pillar

Webinar – The Sustainable Development Goals in Action: Better Retail, Better World – 12/11/18



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Working together for a better world
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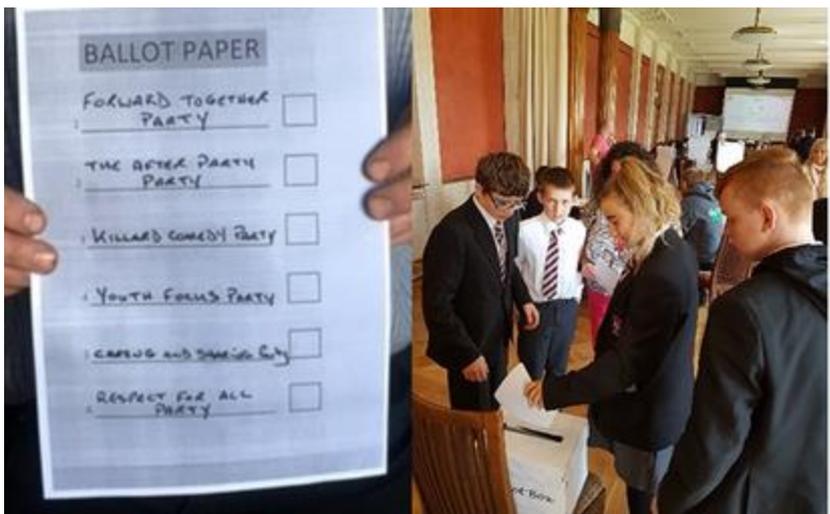
<https://globalgoalsni.org/>

Global issues and the Sustainable Development Goals – Trudi Elliott, Northern Ireland Royal Town Planning Institute

Webinar – The Sustainable Development Goals in the UK: priorities, processes, participation

NI Open Government Network Blog – Sustainable Development Goals and Devolution

Democracy Games





- Should NI have an Implementation for the Plan for the SDGs?
- How should citizens be involved?
- Should NI have an SDGs Coalition/Network?
- What is the V&C Sector doing to deliver the SDGs?
- Should the V&C Sector/citizens produce a Shadow Report for NI?



MAKE EUROPE SUSTAINABLE FOR ALL

Michael Ewing – Coordinator of the Irish Environmental Network



Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil
Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment



This project is funded by
the European Union



'Make Ireland Sustainable for All' is part of the EU-funded project 'Make Europe Sustainable For All', a three-year project aiming to raise awareness and encourage action to be taken on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project is being undertaken by 25 project partners across 15 EU Member States.

The project is being implemented in Ireland by the Irish Environmental Network and World Vision Ireland, supported by ECO-UNESCO and Social Justice Ireland.

What do we do?

We work with young people, community groups, local authorities and national government to raise awareness & encourage action to be taken on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To do this, we:

- **Engage** in dialogue with the Government on plans, progress and commitments to Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
- **Encourage** the adoption of the SDGs by local community Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and local authorities
- **Build** public engagement with the SDGs through the delivery of workshops, events, campaigns & SDG action weeks
- **Educate** & engage young people about the SDGs through youth programs and university workshops



For more information, visit
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How did we get here?

World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) 1983

900 days

Bruntland Commission Report 1987

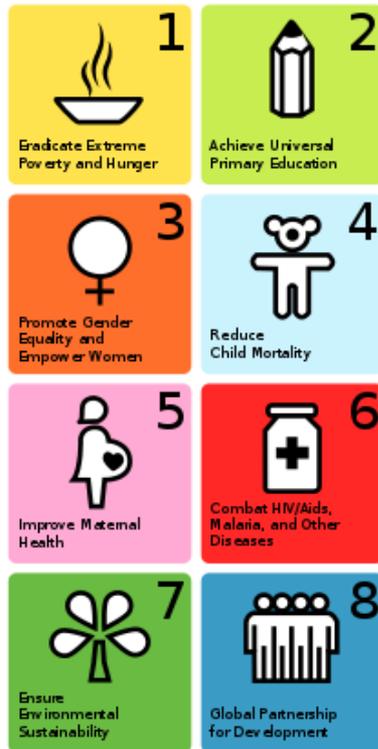
"...the "environment" is where we live; and "development" is what we all do in attempting to improve our lot within that abode. The two are inseparable."

