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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries — developed and developing — in a global partnership.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Sustainable Development Goals

- SDG 1: No Poverty Goal: End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger Goal: End hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.
- SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing Goal: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- SDG 4: Quality Education Goal: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
- SDG 5: Gender Equality Goal: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation Goal: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy Goal: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

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- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth Goal: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure Goal: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation, and foster innovation.
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities Goal: Reduce inequality within and among countries.
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities Goal: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production Goal: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- SDG 13: Climate Action Goal: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- SDG 14: Life Below Water Goal: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.
- SDG 15: Life on Land Goal: Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt biodiversity loss.
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions Goal: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions.
- SDG 17: Partnership Goal: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

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INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the initiatives, projects, and events that were carried out at Maynooth University (MU) which relate to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)) in the Academic Year 2022/23. Research conducted over the last five years that relate to the SDGs are also indicated.

MU is a university of excellence, opportunity and impact. Our purpose is to imagine and create better futures for everyone. We continue to be committed to social justice, human rights and to the development of a sustainable future for our planet and its people. Our efforts span diverse themes, including climate action, quality education, gender equality, and sustainable cities and communities.

From renewable energy projects to community outreach programs, our initiatives are making a tangible impact, inspiring students, staff, and local partners to collaborate in creating a more sustainable and equal world.

Maynooth SDG 1: No Poverty



Month/ Year	Event, Project, Research, or Initiative
March 2023	The Innovation Value Institute (IVI) at Maynooth University was selected to lead the €7 million Digi+ and ENTRUST programmes focused on sustainable digital transformation and data. The EC funds the programmes under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme and Digi+ is also co-funded by Lero and ADAPT both world leading Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Research Centres https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/research/maynoothworks/news-events/latest-news/minister-heydon-launches-7m-digital-and-data-research-programmes
May 2023	Dr Katriona O’Sullivan launched her new book, <i>Poor</i> with an event in conversation with Senator Lynne Ruane. Pregnant and homeless at 15, psychologist Katriona O’Sullivan chronicles her struggle to overcome abject poverty, drug addiction and trauma to end up attaining a PhD https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/psychology/events/book-launch-poor-katriona-osullivan
Ongoing	The Departments of Biology and Anthropology at Maynooth University came together to pioneer innovative ways to address the diseases of poverty by combining anthropological and scientific approaches to change behaviours through public health in general rather than narrow, disease-specific problems https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/why-maynooth/big-issues-solved-maynooth
Ongoing	As part of a joint effort, the RESCuE project received funding from the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme RESCuE is coordinated by Dr Markus Promberger of the Institute for Employment Research of the German Federal Labour Office. The Maynooth University team comprises Dr Jane Gray, Dr Jennifer Dagg and Ms Ruth Geraghty http://rescueproject.net/

Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 61 scholarly publications related to SDG 1, with 514 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.69. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University
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Maynooth SDG 2: No Hunger



