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# WHAT ARE THE SDGs?

SDGs = Sustainable Development Goals

“The Sustainable Development Goals are the world’s shared plan to end extreme poverty, reduce inequality and protect the planet by 2030” - United Nations Foundation

They were created by the United Nations, as a plan of action to make the world a more equal place to live for all, and to ensure every person has their basic needs met



# WHEN WERE THE SDGs WRITTEN?

The SDGs were established in 2015 as a continuation of the MDGs (Millennium Development Goals)



## GOAL:

To improve health, social inclusion and economic growth as well as protect the environment and to do so in partnership & peace



# THE 17 SDGs



# WHY DO WE NEED THE SDGs?

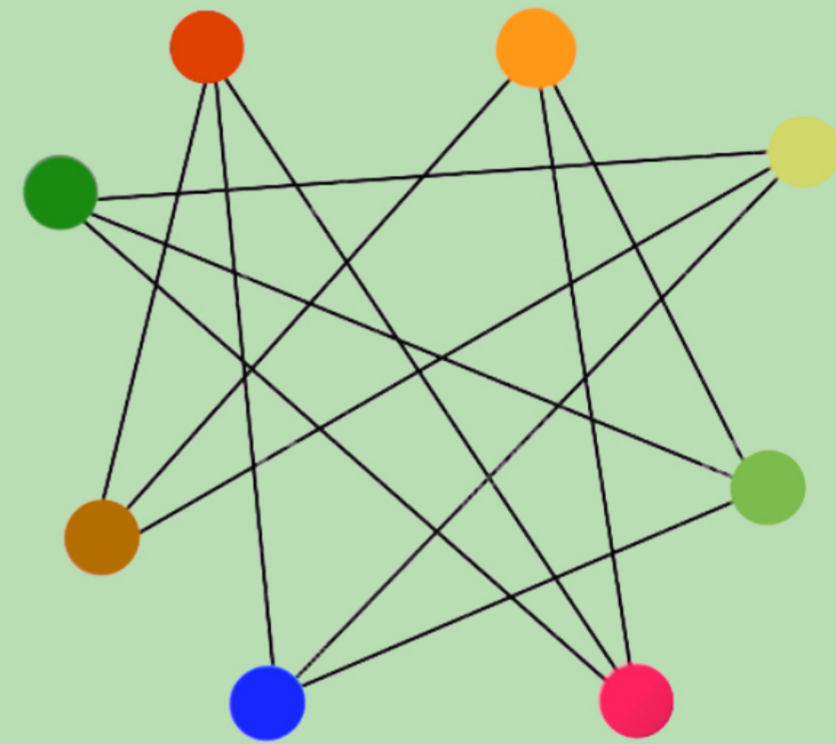
They provide a **framework** for individual countries/establishments to work towards becoming more sustainable

They act as a **shared language**, so we can compare progress and receive feedback on our sustainability journeys



# THE SDGs ARE INTERCONNECTED AND INTERDEPENDENT

Progress towards one goal will support the progress of another, and vice versa



E.g. achieving zero poverty will help to achieve zero hunger, which will lead to improved health & wellbeing

E.g. achieving affordable and clean energy will reduce pollution, which will lead to improved health & wellbeing



# THE SDGs AT



NUI Galway  
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NUI Galway has signed the **SDG Accord**, committing to embed the SDGs into our education, research, leadership and community engagement

The **Times Higher Education (THE)** operate a ranking system for SDG progress

In 2022, NUI Galway ranked **47th** out of 1,404 universities!



We did particularly well in:

- SDG 3 Good Health & Wellbeing (51/1101)
- SDG 11 Sustainable Cities & Communities (31/783)
- **SDG 12** Responsible Consumption (**5/604**)
- SDG 14 Life Below Water (31/452)



# READ MORE ABOUT THE SDGs AT NUI GALWAY

