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Focal ón Aire

It is my pleasure to welcome the publication of the 2021 Annual Report of my Department.

Since taking office as Minister I have been grateful to the Secretary General, her Management Board colleagues and indeed all the staff of the Department for their commitment, adaptability and resilience in working to support and develop the sectors under the remit of the Department through the most challenging period both personally and professionally many of us have ever experienced.

My key priority and that of the Department has been to continue supports for these critical sectors, which employ hundreds of thousands of people, so that they can stabilise and generate economic activity as we move further out of the shadow of the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am especially pleased that the importance of the sectors under our care was reflected in the increased allocations for the Department in Budget 2022 and Budget 2023.

The work of the Department as outlined in this report has, in no small measure, contributed to our now being in a position to enjoy the safe and successful reopening of our society.

Notwithstanding the course of international events and the rising cost of living, our tourism sector has had a busy summer season, audiences have returned to arts, culture and event venues and the presence of supporters at our sportsgrounds has been warmly welcomed by communities across the country. Add to this the work done in supporting Gaeltacht communities, the innovation under the Culture Ireland and Creative Ireland programmes, the continued investment in our cultural institutions and the progress of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act and the Online Safety Media Regulation Bill.

In 2021, the Statement of Strategy 2021-2023 was published which sets out the priorities for the Department over the next few years to ensure that these sectors recover and grow in a manner that underpins social cohesion and supports strong sustainable economic growth with a focus on a number of cross cutting goals of equality, diversity, social inclusion, the Irish language and environmental sustainability.

The Aire Stáit, Jack Chambers T.D and I look forward to our continuing to work to deliver the objectives set out in the Programme for Government and the Department's Statement of Strategy for the benefit of our stakeholders and the entire country.

Catherine Martin T.D.
Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media



Focal ón Aire Stáit

As Minister of State with special responsibility for Sport and the Gaeltacht, I welcome the publication of the Department's 2021 Annual Report as we reflect upon another testing year for all involved with the Department. The past two years have brought challenges which required decisive and considered action. From the perspective of sport and the Irish language, the pandemic provided widely different obstacles but we were acutely aware that the long term aims of these sectors also needed to be taken into consideration whilst dealing with the short term threats of COVID-19.

As we look back on 2021 I must acknowledge the work of all those who contributed to completion of the passage through the Oireachtas of the Official Languages Act (Amendment) Act 2021 /Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021. The Act which was signed by the President Higgins on 22 December 2021 will make a historic contribution to the quality of services in Irish provided to the public by State bodies. Another milestone for our native language was the ending of the derogation on the use of Irish in the institutions of the European Union on 31st December.

I have also had the opportunity to see the impact of the work being undertaken by the staff of the Sport Division among communities across the island. The importance of sport to the people of this country has, if anything been amplified by the experience of the past two years. The publication of the Sports Action Plan 2021-2023 in November, including a new annual Winter Initiative campaign to encourage recovery of membership and participation, was an important and welcome development.

High performance sport also continues to make its mark, particularly in women's sport with the recent uplifting success of Ireland's footballers qualifying for the Women's World Cup and the success of our women boxers at the European Championships in Montenegro.

I have been privileged to work with Minister Catherine Martin TD, the Departmental team, and agencies under the aegis of the Department, and know how much hard work is put in to serve the stakeholders across the sectors. I look forward to working with Minister Martin to shape the future direction of the sectors under our remit in the year ahead.

***Jack Chambers T.D.
Minister of State for Sport and Gaeltacht***



Focal ón Ard-Rúnaí

The 2021 Annual Report is an important document to reflect upon the substantial work and achievements of the Department of Tourism, Culture Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media over the past year.

Through another difficult year, managers and staff throughout the Department have continued to rise to the task of progressing our goals and objectives in a fluctuating environment to support the recovery of activity and employment in those sectors under our remit.

The Department's Statement of Strategy 2021-2023 was published in August with the mission: *To lead the sustainable development of Tourism, Media and the Gaeltacht and promote participation in the Culture, Arts, Sports and the Irish language supporting social progress, and enhancing cultural and economic growth across Irish society.* This set out an ambitious programme of work being embraced by the Department itself but also by those agencies that work with us in achieving our mission.

This Report reflects the range of activity undertaken to support stakeholders, stimulate activity and develop participation across all the Department's brief. Existing programmes have been re-energised, new schemes initiated and important legislation advanced. This report affords us an opportunity to reflect on the progress already achieved as we renew our commitment to delivering on our objectives.

