County Galway

Galway County is Ireland's second largest County (6,148 sq km) and is located on the West Coast of Ireland.

The population of the County in the preliminary Census of 2006 was 159,052 representing an 11% increase since 2002 however, the majority of the increase was within a 30km radius of Galway City.

The County has 2.5% of population living on an island and over 18% within the Gaeltacht.

The labour force in Galway County has increased by over 27% since 1991. The majority of people work in Commerce, Insurance, Finance and Business Sectors. The importance of Tourism is increasing while numbers employed in Agriculture is declining.

Contae na Gaillimhe

Is é Contae na Gaillimhe an dara contae is mó in Éirinn (6,148 sq km) agus tá se lonnaithe ar Chósta Iarthair na hÉireann.

Ba é daonra an Chontae i réamh-Dhaonáireamh 2006 159,052, is méadú 11% é sin ón mbliain 2002 ach bhí an méadú sin laistigh de ciorcal 30km de Chathair na Gaillimhe.

Tá 2.5% den daonra sa Chontae ina gcónaí ar oileán agus níos mó ná 18% ina gcónaí laistigh den Ghaeltacht.

Tháinig méadú 27% ar an líon lucht oibre i gContae na Gaillimhe ón mbliain 1991. Oibríonn an chuid is mó de na daoine seo sna hEarnálacha Tráchtála, Árachais, Airgeadais agus Gnó. Tá tábhacht na turasóireachta ag méadú de réir mar atá líon na daoine atá fostaithe san earnáil Talmhaíochta ag laghdú.

A Strong Economic Base

Development of the Broadband Fibre Network infrastructure in Athenry, Ballinalsoe, Clifden, Furbo, Gort and Loughrea and Tuam is a priority;

CDB Members have invested in a 'Galway Good Food Guide', listing over 40 producers from all over Galway as a first step in promoting their businesses and developing this sector;

CDB members have recognised the growing importance of Tourism. Joint projects are agreed in marketing, services, product development and on improving links to regional airports;

Development of Transport infrastructure and Rail Services and other regional priorities identified by the CDB are reflected in the new National Development Plan.

Bunús Eacnamaíoch Láidir

Tugtar tosaíocht d'fhorbairt bonneagair an Líonra Snáithín Leathanbhanda i mBaile Átha an Rí, Béal Átha na Sluaighe, An Clochán, sna Forbacha, An Gort agus Baile Locha Riach agus Tuaim;

Tá infheistíocht déanta ag Baill BFC i 'Treoir Bia Maith na Gaillimhe', ag liostáil níos mó ná 40 táirgeoir ó áiteanna ar fud na Gaillimhe mar chéad chéim chun a gcuid gnólachtaí a chur chun cinn agus an earnáil seo a fhorbairt;

Tá an tábhacht mhéadaithe a bhaineann le Turasóireacht tugtha faoi deara ag baill BFC. Tá aontas ann ar chomh-thionscadail maidir le margaíocht, seirbhísí, forbairt táirgí agus ar cheangail chuig na haerfoirt réigiúnacha a fheabhsú;

Tá Forbairt bonneagair Iompair agus an tSeirbhís Iarnróid agus tosaíochtaí réigiúnacha eile curtha in iúl ag an BFC agus le feiceáil sa Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta nua.

Recreation; Young People; Communities and Inclusion

CDB Members have invested in creation of a new position in the County – Local Sports Partnership Officer and service to support local sporting/recreation groups;

The benefits of 'Youth Cafés' to young people in Tuam and Ballinasloe has been examined to produce a template and guide for other communities;

The Rural Transport Initiatives in the County have gained increased support from CDB members enabling more people to access services throughout the County;

New research and projects are being undertaken to improve services for Travellers, Older People, Children, Young People and new Migrants;

CDB members are contributing increased resources for Arts and Heritage projects;

Specific projects for Gaeltacht and Island communities are being undertaken.

Caitheamh Aimsire; An tAos Óg; Pobail agus Iniamh

Tá infheistíocht déanta ag Baill BFC i gcruthú poist nua sa Chontae – Oifigeach Comhpháirtíochta Spóirt Áitiúil chun seirbhís agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do ghrúpaí caitheamh aimsire / spóirt;

Tá scrúdú déanta ar na tairbhí a bhaineann le 'Youth Cafés' don Aos Óg i dTuaim agus Béal Átha na Sluaighe chun teimpléad agus treoir a dhéanamh do phobail eile;

Tá tacaíocht mhéadaithe faighte ag Tionscnaimh Iompair Tuaithe sa Chontae ó bhaill BFC, rud a chuireann le líon na ndaoine atá ábalta rochtain a fháil ar sheirbhísí ar fud an Chontae;

Gabhadh tionscadail agus taighde nua de láimh chun seirbhísí a fheabhsú don Lucht Siúil, do Dhaoine Scothaosta, do Leanaí, don Aos Óg agus d'Imircigh nua;

Cuireann baill BFC acmhainní níos fearr ar fáil do thionscadail Oidhreachta agus Ealaíon;

Tá tionscadail faoi leith do phobail Oileán agus Gaeltachta ar siúl faoi láthair.