UN Earth Summit. 1992

Expanding the Bruntland sustainability concept, the Rio Declaration proclaims 27 principles. These include: Principle 10 on rights of access to information; public participation and access to justice; formulations of the [precautionary principle](#) (principle 15) and of the [polluter pays principle](#) (principle 16).

Agenda 21 - Think global act local

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs, 2000 – 2015)



VS

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs, 2015 – 2030)



Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

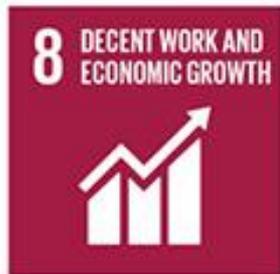
Agreed by 193 countries at the United Nations in September 2015.

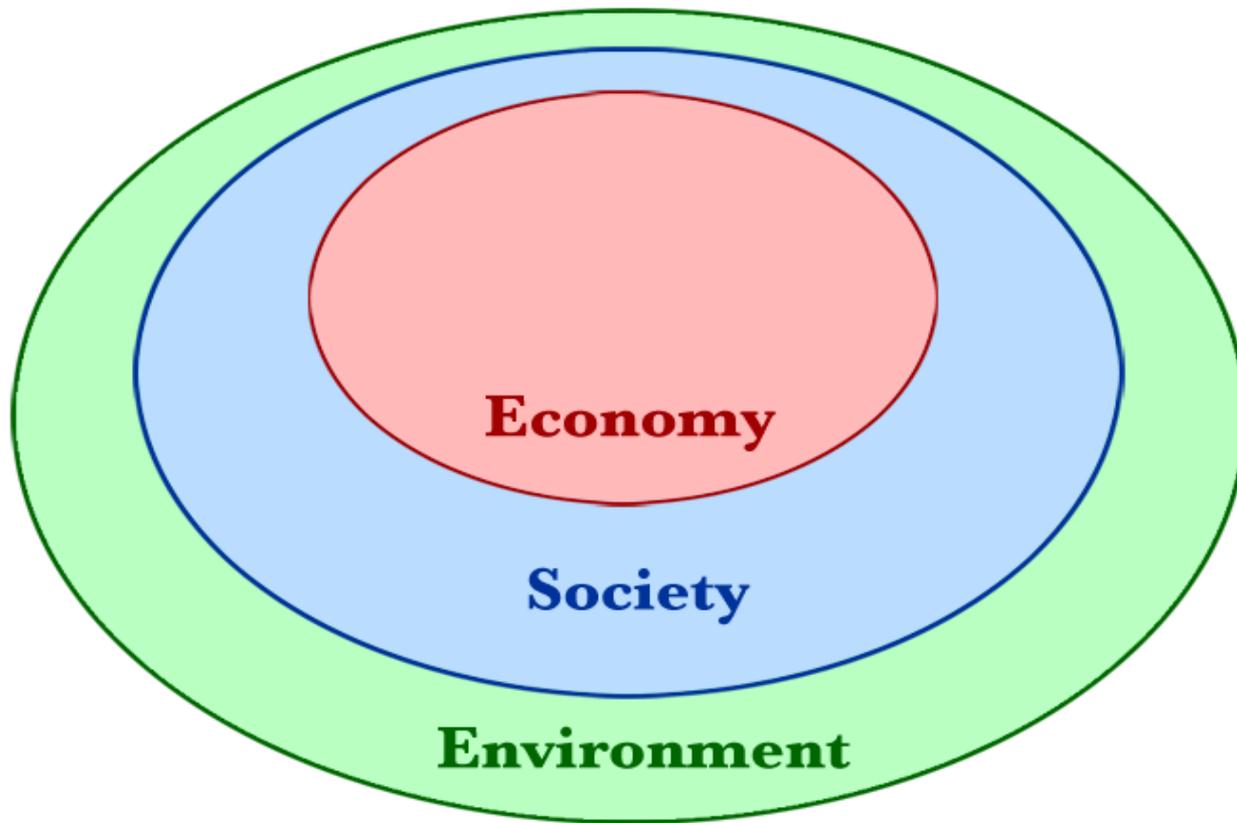
Ireland's permanent representative to the UN, Ambassador David Donoghue and Macharia Kamau, Kenya's permanent representative lead the negotiations.

Result of several years of inclusive consultations and negotiations between UN Member States, civil society and engaged citizens around the world.