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
April 2023	Maynooth University hosted an interactive event about building food sovereignty in Ireland on campus called the <i>Festival of Food Sovereignty</i> https://www.afri.ie/category/festival-of-food-sovereignty-2023/
Ongoing	In 2023, Maynooth launched the Department of Sport Science and Nutrition - Sport Science and Nutrition Maynooth University The Department is developing several undergraduate programmes in the areas of sport and exercise science, as well as food science and human nutrition. These programmes will focus on the health-related aspects of sport, exercise, food, and nutrition, which have direct applications to improving human well-being, rehabilitation, and healthy living across the lifespan.
Ongoing	SFI-IRC Pathway Funding Awarded to Dr Özlem Sarikaya-Bayram for Research in Food Safety In recognition of her impactful research, Dr Sarikaya-Bayram was awarded €425,000 under the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) and Irish Research Council (IRC) Pathway Programme for her project titled Dissection of the Epigenetically Controlled Gene Network in Aflatoxigenic Fungi to Improve Agricultural Productivity and Food Safety. This project, which commenced on 1st March 2022 and will run until 28th February 2026, aims to address the challenges posed by fungal and mycotoxin contamination, which contribute to significant crop losses globally. Her impactful work on food safety was highlighted in Bridge Magazine at Maynooth University in December 2022
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 71 scholarly publications related to SDG 2, with 975 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.75. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
March 2023	Maynooth University competed for exercise and steps to promote better health and well being Marchathon 2023!
April 2023	<p>The International Maritime Health Foundation (IMHF) was delighted to announce a conference and workshop dedicated to addressing Seafarer Mental Health Challenges in 2023 at Maynooth University Seafarer Mental Health Conference and Workshop</p> <p>The Maynooth University Sexualities and Genders Network launched a seminar series with a talk from Jamie Howell on Gay and Bisexual Men’s Experiences of HIV Prevention Healthcare: Gay and Bisexual Men’s Experiences of HIV Prevention Healthcare.</p> <p>MU invited all faculty, staff, students and the wider community of Maynooth to the Neurodiversity Awareness Event to talk about Autism and other Neurodivergent conditions.</p>
May 2023	<p>The Movement Learning Catalyst project brought together four important networks of social movement training and radical adult education: the Ulex Project (Catalunya), European Alternatives (Paris), the European Community Organising Network (Slovakia) and Maynooth University’s Departments of Adult & Community Education and Sociology sponsored at Maynooth University Movement Learning Catalyst: learning from each other’s struggles</p> <p>Maynooth University proudly sponsored the Faculty of Science and Engineering - Dean’s Lecture 2023 .The topic was Engineering Solutions to Transform How, When and Where we Image the Brain Professor Clare Elwell described her pioneering work in using invisible near infrared light to probe the human brain, giving us new insights into autism, brain injury and global health issues.</p>

Ongoing	In May 2022, MU Green Campus' Sustainable Food and Agriculture Working Group opened the MU Edible Garden. The garden is there for all to use, and we welcome everyone to come and participate: MGC Green Shoots Issue 5 May 2022
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 489 scholarly publications related to SDG 3, with 12,469 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 2.39. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 4: Quality Education



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
August 2022	Maynooth University researchers are set to receive €2 million to support five projects under Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) and the Irish Research Council (IRC). This research project included studies of medieval Ireland, Irish population and climate change, agri-food, and nano technology for the health sector MU Researchers awarded over €2 million funding under SFI-IRC Pathway Programme.
September 2022	<p>Maynooth University announced the launch of a new degree in Business with Sports Science named the Bachelor Science/Bachelor Business Administration, to start in 2023: Business with Sports Science degree launched at MU</p> <p>Maynooth University marked the Grand Opening of the €48M Technology, Society and Innovation academic building by Taoiseach Micheál Martin: MU welcomes Taoiseach for celebration of 25th anniversary</p>
November 2022	As part of Maynooth's programme of events for Science Week 2022, 3,000 people of all ages gathered across North Campus to take part in Science Night on campus 2,000 budding scientists visit MU for Science Night
March 2023	In March 2023, research workshops were presented by members of the Department of Adult and Community Education at Maynooth to the teacher attendees at the 2023 ESAI Conference on Friday, March 31st, in Belfast Department of Adult and Community Education Presentations at ESAI 2023 Conference
May 2023	At Maynooth the collaborative efforts between Sustainable Finance Skillnet and Maynooth University came together to provide an exciting and industry-driven postgraduate qualification MU & Skillnet announce diploma in Sustainable Financial Technology & Innovation Maynooth University

	<p>In collaboration with the Dean of Teaching and Learning, Dr Rita Sakr from the Department of English, held a masterclass aimed at supporting and developing best practice and innovative methods in teaching and learning in the broad area of migration primarily in the FACSP while being open to colleagues across MU: Teaching Migration in the Humanities and Beyond.</p>
June 2023	<p>Maynooth hosted the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) International symposium. The purpose of this inaugural UDL International Conference was to create an opportunity for those at all stages of their UDL journey to come together and share their learning https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/education/udl-international-symposium-learning-together</p> <p>The Dean of Teaching and Learning Seminar Series in conjunction with the Faculty of Social Sciences at Maynooth hosted a morning workshop that explored how Maynooth University might begin its approach embedding a whole-of-institution approach to UDL Embedding a whole-of-institution approach to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in Higher Education (HE).</p> <p>Maynooth University hosted the International Froebel Society 10th Biennial Conference the theme was Childhood Today – A Froebelian Perspective International Froebel Society Conference 2023</p> <p>The Third Doctoral Conference on Public Education and Pedagogy will take place from 12 until 16 June 2023 on the campus of Maynooth University, Ireland Third Doctoral Conference on Public Education and Pedagogy</p> <p>The Dean of Teaching and Learning Seminar Series in conjunction with the Faculty of Science and Engineering was delighted to host this one-day workshop on Sustainability in Teaching and Learning Sustainability in Teaching and Learning</p>
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 103 scholarly publications related to SDG 4, with 983 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.62. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 5: Gender Equality