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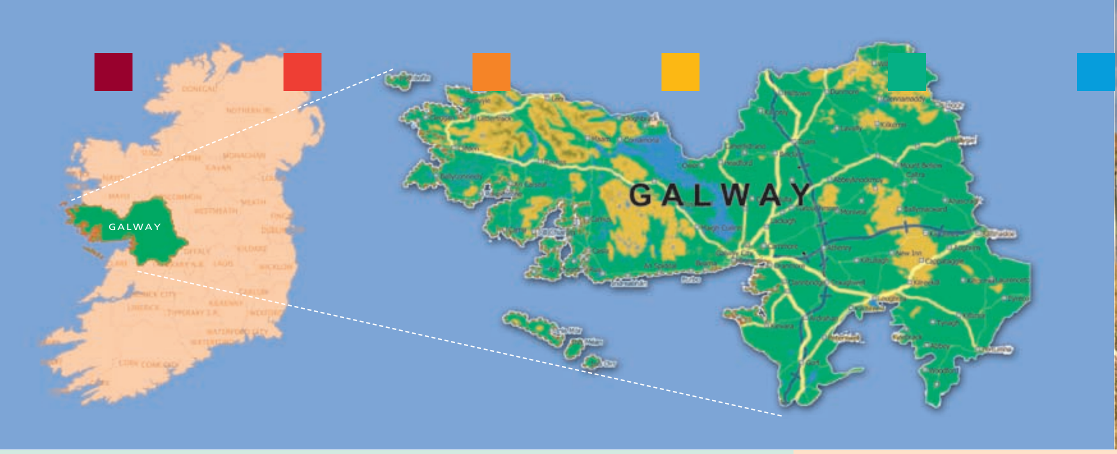
Clár Gníomhaíochtaí 2006-2008

Programme of Actions 2006-2008



A New Approach to Strategic Planning

- Galway County Development Board was established in March 2000 to bring about greater integration among public bodies in the design and delivery of services. There are 34 such Boards nation-wide.
- The Board was given statutory recognition in the Local Government Act 2001. There are 32 members on the CDB representing Local Government; Local Development; State Agencies; the Community Fora; the Farming, Trade Union and Business sectors.
- The Board prepared the first ten-year Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development of County Galway, 2002-2012.
- Implementation of the Strategy has brought about new projects and partnerships in relation to Tourism, Rural Development; Broadband and Enterprise; Social Inclusion; Education and Transport.
- Implementation is resulting in increased public investment throughout the County and improved targeting of these resources.

Galway County Strategy – Priority Actions 2006-2008

- The County Strategy was reviewed in 2005. Twelve Programmes of Actions with 65 Priority Actions were agreed for 2006-2008.
- The 65 priority actions are being funded and implemented by the member organisations of the County Development Board and other project partners.
- Each action has a project team and dedicated resources. Resources include funding, staff time and expertise, voluntary time and project management.
- Progress on actions is monitored by the Board and published on **www.galway.ie**

Collaborative Programmes of Actions 2006-2008

Economic Development
Agriculture and Rural Development
Tourism
Learning
Strengthening Our Communities
Youth Sport & Recreation
Healthcare
Transport
Social Inclusion
Gaeltacht
Islands
Culture, Arts & Heritage

Comh-Chláir Ghníomhaíochtaí 2006-2006

Forbairt Eacamaíochta
Forbairt Talmhaíochta agus Tuaithe
Turasóireacht
Foghlaim
Pobail a Neartú
Óige, Spórt agus Áineas
Cúram Sláinte
Iompar
Cuimsiú Sóisialta
Gaeltacht
Oileáin
Cultúr, Ealaíon agus Oidhreacht

Cur Chuige Nua ar Phleanáil Straitéiseach

- Bunaíodh Bord Forbartha Chontae na Gaillimhe i mí Márta 2000 chun comhtháthú níos fearr a spreagadh i measc comhlachtaí poiblí maidir le dearadh agus seachadadh seirbhísí. Tá 34 Bord mar seo ann ar fud na tíre.
- Tugadh aithint reachtúla don Bord faoi réir an Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 2001. Tá 32 ball ar an BFC ag déanamh ionadaíocht do Rialtas Áitiúil; Forbairt Áitiúil; Gníomhaireachtaí Stáit; an Fóra Pobail; na hearnálacha Feirmeoireachta, Ceardchumainn agus Gnó.
- Chuir an Bord Straitéis deich mbliain le chéile ar Forbairt Eacnamaíocha, Sóisialta agus Cultúrtha Chontae na Gaillimhe, 2002-2012 den chéad uair.
- Mar gheall ar chur i bhfeidhm na Straitéise tháinig tionsadail agus comhpháirtíochtaí nua chun solais maidir le Turasóireacht, Forbairt Tuaithe; Leathanbhanda agus Fiontar; Cuimsiú Sóisialta; Oideachas agus Iompar.
- Tá méadú mór tagtha ar infheistíocht phoiblí ar fud an Chontae agus spriocaimsiú feabhsaithe na hacmhainní seo mar gheall ar chur i bhfeidhm.

Straitéis Chontae na Gaillimhe – Gníomhaíochtaí Tosaíochta 2006-2008

- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an Straitéis Chontae in 2005. Thángthas ar aontas ar Dhá Chlár Déag le 65 Gníomhaíochtaí Tosaíochta do 2006-2008.
- Tá na 65 gníomhaíochtaí tosaíochta maoinithe agus curtha i bhfeidhm ag ball-eagraíochtaí Bord Forbartha Chontae na Gaillimhe agus páirtithe tionscadail eile.
- Tá foireann tionscadail agus acmhainní faoi leith ag gach gníomhaíocht. Áirítear leis na hacmhainní maoiniú, am agus saineolas foirne, am deonach agus bainistíocht tionscadail.
- Déantar monatóireacht ar dhul chun cinn na ngníomhaíochtaí ag an mBord agus foilsítear ar **www.gaillimh.ie**