I feel that it is also important that I take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of our people during the past year. The challenges of the year impacted personally to a greater or lesser extent on everyone who works in the Department. Life plans were disrupted but throughout the year colleagues came together to support each other. In acknowledging the contribution of those colleagues who departed, either through retirement or transfer, I am pleased to note the continuation of the best collegiate traditions of the Civil Service among the many new colleagues who have joined us as we embrace the challenge of hybrid working.

I would like to express my thanks to Minister Catherine Martin T.D. and Aire Stáit Jack Chambers T.D. for their ongoing support for our work. I look forward to our continuing to work with Minister Martin and Aire Stáit Chambers and colleagues across the Department to deliver on the Programme for Government commitments and the 2021- 2023 Statement of Strategy to ensure the best service for stakeholders under the aegis of this Department.

Katherine Licken
Ard-Rúnaí



1. Remit of the Department

The Department's Mission is: *To lead the sustainable development of Tourism and promote participation in the Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Sectors, supporting social progress and enhancing cultural and economic growth across Irish society.*

Our Statement of Strategy 2021-23 published in 2021 sets out the Department's vision and purpose to ensure that, as we begin to emerge from the shadow of COVID-19, we will have a vital tourism industry; a vibrant arts and culture sector; a dynamic sports and media sector, and a landscape in which our language and our engagement with it can continue to grow and flourish. This vision is reflected in the Department's Mission Statement.

To lead the sustainable development of Tourism, Media and the Gaeltacht and promote participation in the Culture, Arts, Sports and the Irish language supporting social progress, and enhancing cultural and economic growth across Irish society.

The Strategic Goals provide a framework for this report on the Department's work in 2021.

- **Goal A** – To support the recovery and economic growth of a competitive tourism sector that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.
- **Goal B** – To support and develop engagement with and in, the arts, culture and creativity by individuals and communities, enriching lives through cultural activity; to promote Ireland's arts, culture and creativity globally; and to coordinate the Decade of Centenaries 2012-2023 commemorative programme.
- **Goal C** – To support the use of the Irish language throughout Ireland, in the European Union and globally and to strengthen its use as the principal community language of the Gaeltacht.
- **Goal D** – To promote greater sports participation by all, with particular focus on female participation and diversity, while continuing to invest in new sports facilities, high performance athletes and the hosting of major events.
- **Goal E** - To support the provision of commercial, community and public service media that meet the needs of Irish audiences and provide a regulatory environment that supports online safety and a free, plural and diverse media sector in Ireland.
- **Goal F** – To promote North-South co-operation, within the context of the Government's Shared Island Initiative, particularly in the context of the work of An Foras Teanga and Tourism Ireland.