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
March 2023	To celebrate #IWD2023 Maynooth University hosted a historic event featuring female Irish university presidents in conversation to mark International Women’s Day 2023. International Women’s Day was also celebrated at the Business School https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/school-business/celebrating-international-womens-day
April 2023	Maynooth celebrated Traveller and Roma Culture Day as part of its ongoing commitment to recognising diversity International Traveller & Roma Day 2023 celebrations in Maynooth University
May 2023	Dr Pauline Cullen of MU’s Sociology Department acted as a discussant at this EU Gendering Jean Monnet Chair event that focused on women’s rights in Europe: Intersectional Discrimination and Romani Women’s Rights in Europe: Pushing the Equ(al)ity Boundaries
June 2023	The Department of Adult and Community Education were pleased to facilitate a webinar on Digital Entrepreneurship for Women (DEW) Erasmus+ Piloting and Testing of Training: Digital Entrepreneurship for Women (DEW) Erasmus+ Webinar
July 2023	Dr Camilla Fitzsimons (Maynooth University) and Professor Ester Cois from the University of Cagliari held a conversation, highlighting the experiences and intersectional issues that women in higher education face: Online Webinar: ‘Women in Leadership in Higher Education - stories from across Europe; much done, much to be done’ . The Irish Museum of Modern Art partnered with Full Stack Feminism in Digital Humanities at Maynooth University, partnered together to