Intergenerational equity

Leave No-one behind





Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



59 environmental targets out of 169

	TARGETS										Review	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Goal 1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5							2017
Goal 2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5							2017
Goal 3	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9			2017
Goal 4	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7					2019
Goal 5	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6						2017
Goal 6	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6						2018
Goal 7	7.1	7.2	7.3									2018
Goal 8	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.10		2019
Goal 9	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5							2017
Goal 10	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7					2019
Goal 11	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7					2018
Goal 12	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.8				2018
Goal 13	13.1	13.2	13.3									2019
Goal 14	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.7					2017
Goal 15	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.8	15.9			2018
Goal 16	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	16.10		2019
Goal 17 (1)	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.10		yearly
Goal 17 (2)	17.11	17.12	17.13	17.14	17.15	17.16	17.17	17.18	17.19			yearly



Essential For Success of SDGs

- Partnership
 - Civil Society
 - Government
 - The Public



Coalition 2030



- >100 member organisations
- Many are networks themselves
- 4 Main Civil Society Sectors
 - Environment
 - Community and Voluntary
 - Development
 - Trade Unions
 - Plus Academics
- Terms of reference – Coalition Light
- Steering Committee
- Plenaries
- <https://www.ireland2030.org/>

Coalition 2030



Official Launch February 2018 - Eilis Naughten TD. Minister for Communications Climate Action and the Environment

Coalition Vision

We have a shared vision “**to transform our world through collaborative partnerships that will free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want, and to heal and secure our planet**”. And we pledge that no one will be left behind.

- **Solidarity** with and for the most vulnerable, both in Ireland and throughout the world;
- **Inclusiveness** to enable all civil society actors who share our values and vision to work together on this transformative agenda;
- **Diversity**, respecting the range of views, skills, and capacity of all our members.

Overall Coalition Objectives



- **Advocacy**
- **Share learning and best practice**
- **Raise awareness**
- **Build knowledge, skills and capacity**
- **Seeking synergies**



Sustainable Communities - Global Goals

1. No Poverty	2. Zero Hunger	3. Good Health and Well-being	4. Quality Education	5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation	7. Affordable and Clean Energy	8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	12. Responsible Consumption and Production	13. Climate Action	14. Life Below Water	15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	17. Partnerships for Goal Achievement			

2015 Sustainable Year for Development

Initial targets for advocacy



- 1. An ambitious National Action Plan led by the Taoiseach.**
- 2. An inclusive monitoring forum,**
- 3. Increased financing for development.**
- 4. Support for civil society engagement**



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

The Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018-2020



Prepared by Department of
Communications, Climate Action & Environment
www.dcae.gov.ie/SustainableDevelopmentGoals

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

National Implementation Plan 2018-2020

In implementing the SDGs, Ireland will be guided by two key principles:

- That every person is entitled to a life of dignity in which they can fulfil their full potential; and
- That the economic, social and environmental requirements of such a life are fundamentally linked and interdependent on each other.

In putting these principles into practice, Ireland pledges that no one will be left behind and that we will endeavour to reach the furthest behind first.

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/sustainable-development/sustainable-development-goals/Pages/National-Implementation-Plan-2018---2020.aspx>

National Implementation Plan 2018-2020

- The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment has lead responsibility
- All Ministers retain responsibility for implementing the individual SDGs relating to their portfolios
- '**SDG Matrix**' which identifies the responsible Government Departments for each of the 169 targets.
- '**SDG Policy Map**' indicating the relevant national policies for each of the targets.

National Implementation Plan 2018-2020

- **Awareness:** raise public awareness of the SDGs;
- **Participation:** provide stakeholders opportunities to engage and contribute to follow-up and review processes, and further develop national implementation of the Goals
- **Support:** encourage and support efforts of communities and organisations to contribute towards meeting the SDGs, and foster public participation– **National Stakeholder Forum**
- **Policy alignment:** develop alignment of national policy with the SDGs and identify opportunities for policy coherence.

Whole of Government Approach

- **A Senior Officials Group (SOG)** made up of high-level representatives from all Departments across Government, and chaired by the Department of the Taoiseach, has been established to oversee and monitor the progress of SDG implementation and report, as required, to Government.
- **National Sustainable Development Unit**, in the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment
- **SDG Interdepartmental Working Group** - support the work of the SOG,

The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018>

In July 2018, Ireland appeared, for the first time, before the HLPF -the body charged with monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The focus of the 2018 event being “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”.

The impact of the HLPF will depend on how effective NGOs and others are in pushing for ownership and meaningful implementation of Agenda 2030 at the national level.