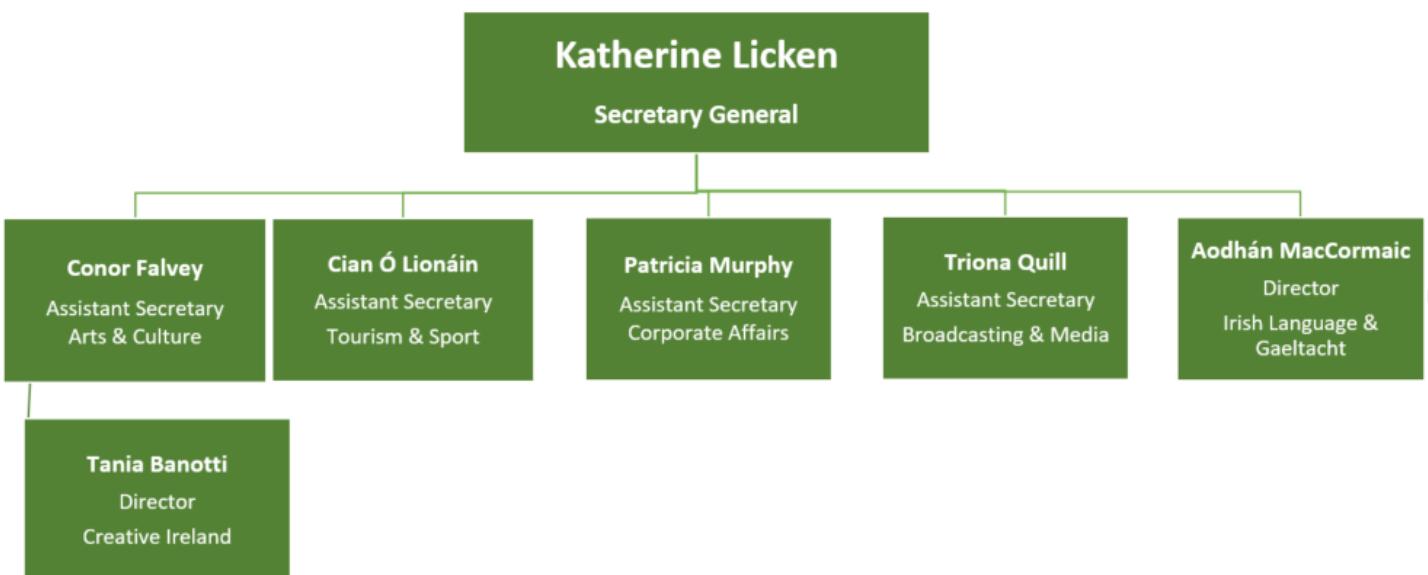
2. Organisation of the Department

The Department is organised into five Divisions each of which is led at Assistant Secretary or Director Level. The delivery of the Creative Ireland Programme is also overseen by a Director reporting to the head of Arts & Culture.

- Tourism & Sport,
- Arts & Culture, (including the Creative Ireland Programme)
- Irish Language & the Gaeltacht,
- Broadcasting & Media, and
- Corporate.

The Department is supported in its work by the 18 bodies under its aegis, including the National Cultural Institutions and relevant North-South Implementation Bodies and agencies (see Appendix 1)

Organisation Structure of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media



2021 in Overview

3. Environmental Overview

Those sectors under the remit of this Department experienced another testing year due to the continuing impact of COVID-19. Balancing the need to maintain the health and safety of staff, customers and stakeholders against the need to secure the financial viability of businesses was a major challenge throughout the economy.

The Department continued to focus on identifying the needs of the sectors through extensive stakeholder engagement and developing and implementing funding and supportive measures to sustain activity and employment throughout 2021. The COVID Support Unit continued to coordinate many aspects of this work and led extensive consultation with stakeholders.

Tourism was significantly impacted by the Pandemic. There was a noted reduction in numbers of international visitors to Ireland and restrictions in respect of social gatherings led to visitor attractions experiencing a severe decline in revenue. However, domestic tourism drove recovery through a short and successful summer season. Notwithstanding this, public health measures impacted heavily on employment in the sector with many jobs dependent on State support for their survival.

Adapting to COVID-19 restrictions also had a marked impact on the culture and arts sectors. Live performances across most artistic forms were highly restricted or not feasible and the knock on affect was a threat to the livelihood of artists, venues and other stakeholders. The Department continued to develop and implement sectoral policy responses including support for the national cultural institutions and other bodies under the remit of the Department.

Similarly, many Gaeltacht regions and their businesses were compromised by the restrictions on visitors and student numbers to those areas in their traditional busy period.

Sport had the dual scenario of participation in physical activity rising on an individual level for a period of time during the restrictions but the contrasting matter of high level sport having to accommodate stringent health measures which had an impact on both attendance figures at top level fixtures and the protocols required for the athletes to perform in those fixtures. Across the sporting landscape there was a need for State support to keep many organisations afloat.

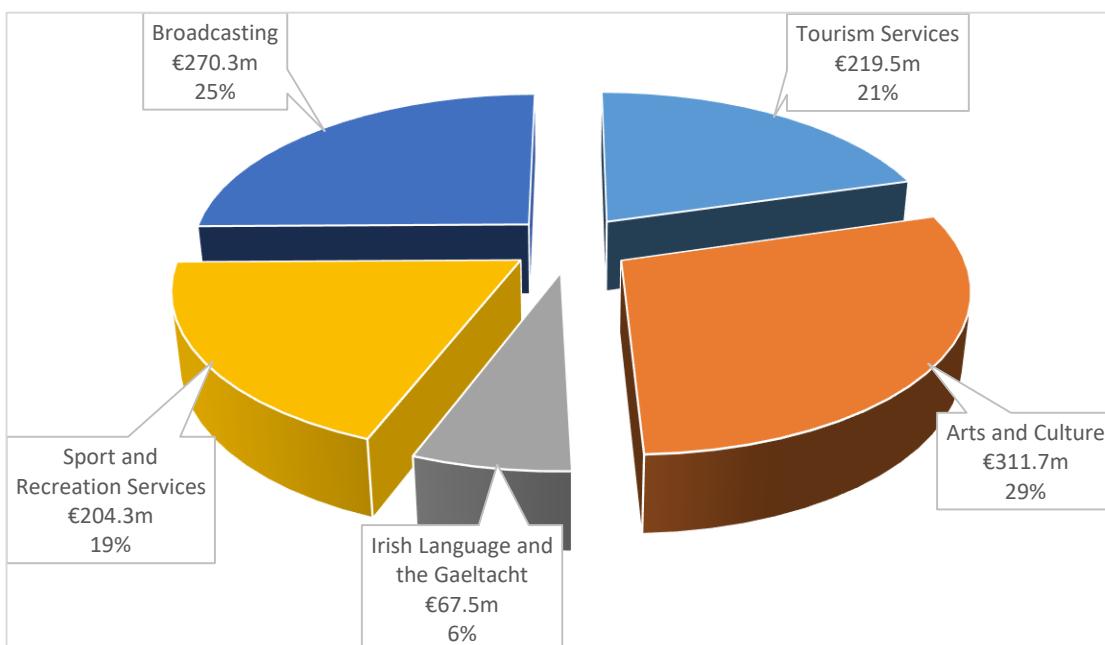
While media organisations adapted their working environments to the restrictions throughout the pandemic, on a wider level the future of traditional media outlets such as newspapers and local radio continues to evolve. The wide-reaching nature of online media and the challenges to the State to keep up with the fast developing side of these media platforms highlight the need for strategic legislative and policy initiatives for this important sector.