	<p>host a discussion that explores digital art practice through an intersectional lens</p> <p>IMMA - Artists Discussion Full Stack Feminism, Art, Intersectionality & The Digital</p>
Ongoing	<p>MU prides itself on its gender equality efforts. The cornerstone of this endeavour is Maynooth University's comprehensive Gender Equality Action Plan (GEP) 2023-2026: MU Gender Equality Action Plan 2023-2026 Maynooth University</p>
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 89 scholarly publications related to SDG 5, with 1059 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.48. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
November 2022	An Taisce’s Clean Coasts launches campaign at Maynooth Campus: Think Before You Flush . The <i>Think Before You Flush</i> Campaign, operated by Clean Coasts in partnership with Irish Water, urges the public to stop flushing wipes down the toilet.
April 2023	As part of Green Week 2023 , the University and community participated in Maynooth Harbour and the Royal Canal clean-up which was an event to help clean up Maynooth harbour and the Royal Canal
Ongoing	Maynooth University is committed to the provision of a vibrant sustainable campus environment, rich in learning, culture, heritage and nature, with modern inclusive facilities and infrastructure commensurate with the needs of a growing community of students, staff and visitors Maynooth participates in Rainwater Harvesting and Solar Water Heating in all new buildings including the current Iontas, Phoenix Restaurant, the John Paul Library Extension, Eolas and the Courtyard apartments.
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 47 scholarly publications related to SDG 6, with 1581 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 2.16. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
October 2022	Maynooth University launches €2.5m project supporting transition to renewable energy https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/mu-launches-25m-project-supporting-transition-renewable-energy
March 2023	Maynooth University and <i>Environs</i> announced and completed the local area plan for Maynooth to enact beginning in 2024. It will include provisions to support renewable energy and low-emission technology along with supporting local renewable energy production Maynooth and Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2024–2030
Ongoing	Maynooth University’s Energy Plan <i>Reduce your use</i> looks at mitigating the impact that Global Warming is having on our world and community https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/green-campus/themes/energy-management
Ongoing	The core mission of the Maynooth Partnership with IRESI revolves around the propelling of sustainable energy systems into the future through a trifecta of innovation, collaboration, and education https://www.iresi.eu/
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 225 scholarly publications related to SDG 7, with 3447 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 2.01. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
February 2023	<p>Dr Ciara Bradley, from the Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University, in partnership with Pavee Point's Roma project to present her research on Roma in Ireland: Access to Fair and Decent Work Invitation to Research Launch - Roma in Ireland: Access to Fair and Decent Work Research Launch</p> <p>UNUM Ireland, one of fastest expanding Technology Centres in the region presented on various topics in industry and how to get a position. UNUM is one of Maynooth University placement partners and offered 10 MU students an opportunity to complete their accredited work placement with them in 2023. They are part of a large US Multinational providing solutions to over 41 million people UNUM Ireland</p>
March 2023	<p>Maynooth University presents a lecture on How do Organisations manage the shift to Hybrid work? The talk explored the emerging evidence on these issues and discuss implications for individual employees and organisations Research Seminar 'The effects of the shift to hybrid work'</p>
April 2023	<p>The department of Sociology at Maynooth hosted our Professor Jane Gray and the advocacy team campaign coordinator at Focus Ireland/SPARK (Single Parents Acting for the Rights of Kids) Louise Bayliss who presented on 'Diverging Pathways to Low Income Families in Ireland' Department of Sociology Seminar Series- April 26 2023</p>
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 112 scholarly publications related to SDG 8, with 1609 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.63. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
June 2023	<p>Researching emerging technologies and the possible environmental, social and other species futures that they might participate in offers a crucial prism towards considering how hopeful and trusted futures could come about Emerging Technologies / Emergent Worlds: why the social sciences need to work in digital futures</p> <p>Maynooth University presents a webinar entitled <i>Launch of 'Homes for Ireland': the case for a National Sustainable Home Building Agency</i> This webinar will launch a policy paper that sets out the case for establishing a new public home building agency that would build, refurbish and retrofit homes in Ireland Launch of 'Homes for Ireland': the case for a National Sustainable Home Building Agency</p>
Ongoing	<p>Maynooth University continues to lead on a project called GoGreen Routes GoGreenRoutes is a €10.5m EU-funded project sowing the seeds for increased nature-connectedness across Europe, Latin America and China GGR About the Project</p>
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 104 scholarly publications related to SDG 9, with 1487 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.8. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
January 2023	<p>In a significant development, the government announced a funding allocation of €1.2 million for the STEM Passport for Inclusion project, benefiting students at Maynooth University. This funding was revealed by Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris TD, alongside Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, to extend the project's impact in Maynooth Government announces €1.2m in funding to STEM Passport for Inclusion</p>
March 2023	<p>Social Justice Week 2023 at Maynooth University focused on the theme of Solidarity. This annual event was a collaborative effort involving students, staff, and various agencies within Maynooth, aimed at raising awareness of both global and national challenges. The initiative promoted social justice and encouraged individuals in Maynooth to make a positive difference in their communities Maynooth Social Justice Week 2023 - Solidarity</p> <p>Student Race Equality Forum On the 21st of March, which marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Race Equality Student Forum was held at Maynooth University. This forum facilitated discussions on strategies to dismantle barriers faced by ethnic minority students at Maynooth. It also focused on promoting diversity, inclusion, and racial equity within the institution</p>
April 2023	<p>Prof. E. Tendayi Achiume delivered a talk on 'Race, Justice and International Law' at Maynooth University She is the Alicia Miñana Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, University of California. Professor Achiume's work has been at the forefront of international law scholarship globally on questions of race and racial justice, borders and migration Keynote lecture: Prof E. Tendayi Achiume - 'Race, Justice and International Law'</p>

