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In September 2015, Transforming Our World, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda) was adopted by all 193 Members States of the United Nations (UN). The 2030 Agenda aims to deliver a more sustainable, prosperous and peaceful future for the entire world, and sets out a framework for how to achieve this by 2030.

This framework is made up of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which cover the social, economic and environmental requirements for a sustainable future. The SDGs represent the most ambitious agreement the UN has ever reached. The Goals are unique, because they apply equally to every country, and are based on the idea that ending poverty, protecting the environment and strengthening human rights are mutually beneficial and reliant on each other for success, and cannot be achieved separately.



Ireland's ambition is to fully implement the SDGs at home by 2030, and to contribute to their achievement internationally through our role as a responsible global citizen, so that no one is left behind.

This will be hugely challenging but is achievable if everyone across society gets involved. Many organisations across Ireland are already responding directly to the SDGs, and many more are active in related areas such as poverty eradication, environmental protection, improving gender equality, and sustainable economic growth.

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment is therefore seeking expressions of interest from organisations to take part in Ireland's first *SDG Champions* programme. The aim of the Champions programme is to both raise awareness of the SDGs and to demonstrate, through the example of the Champions' engagement with sustainable development, that everyone in society can make a contribution to achieving the 17 Goals.

The Minister will select a limited number of organisations to act as Ireland's first SDG Champions for a period of 12 months beginning in June 2019.

The organisations selected will have demonstrated that they have a significant public profile which they are willing and able to leverage to raise awareness of the SDGs among both the general public and with their own sectors, and will have embedded sustainable development practices into their everyday activities. They will also have identified which Goal (or Goals) most closely relate to their activities and how they can specifically promote those Goals.

In order to apply for the role of SDG Champion, interested organisations are requested to submit a short application to SDGsIRL@DCCAE.gov.ie before close of business on Friday 28th February 2019 outlining their suitability for the role in light of the criteria set out above. If you have any queries or require further information prior to submitting an application, please also feel free to contact us at the same address. Selected organisations will be informed in early March 2019.

Thank you for your interest in the SDG Champions Programme