Outside of the complexities of dealing with the health situation, the political consideration of the UK and EU relationship and the challenges to the Northern Ireland Protocol added a further dimension to planning and decision making in many sectors.

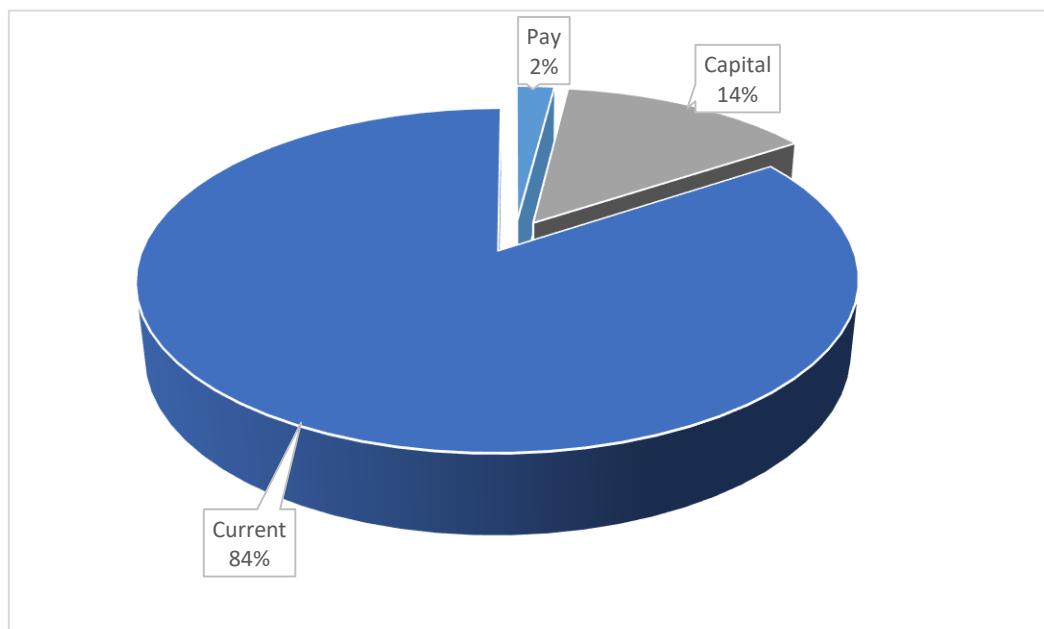
4. Expenditure 2021 by Sector

Notwithstanding the disruption caused by the pandemic the Department continued to progress its work programme throughout the year undertaking expenditure of some €1,095m across all sectors

Gross Voted Expenditure by Programme, 2021



Gross Voted Expenditure by Pay, Current and Capital, 2021



Note: Current expenditure includes pay for bodies and agencies under the Department's aegis.

2021 Highlights

Notwithstanding the challenging environment that persisted through 2021 progress was achieved across the Department's remit with allocation of €1.2bn in for the Department in Budget 2022. Some of the more significant announcements and achievements are listed below.

TOURISM

- A record level of funding for tourism was announced in Budget 2022 including €50m for Tourism Business Continuity Scheme Supports
- The Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme was announced in March.
- Major investments valued over €60m were announced in April and June 2021 under Platforms for Growth to develop state-of-the-art facilities and attractions
- The National Development Plan 2021-2030 included a package of capital investment to transition to a sustainable tourism model, deliver enhanced amenities and grow tourism in rural communities.