	<p>Dr Maguire conducted a seminar titled ‘The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Americas: History, Development and Current Concerns’ at the Research Centre for International Justice within the School of Law and Criminology at Maynooth University The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Americas: History, Development and Current Concerns</p> <p>A public discussion took place and focused on Gay and Bisexual Men's Experiences of HIV Prevention Healthcare took place at Maynooth University Gay and Bisexual Men's Experiences of HIV Prevention Healthcare.</p> <p>On the 25th, staff, students, and the wider community of Maynooth were invited to participate in a discussion on neurodiversity, emphasising awareness and inclusion Neurodiversity Awareness Event</p>
May 2023	<p>On May 18-19, 2023, Prof. Hana Cervinkova and Dr Grace Zhou from the Maynooth University Department of Anthropology and the MU Centre for European and Eurasian Studies organised a successful international workshop. This workshop critically interrogated the place of race and indigeneity in contemporary East/Central Europe, the Balkans, and Eurasia, addressing the legacies and burdens of Soviet rule and influence. More details can be found here International Workshop on Race and Indigeneity in Contemporary Central, Eastern, Southeastern Europe and Eurasia</p>
Ongoing	<p>The All-Ireland STEM Passport for Inclusion programme was a collaborative initiative involving Maynooth University, Microsoft Ireland, Science Foundation Ireland, and the Department of Education. This programme aimed to address inequalities in access to STEM careers among secondary school students from socially disadvantaged communities in Maynooth and beyond. More information can be found at Maynooth University — STEM Passport for Inclusion.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 193 scholarly publications related to SDG 10, with 2892 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 2.04. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
March 2023	<p>The Cycle to Work showcase took place on 15th March 2023 in the Iontas Foyer, running from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Participants had the opportunity to explore various cycling initiatives and resources Cycle to Work Showcase - 15th March 2023</p>
April 2023	<p>On April 26, 2023, Prof. Jane Gray and Louise Bayliss, the advocacy team campaign coordinator at Focus Ireland/SPARK (Single Parents Acting for the Rights of Kids), presented on 'Diverging Pathways to Low Income Families in Ireland' during the Department of Sociology Seminar Series Department of Sociology Seminar Series- April 26 2023</p>
May 2023	<p>A local community consultation event was hosted by Kildare County Council and RPS on Wednesday, 24 May 2023. The event, held in the TSI building (Ground floor, room TSI028), featured a climate comedy act and engaged community members in discussions about local decarbonisation efforts Maynooth Decarbonising Zone</p> <p>Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI) welcomed Anders Koed Madsen, who introduced 'Soft City Sensing' (SCS) as a form of data-driven urbanism rooted in computational humanities rather than engineering Soft City Sensing with Anders Koed Madsen</p> <p>In preparation for the Green Flag Award judges' visit to the Maynooth campus, the community organised the final monthly litter-picking event. Members of the Maynooth Green Campus (MGC) gathered to support this initiative Last National Spring Clean 2023 litter picking</p>
June 2023	<p>The Dean of Teaching and Learning Seminar Series, in conjunction with the Faculty of Science and Engineering, successfully hosted a one-day workshop focused on sustainability in teaching and learning: Sustainability in Teaching and Learning</p>

Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 157 scholarly publications related to SDG 11, with 3743 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 2.26. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University
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Maynooth SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
August 2022	<p>The MU Green Campus team realised that international students buy items during their studies here but cannot take them all home at the end. These items were ending up in landfill, despite only being used for a few short months, so they decided to do something about it! MGC had collection points at the end of the last semester for students to donate their items - from kitchen utensils to winter coats and walking boots - students wanted their items to be reused! In September 2022 students had the opportunity to shop for free, second-hand items, and contribute to reusing and reducing waste.</p> <p>The pop-up shop opened for collections again in December and gave away additional household items in January to incoming international students Reuse pop-up shop at Maynooth Student's Union.</p>
September 2023	<p>In partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Irish University Association (IUA) and The Behaviouralist, Maynooth University has developed a new game that helps students improve their knowledge about waste prevention and recycling. The game is designed to be played online in an interactive and engaging format The Waste Game</p>
March 2023	<p>As part of Green Week 2023, free compost caddies were given away to students and staff Free Compost Caddies giveaway</p>
May 2023	<p>Maynooth University hosted consultations for the local community and businesses to help shape Maynooth's low-carbon future Maynooth Decarbonising Zone</p>
Ongoing	<p>Maynooth Green Campus runs a regular litter pick inviting the Maynooth Campus community to join them for a chat and cleaning up the grounds. All staff and students were reminded to unplug ahead of all holidays and long weekends, to reduce the energy</p>

	consumption on campus. A monthly clothes swap is held by EnviroSoc Green Shoots Newsletter from Maynooth Green Campus
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 41 scholarly publications related to SDG 12, with 779 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.74. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 13: Climate Action



