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Limerick Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) 2016 - 2021

- aims to “promote improved quality of life and well-being of people and communities in Limerick City and County”.



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Limerick Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)

Social Pillar

*Including
Education &
Learning*

**Physical/
Environment
Pillar**

**Economic
Pillar**



Learning Limerick

The Learning Limerick Steering Group is a partnership forum that brings together sectoral networks and partnerships

- Statutory
- Local Development
- Social Partners
- Community & Voluntary Sector



Limerick City of Learning – *Early Years*

2002	2003 - 2007	2008	2010	2011
<p>Key City Development Board Goal is to become a city of learning - a city of opportunity.</p>	<p>Steering group formed & regular meetings held</p> <p>Baseline Audit of Learning in Limerick conducted.</p>	<p><i>'Together for a Brighter Future - Collaborative Framework for Progress'</i> produced by Limerick City of Learning Steering Group</p>	<p>City of Learning Steering Group membership reconstituted & part-time facilitator employed</p>	<p>First Annual Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival</p>



Learning Limerick – *Recent Years*

2013

Steering Group expanded to include County Limerick and renamed '**Learning Limerick**'

Limerick joined **PASCAL International Exchanges (PIE)** initiative..

June 2016

PASCAL Conference, Glasgow
Presentations:

'From Learning City to Learning Region: The Power of Connections'

Learning Limerick Showcase Presentation.

Aug –Nov 2016

Joined the **UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC)**.

Members from LCCC and LCETB participated in the first Members' meeting in Hangzhou City, China, Nov. 2016.

2017

Limerick successful in achieving **UNESCO Learning City Award 2017**.

Steering group develops its new **Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022**.



Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival

Now in its 7th year – over 250 events across the City and County & Large Showcase event including over 40 interactive learning activities

EVENTS:

Arts and crafts, music and dancing, sports and leisure, caring and health studies, gardening and horticulture, activities for children and young people, business skills, including collaborative events between Business Sector, Local Development and Local Government, Community and Educational Providers and many more



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UNIVERSAL

INDIVIDUAL

FAMILY

COMMUNITY

WORK &
ENTERPRISE

Limerick City and County Council: Balancing Economic Growth with Social Justice

“Limerick recognises that learning is critical to the success of all local government work, including the implementation of policies in areas such as social inclusion, culture, entrepreneurship and employability.”



Limerick's Key Assets in Promoting Employment and Entrepreneurship

1

Joined-up approach to local governance along with new regional structures.

2

Strong spirit of partnership and collaboration, and multi-sectoral projects.

3

Effective models for market-led training involving cooperation between education and training providers and industry.

4

Strong sporting culture with Limerick widely regarded as the sporting capital of Ireland.

5

Limerick and the Mid-West Region is now Ireland's fastest growing region for foreign direct investment.



Innovate Limerick

1

Set up in 2015 by Limerick City and County Council, Innovate Limerick is a public-private partnership driving innovation in the region.

2

Spearheading projects such as the social innovation hub, a film studio, two county enterprise boards, and an International Cluster Conference.

3

Plans to establish a National Sports Cluster, with the potential for 500 new jobs in the region, are at an advanced stage.



Strategic Partnerships involving education, local authority and industry

Effective models for market-led training involving cooperation between education and training providers and industry, in areas that include hospitality, film, engineering and ICT.

Over time, it is intended that these models be extended to engage with schools and parents to create a pipeline of skills .



Limerick for IT

1

Partnership established in 2014 involving major industry in the Limerick region along with the main third level and further education and training providers and Limerick City and County Council and the Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

2

Flexible, adaptable, employer-led skills cluster

3

Working together to identify future skills needs, securing mandates to further develop existing operations.

4

Modify and develop courses for latest skills needed.

5

This group has the potential to create over 1,000 jobs over the first three years.

6

The success of Limerick for IT has led to the establishment of a second group – Limerick for Engineering.



Limerick for Film

1

Directors of Troy Studios came to visit Limerick during 2014 City of Culture, to meet with Limerick City and County Council and Innovate Limerick.

2

Troy Studios Limerick: international film hub with 350,000 sq.ft. under one roof - in the former Dell site.

3

Easy access to stunning urban and rural locations, variety of Irish funding sources, strength and depth of crew base and daily international flights.

4

Selected for a major new American TV series - an adaptation of a book written by George RR Martin, the creator of Game of Thrones.



Limerick for Hospitality

1

Key agencies working in Limerick's regeneration areas came together in 2013 to investigate the mismatch that existed between extremely high unemployment in metropolitan Limerick and unfilled vacancies in the region's hospitality sector.

2

Partners include Limerick Regeneration Agency, PAUL Partnership Development Company, Limerick Clare Education & Training Board, the Local Employment Service, Community Groups and the Irish Hotel Federation (IHF).

3

Limerick Hospitality Education and Training Centre (HETC) opened in 2014: established on the basis of a community-identified need – providing skills at entry level in the Mid-West Region.

4

210 full and part-time jobs have been created, with more than 100 of these jobs going to people from regeneration areas of Limerick

5

First centre in Ireland to be awarded the European Framework Quality Management Award (EFQM), 2016.



Next Steps in the Journey

1. Align the Learning Limerick steering group in council structures and policies.
2. Implement new Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022 and linked evaluation framework
3. Embed the Learning City concept in the Social, Cultural and Economic Life of Limerick
4. Develop an interactive digital platform and web-site for Learning Limerick



Thank You