CULTURE and ARTS

- Support for the Live Entertainment sector to the value of €54m was provided across a range of measures including the Music and Entertainment Business Assistance Scheme (MEBAS), Live Performance Support Scheme (LPSS) and the Events Sector COVID Support Scheme (ESCSS).
- *Speak Up: A Call For Change Report* commissioned by the Irish Theatre Institute as part of its Speak Up Initiative was launched in October.
- The Report of the Night-Time Economy Taskforce, including recommendations and proposed actions across a range of departments, agencies and the Night-Time Economy sector was published in September.
- The Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021 including a new project: The 20th Century History of Ireland Galleries, based at the National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History at Collins Barracks in Dublin was announced in April.
- Cruinníú na nÓg, the national day of free creativity for children and young people was held on Saturday 12th June with hundreds of events taking place across the country.
- The National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage was extended to include a further 8 key practices of Ireland's Living Cultural Heritage.
- 189 new schools joined the Creative Schools programme in 2021 bringing the total number of participating schools to 353.
- Minister Martin hosted the National Famine Commemoration led by President Higgins at Glasnevin Cemetery on 16th May.
- Screen Ireland's new Strategic Plan, *Building for a Creative Future 2024* was launched in October 2021

- The €2m Creative Climate Action fund supported 15 creative, cultural and artistic projects that build awareness around climate change and empowers citizens to make meaningful behavioural changes.
- The Mná100 platform was launched in March to highlight the role of women in the historical events.
- Edna O'Brien's papers were acquired by the National Library of Ireland in September 2021.
- *The Treaty, 1921: Records from the Archives Exhibition* opened in London in October before returning to Dublin Castle in December 2021.
- Members of Michael Collins' family presented the pocket diaries of Michael Collins covering the years 1918-1922 to the State in November 2021.

IRISH LANGUAGE & GAELTACHT

- The Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021 was signed by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins in December 2021.
- Máirtín Ó Cadhain's Dictionary was published online in June 2021 providing a unique insight into the rich Irish language of Galway.
- Following significant investment by Government and engagement with the institutions of the European Union since 2015, the Derogation on the use of Irish in the institutions of the European Union ended on 31st December 2021. This represents one of the most significant milestones for the Irish language since the foundation of the State as it places the language on a par with more widely spoken languages in the EU and globally.
- The second annual progress report on the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish language 2010-2030* covering the period to 31 December 2020, was published in October 2021.
- Budget 2022 included over €85.6m funding allocation for Gaeltacht and Irish language sector and total funding of €33.3m for Údarás na Gaeltachta.
- The annual budget allocation for the cross-border language body, An Foras Teanga, was increased for the first time since 2016.
- A €3m fund was approved for Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge (NUIG) to provide higher education through medium of Irish language.

SPORT

- By the closing date of 1st March a record 3,106 applications had been received under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme.
- €16.6m was provided for sports equipment under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme.
- May 2021 saw the announcement that , for the first time ever, the State will provide equal per head support funding to male and female inter county Gaelic Games players.
- A new High Performance Strategy for sporting sector launched in June 2021.

- A €4m investment in Sport Ireland’s Women in Sport Programme over 2021 and 2022 was announced in July 2021.
- The Sports Action Plan 2021-2023 was published in November and included a new annual Winter Initiative campaign to encourage recovery of membership and participation to enhance the sports sector’s recovery from COVID-19
- Budget 2022 package included €105.81m for Sport Ireland and significant additional grants under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme.

MEDIA

- The Future of Media Commission submitted its report, to the Taoiseach and Minister Catherine Martin in September 2021
- The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media published its report on the Online Safety and Media Regulation (OSMR) Bill in November. In January 2022, the Government approved the publication of the Bill and that same month, the Minister established an expert group to examine the possibility of providing for an individual complaints mechanism in the Bill.
- The BAI provided financial support for 221 radio and high quality TV programming based on Irish culture and heritage under the Sound & Vision 4 Scheme.
- As TG4 prepared to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the largest ever single annual increase in TG4’s funding of €4.2m announced in Budget 2022 bringing the total exchequer support to for the station to €44.9m in 2022.
- The public consultation commenced in 2021 received over 1,700 replies from stakeholders and members of the public suggesting a range of sporting events that should be considered for designation. A report on the findings of the consultation has been prepared and is currently under consideration.