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
October 2022	<p>Sustainability & Climate Action Research Maynooth University</p> <p>The online part of this event showcased the research in climate action and sustainability conducted at Maynooth University. This involved a series of 10-minute presentations, followed by panel discussions and Q&A session. This event was open to all MU staff, students, and members of the public.</p>
December 2022	<p>MGC film screening of The Letter – A Message for our Earth which is a film-documentary which follows 5 courageous change-makers from different parts of our world as they tell their stories and bring hope to the global conversation to care more deeply for our common home.</p> <p>A film screening was held, hosted by Trócaire, St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, and Faith Invest. With support from Maynooth Green Campus, Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community, Maynooth & Kilcock Green Forum, Kilcock for Climate Action, and Maynooth for Climate Action.</p>
February 2023	<p>MU Climate Action Roadmap Published At Maynooth University academics across a range of faculties and departments, in particular the department of Geography and the Icarus Climate Research Institute, are researching climate change and helping guide public policy on the urgency of the adaptation and mitigation measures needed in Ireland and internationally.</p> <p>Maynooth University has always had a strong green agenda, and our green focus is a whole community approach and is heavily lead by the Maynooth Green Campus (MGC) committee which has been in place since 2014. The MGC has achieved three Green Flags, a National Pollinator award and been accredited to ISO 50001. We have worked hard in the area of energy efficiency and exceeded our 2020 energy efficiency target.</p>

	<p>This document sets out to communicate how Maynooth University aims to meet the requirements of the Climate Action Mandate 2022 (the Mandate) and reach its 2030 carbon and energy efficiency targets.</p> <p>This first iteration of the roadmap focusses primarily on reducing total energy related emissions and fossil fuel related emissions from our operations in line with the targets in the Climate Action Plan 2021 (CAP21).</p> <p>The projects targeted in this roadmap are primarily on the North Campus and in buildings that are owned by Maynooth University with the exception of the JPII pathfinder project, which is in the library, a building on which Maynooth University has a long-term lease.</p> <p>The focus has also been on the newer buildings that can be upgraded to heat pumps with a minimum of interventions to the building fabric.</p> <p>It is noted that future iterations of the Roadmap Guidance will address how the scope may be expanded to potentially include other non-energy greenhouse gases, indirect emissions, and adaptation to climate change.</p> <p>The commitment and co-operation of all staff and students at the University is essential for the implementation of this climate action roadmap, and I would like to thank you in anticipation for your co-operation in this regard. This roadmap will be reviewed regularly. The reviews will consider any changes in legislation and when necessary take account of developments at the University and any updates to the CAP.</p> <p>Professor Eeva Leinonen President Maynooth University</p>
Ongoing	Green Shoots Newsletter from Maynooth Green Campus
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 129 scholarly publications related to SDG 13, with 3296 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 2.34. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 14: Life Below Water



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
March 2023	<p>MU awarded €500k under US Ireland programme to advance wave energy</p> <p>Maynooth University was awarded €500,000 under the prestigious US-Ireland Research Programme to advance wave energy. The Maynooth University Centre for Ocean Energy Research received this funding as part of a tripartite research and development partnership involving the United States of America (USA), the Republic of Ireland (RoI), and Northern Ireland (NI).</p> <p>Seminar with Laure Detymowski, PhD Student Maynooth University</p> <p>A seminar featuring Laure Detymowski, a PhD student at Maynooth University, was held on The River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme: A Climate Change Adaptation Project for Whom?</p>
April 2023	<p>MU organises community clean-up of the Royal Canal</p> <p>Maynooth University organised a community clean-up of the Royal Canal. Students, staff, and regional community organisations participated in this event, working together to revitalise Maynooth Harbour and the historic canal network.</p> <p>Seminar Series with Yeray Castillo Campo, PhD Student Maynooth University</p> <p>A seminar series included a presentation by Yeray Castillo Campo, a PhD student at Maynooth University, titled “Developing a Novel Methodology to Quality Assess EO Products and Verify Their Suitability and Sustainability for Coastal Applications.”</p>
Ongoing	<p>Green Shoots Newsletter from Maynooth Green Campus Water Conservation at Maynooth is an ongoing initiative, emphasising the importance of managing water as a valuable resource. The University monitored water consumption at several</p>

	locations on campus and committed to reducing wastage and leakage wherever possible.
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 32 scholarly publications related to SDG 14, with 700 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.57. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 15: Life on Land



