

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

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ABOUT SLI

The Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative (SLÍ) is an organisation designed to promote responsible consumption and sustainable living as a means to combat climate change and move to a more just global society. The word SLÍ means 'The Way' in Irish and we think that sums up our work perfectly.

All of our work takes place within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. We provide workshops, seminars and other awareness raising events to young people both in schools and groups and also to the general public. SLÍ works on a variety of issues that fall under this umbrella including the problems of single-use plastic, waste, fair trade, child and forced labour, ethical fashion, water, transportation, etc.

SLÍ is the parent organisation to a number of projects that work toward these same goals including: Plastic Free Waterford and Waterford Global Schools Contact us for more information or to book a workshop: jen@sliwaterford.ie.



The Sustainable Development Goals and You





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were passed by all 193 countries in the United Nations in 2015 and include 17 Goals with 169 specific targets. Ireland played a key role in the passage of the SDGs. They provide a pathway to a more sustainable and responsible lifestyle addressing such issues as climate change, human rights, poverty, health, education, peace and justice.

“Achieving the SDGs will not be easy, but the Goals are a challenge that the global community, working together, can and must meet if we are to provide our children and future generations with the bright future they deserve.” — Dennis Naughton, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment

To follow Ireland’s progress on the SDGs check out: irelandsdg.geohive.ie.

THE SDGs & THE EU

According to Eurostat, the EU has made progress on all 17 of the Goals with the most progress being made toward health, education and affordable and clean energy. Ireland has also made moderate or substantial progress on all of the Goals with measurable data. The EU 20-20-20 targets call for a 20% decrease in emissions, 20% increase in renewable energy and 20% improvement in energy efficiency.

The EU is the first major economy to set its goal to be carbon neutral by 2050 and with 93% of Europeans believing that climate change is a ‘major problem’, these actions have the backing of our citizens.

The EU and member states are also committed to supporting the Goals throughout the world by supporting SDG work through financial support and on-the-ground projects.

THE SDG’s & YOU

The SDGs are designed to protect our future. They are achievable if we all work together. So what can we do to make sure the Goals become a reality? The challenges we face can only be conquered if we all work together. To support the Goals, you can:

- Vote. And vote for candidates who have the future of our planet and people as a priority.
- Live sustainably. We can all make small changes that add up to making a real difference. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: In that order.
- Support Irish and EU efforts to implement the specific measures to achieve the SDGs.