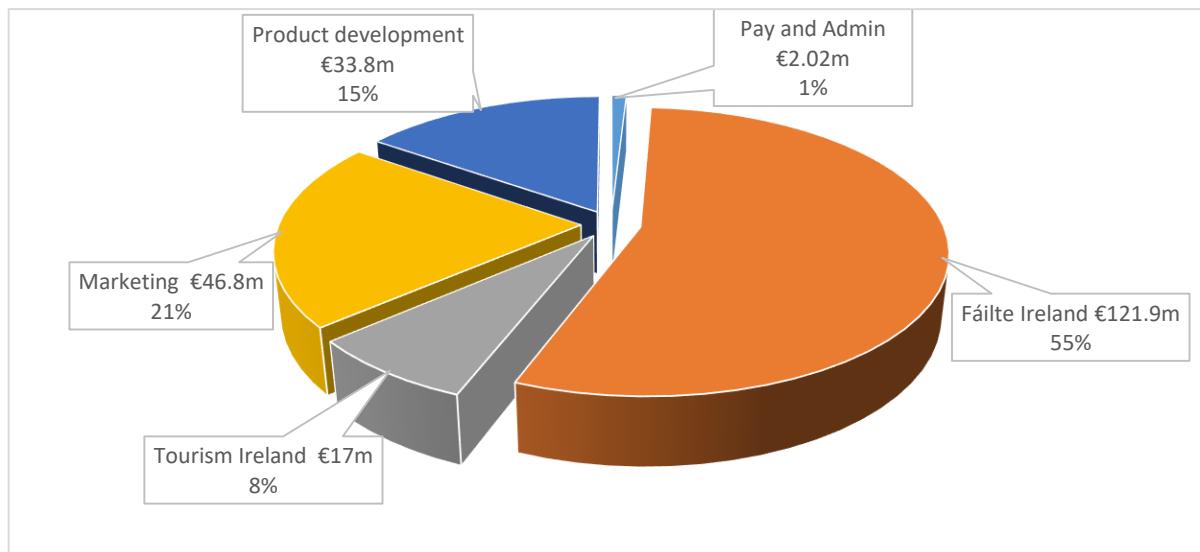
Tourism

Goal A

To support the recovery and economic growth of a competitive tourism sector that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

5. Tourism

Expenditure €221.5m by main expenditure area



Overview

The tourism landscape had changed drastically with the outbreak and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, international tourism remained uncertain but domestic tourism drove recovery through a short and successful summer season in a number of destinations. Notwithstanding this, the consequential and necessary public health measures that were put in place meant that many jobs supported by tourism were either lost or their survival hinged on State support.

At the end of 2020, Minister Martin appointed the Tourism Recovery Oversight Group to oversee the implementation of the Tourism Recovery Plan. This group reported regularly to the Minister in 2021, providing valuable inputs to the Government on the measures required to assist the sector.

Reflecting the pressure on the sector arising from COVID-19, Budget 2021 included an increase of €59m over the 2020 allocation, to just under €221m. Investment in the Tourism Marketing Fund was maintained to ensure that Ireland was in a position to recover quickly when it was safe for tourists to travel here from our key markets.

Throughout 2021, progress was made and support was provided on the high level strategic areas for tourism identified in the Department's Statement of Strategy. A summary of progress under each high level strategic area is provided below.

- ***The survival of tourism businesses and key tourism assets and the subsequent recovery of the sector from the COVID pandemic.***

The Recovery Oversight Group for the tourism sector met eleven times in 2021 and submitted three reports to the Minister. Key issues highlighted included the importance of reopening inbound tourism and the importance that measures such as the retention of lower 9% VAT rate, the EWSS, CRSS and Tourism Business Continuity Grants had in ensuring that tourism businesses survived this difficult period.

The Minister co-chaired the Hospitality and Tourism Forum along with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and met with stakeholders from the sectors on a number of occasions in 2021. Its purpose has been to allow key issues of relevance to the sectors to be discussed, with a view to identifying practical actions which could be taken by Government (national or local), or by industry itself, to support businesses.



Outdoor Dining in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Budget 2021 included €55m for a dedicated Tourism Business Continuity Scheme to help strategic tourism businesses survive the pandemic and drive recovery. This funding was supplemented by the Outdoor Dining Scheme 2021 and Urban Animation Scheme 2021 which allowed Fáilte Ireland to deliver a number of targeted capital grants schemes to help tourism businesses adapt to the changed operating environment.

To assist tourism businesses reopen and operate safely in line with Government advice in 2021, Fáilte Ireland continued to publish and update a suite of guidelines for the tourism sector, prepared in consultation with the tourism industry and relevant authorities. These guidelines were updated nearly twenty times in 2021.

As tourism businesses continued to cope with the new reality of COVID-19, Fáilte Ireland provided guidance to the industry through their Business Support Hub with 14 suites of expert online supports and training tools including webinars, checklists and FAQs available. 11,000 training days were provided to over 1,200 businesses and 9,000 staff in core business areas such as Finance, HR, Digital, Business Planning, Management, Sales and Marketing.

Recognising the difficulties still being encountered by tourism businesses, an additional allocation of €50m was secured in Budget 2022 for a further business continuity scheme to drive the sustainable recovery of the tourism sector.

- ***A tourism policy framework which promotes an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable tourism sector.***

The UN Sustainable Development Goals require the Department to devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.