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
August 2022	In August 2022, Maynooth University launched a Sustainable Landscaping Initiative, which focused on using environmentally friendly practices in campus landscaping. This initiative aimed to enhance biodiversity, promote native flora, and reduce the ecological footprint of campus maintenance.
June 2023	600 beekeepers to attend Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations Summer School at MU In June 2023, Maynooth University hosted the Annual Summer School of the Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations, attracting 600 beekeepers from across Ireland. The event focused on the importance of beekeeping for local ecosystems and sustainable agriculture, providing valuable insights and resources to participants.
September 2022	Sustainable insecticide and soil enhancer reduces aphid numbers significantly Maynooth University collaborated with Hexafly BioTech to deliver a sustainable insecticide and soil enhancer that significantly reduced aphid numbers in cereal crops. This partnership aimed to promote sustainable agricultural practices and enhance soil health
Ongoing	Green Shoots Newsletter from Maynooth Green Campus
Ongoing	Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 33 scholarly publications related to SDG 15, with 469 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.39. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University

Maynooth SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
September 2022	<p>MU hosts ‘thank you’ event to mark the Maynooth Ukraine response Maynooth University hosted a thank you event to acknowledge the Maynooth Ukraine response and the partnership efforts of the Maynooth Ukrainian Action Group.</p>
February 2023	<p>MU celebrates St Brigid’s Day with ‘Herstory’ Light Show Maynooth University celebrated St. Brigid’s Day, commemorating her life and legacy with a new public holiday this year.</p> <p>Understanding the War in Ukraine An open seminar organised by the Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies in the Department of History at Maynooth University examined and explained the context, conduct, and consequences of the Ukraine War one year after the 2022 Russian invasion.</p>
March 2023	<p>MU project finds dialogue builds understanding between Gardaí and young Black adults The School of Law and Criminology at Maynooth University published findings that highlighted how facilitated dialogue can foster better understanding between young Black adults and Gardaí. The research emphasised the importance of open communication in bridging gaps and enhancing mutual respect and understanding between these groups.</p> <p>Tomás Ó Fiaich, History, and the Development of John Hume’s Formula for Irish Unity The Department of Sociology hosted a lecture by Dr Tommy Dolan from the University of York, focusing on Tomás Ó Fiaich’s history and the development of John Hume’s formula for Irish Unity. The lecture provided insights into the historical context and the significant contributions of both figures to the discourse on Irish unity.</p>

	<p>Quasi-Sovereignty and the Making of Minorities The IJ Research Centre organised a talk by Dr Jean Molloy that explored the concept of quasi-sovereignty and its implications for the making of minorities. The event engaged participants in discussions about how quasi-sovereign states influence the identity and rights of minority groups.</p> <p>In Light of the Evidence: Economic, Legal, Social, and Political Perspectives on Public Policy Conference This conference at Maynooth University brought together social scientists to share their insights and engage in cross-disciplinary conversations. Participants discussed various perspectives — economic, legal, social, and political — on public policy, aiming to enhance understanding of complex societal issues</p> <p>Legitimate International Authority and Institutional Diversity Workshop The workshop convened scholars in political philosophy and international law to address interconnected questions regarding how institutional diversity and convergence shape the legitimate authority of international institutions. Participants exchanged ideas and research findings on the challenges and opportunities presented by diverse institutional frameworks.</p>
June 2023	<p>20 years of EU Civilian Peacebuilding Missions On Friday, 16th June, the Kennedy Institute, in collaboration with the Department of International Development at Maynooth University, conducted an online seminar titled "20 Years of EU Civilian Peacebuilding Missions." The seminar examined Ireland's current debates on neutrality and international peace efforts, exploring what is meant by EU peacebuilding initiatives and their activities related to the Common Security and Defence Policy. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions about the role of the EU in promoting peace and security on an international scale.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Over the past five years, Maynooth University has produced 32 scholarly publications related to SDG 16, with 2498 citations and a field-weighted citation impact of 1.54. For examples of such research see: Scopus - Maynooth University</p>

Maynooth SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals



Month/ Year	Event, Project or Initiative
January 2023	<p>MU welcomed as full member of the Arqus European University Alliance</p> <p>Maynooth University became a full member of the Arqus European University Alliance, joining its efforts to build a forward-looking, open, integrated, and research-driven European University. This membership aimed to establish transformative excellence and provide world-class research opportunities.</p>
May 2023	<p>MU hosts historic conference on 50 years of Ireland’s EU membership</p> <p>Maynooth University hosted a historic conference that brought together politicians, diplomats, academics, and civil society groups to examine the highs and lows of Ireland’s 50 years of membership in the European Union. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions about the impacts and implications of Ireland's EU membership over the decades.</p>