In 2019 the UK will be making its first National Voluntary Review. The focus of the 2019 event being “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*”.

"Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies".

Goals to be reviewed in depth will be the following,

- **Goal 4**. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- **Goal 8**. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- **Goal 10**. Reduce inequality within and among countries
- **Goal 13**. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- **Goal 16**. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- **Goal 17**. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Voluntary National Review (VNR)

49 countries, including UK, will give VNR reports at the 2019 HLPF in July.

8 for the second time.

At the HLPF civil society has the opportunity to ask questions following each VNR.

This is coordinated through the vehicle of the UN Major Groups.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=4444>

Where the Major Groups came from

1st UN Conference on Environment and Development - achieving sustainable development requires the active participation of all sectors of society & all types of people.



Rio+20 Conference - Governments invited other stakeholders in UN processes related to sustainable development including:

local communities,
migrants and families,
older persons



Major Groups

9 sectors formalised as main channels through which broad participation is facilitated & enable structured dialogue:

- Women
- Children and Youth
- Indigenous Peoples
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Local Authorities
- Workers and Trade Unions
- Business and Industry
- Scientific and Technological Community
- Farmers



These are officially called "Major Groups"

The importance of effectively engaging these nine sectors of society was reaffirmed by the Rio+20 Conference.

Coalition 2030 Developments



Financial support from Government

€50,000 for 2018 plus support for 8 people to participate at HPLF

Shadow Voluntary National Review

- Extensive participatory process within Coalition 2030 members.
- Over 2 month process supported by Concern

Attendance at HLPF

2 people from each of the four Coalition sectors plus 2 youth delegates and 1 academic will be included in the Government Delegation

Sub-Committees set up to work on policy and advocacy, and public engagement.



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ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil
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Go raibh maith agaibh



The SDGs as a mechanism for social protection and strengthening equality: a NIWEP perspective

Liz Law
NICVA
18 April 2019



Northern Ireland
Women's European Platform

Role and mandate of NIWEP

- Established to represent women in NI in Europe
- Works to ensure NI women's voices heard at international level including at the UN
- Aims to strengthen impact of international treaties and tools locally
- Builds capacity of women locally on international mechanisms and tools

SDGs and NIWEP core role

International mechanisms

- CEDAW
 - Coordinates NI NGO shadow report to CEDAW
 - Action on SDGs central to Concluding Observations from 2019 examination
- UN Commission on the Status of Women
 - Annual intergovernmental conference
 - Current focus on implementing SDGs to strengthen gender equality



Embedding gender equality throughout SDGs



SDGs from women's perspective

- SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
 - includes economic empowerment, social protection, political participation and representation, eradicating gender based violence and harmful practices; legislation on gender equality
- BUT cross cutting approach critical.....



Impact: Alliance for Choice

- Context – implementing CEDAW and the Optional Protocol Inquiry
- British Council report on implementing SDG 5 in UK
- Women and Equalities Select Committee Inquiry on implementing SDG 5
- Women and Equalities Select Committee Inquiry into abortion in NI



Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Inquiry concerning the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Committee

I. Introduction

1. On 9 December 2010, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women received information from several organizations¹ pursuant to article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The sources allege that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has committed grave and systematic violations of rights under the Convention owing to the restrictive access to abortion for women and girls in Northern Ireland.



Impact: Women's Budget Group

- Indicator
 - *proportion of countries with systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment*
- Treasury Select Committee
 - *at the next Budget, there should be quantitative analysis of the equalities impact of individual tax and welfare measures in all cases where data are available*



A casebook for gender responsive budgeting groups

UK Women's Budget Group

Ongoing NIWEP work and the SDGs

- Encouraging data collection and analysis
- Realising Our Rights: training programme exploring use of CEDAW for advocacy
- Contributing to policy making and supporting gender competence
- Preparation for CSW 64 in March 2020 – Beijing +25 years celebration

CEDAW concluding observations

- Calls for realisation of de jure (legal) and de facto (substantive) gender equality in accordance with the provisions of the Convention
- Urges the State party to recognise women as the driving force of the sustainable development of the State party and to adopt relevant policies and strategies to that effect

Thank you

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Can the sustainable development goals framework make a difference to the work in the voluntary and community sector in NI?



What mechanisms could enable those within the voluntary & community sector in NI who are working on the SDGs to link up and collaborate on joint actions and advocacy?



What can we do to hold the government to account on their commitments to deliver the sustainable development goals?