In October 2021, the Sustainable Tourism Working Group presented a report to the Minister which identified a suite of actions to promote sustainable tourism practices ahead of the development of a new national tourism policy in 2023. The successful implementation of these actions will shine a light on areas and destinations that are striving to be best in class in terms of sustainability and will provide better access to information and tools for the tourism industry and visitors to practice responsible tourism.

In December 2021, the Department initiated the development of a new national tourism policy that will mainstream sustainability and will build upon the work undertaken by the Sustainable Tourism Working Group.

- ***The enhancement of sustainable employment in the tourism sector, with an emphasis on improving and upskilling the digital competencies of the tourism workforce.***

In 2021, Fáilte Ireland carried out a number of initiatives to enhance sustainable employment in the tourism sector, including linking employers with local third level education providers and their talent pools; working with the Department of Social Protection to increase access to employers to talent on the Live Register; and the promotion of careers and courses to students and jobseekers via the website and social media platforms of tourismcareers.ie.

Fáilte Ireland also developed [the Learning Hub](#) - a suite of online self-directed continuing professional development courses to help alleviate the pressure on businesses to upskill and train new staff - while also helping tourism staff to develop their own career in their own time and support retention and sustainable employment in the industry.

As part of the [#BeThePulse](#) recruitment awareness campaign, Fáilte Ireland developed a Recruitment Toolkit with guidance on how businesses can improve their Digital Recruitment including assets and best practice usage along with guidance on using digital platforms.

In addition, Fáilte Ireland launched the [Digital that Delivers](#) programme to support the digital transformation and upskilling of the Irish visitor experiences sector. The aim of the programme is to enable businesses to respond better and address the needs and expectations of today's visitors — both domestic and international. Through digital capability building, the programme will enable Ireland to compete and win against intense international competition, allow destinations to cross-sell each other's products/services and will allow businesses to operate more efficiently while increasing the skillset of tourism employees and contributing to sustainable employment.

- ***Investment in tourism marketing which maintains and develops awareness and interest in Ireland as an overseas tourism destination and optimises domestic tourism potential.***

In 2021, the Tourism Marketing Fund was sustained at previous levels to ensure that Tourism Ireland had the resources to do all they could to protect Ireland's market share. With this funding, Tourism Ireland undertook an extensive programme of activity throughout the year. Because of the ongoing impact of the pandemic in the early part of the year, most of Tourism Ireland's traditional promotional activity was put on hold.

Throughout this time, it remained vital for Tourism Ireland to continue to keep the island of Ireland 'top of mind' with prospective international visitors – until the time was right for them to visit. Therefore, Tourism Ireland continued to roll out an extensive programme of virtual or online activity, to ensure we would be in the best possible place to immediately start converting business for tourism operators across the island of Ireland, when possible. Tourism Ireland's ongoing research confirmed that consumers were considering where they would travel to on their first post-pandemic trip – so keeping the island of Ireland 'live' in that consideration set was very important, to ensure a successful recovery for our industry.

From the middle of 2021, leisure travel was permitted once again and Tourism Ireland began rolling out a more traditional programme of promotions. However, there continued to be uncertainty and restrictions, as well as additional travel requirements, such as proof of vaccination, with the additional measures of testing and a traffic light system based on the COVID-19 risk in source markets.

- ***Investment in tourism product development, including in outdoor activities, which enhances Ireland's international reputation of being a green, clean and sustainable destination, while also appealing to the domestic market.***

In March, the Minister along with Fáilte Ireland, announced details of the Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme a new €17m Scheme for developing outdoor dining capacity to be delivered in partnership between Fáilte Ireland and Local Authorities across the country.

Fáilte Ireland continued to develop the established tourism experience brands, both through targeted capital investment in attractions and other tourism infrastructure and through programme supports aimed at further enhancing, animating and promoting these brands, including business supports and training.

Fáilte Ireland's first call for applications (*Platforms for Growth 1*), in 2019, focused on the platform of immersive heritage and cultural attractions, inviting proposals for large-scale projects of €2.5m upwards. Through this platform, Fáilte Ireland aims to ensure strong economic growth by investing in heritage and cultural attractions of scale that will motivate visitors to travel, either to and/or within Ireland, but without displacing the existing attractions of a destination or disturbing the competitiveness already in mature destinations. The overall objective is to deliver brilliant experiences that allow visitors connect with Ireland and bring the national and local culture, heritage and people to life, while also delivering greater regional and seasonal spread of tourism.



Avondale Forest Park is a partnership between Fáilte Ireland, Coillte and EAK (erlebnis akademie AG) which will transform Avondale into a unique family attraction and a key new destination in Ireland's Ancient East. The newly redeveloped Coillte Avondale House and Forest Park is expected to open to the public in spring 2022.

Through this first platform, significant Fáilte Ireland investment totalling over €44mm was announced in June 2021 to develop four new world-class tourist attractions in the following locations:

- Shannon Pot & Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan - €4.8m
- Fort Dunree & Head, Buncrana, Co. Donegal - €9.3m
- 'This is Ireland' North City Centre, Dublin 1 - €10m
- Westport House Estate & Gardens, Westport - €20.2m

The second platform (*Platforms for Growth 2*), launched in January 2020 and involving a targeted call for applications from local authorities, aims to develop activity facility centres at waterside locations across Ireland. In April 2021, €19m worth of investment was announced for this platform, to be used to develop world-class facility centres at 22 locations across the country where water-based activities are a key visitor attraction. These facilities, designed to serve as a hub in each locality from which

multiple water-sports operators can base themselves, will provide hot showers, changing and toilet facilities, secure storage, induction spaces, equipment wash-down and orientation points.

The Government published its revised National Development Plan 2021 – 2030 on 4th October 2021, superseding the previous NDP which was to run from 2018-2027. The capital investment priorities for the Department will support economic recovery and resilience in the tourism, culture, arts, Gaeltacht, sport and media sectors, while also enhancing individual and community wellbeing and advancing social, economic and environmental sustainability to protect our unique cultural, linguistic and sporting heritage for generations to come.

With specific regard to State-owned or managed built and natural heritage sites and amenities, Fáilte Ireland has developed a series of strategic partnerships with key State bodies (OPW, NPWS, Coillte, Waterways Ireland and, most recently, Údarás na Gaeltachta) that own and manage attractions and sites considered to be of vital importance to tourism. Through these partnerships, Fáilte Ireland can assist with the refurbishment and enhancement of key visitor attractions and advise on further experience development and marketing.

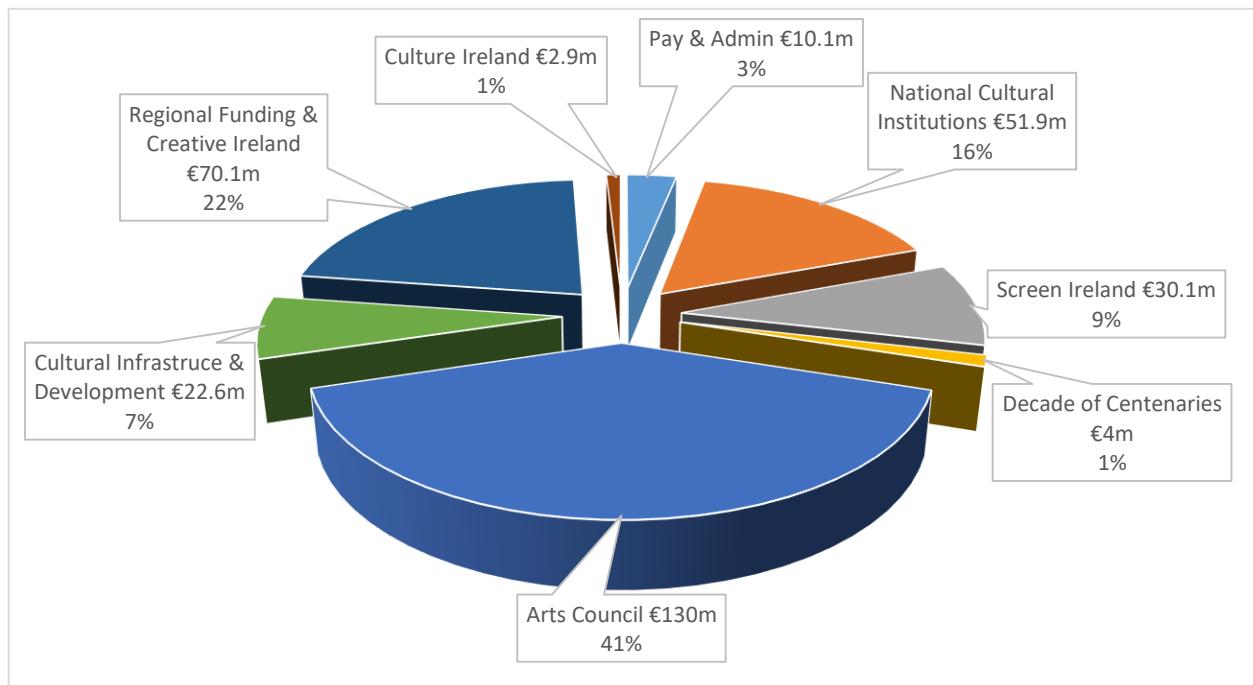
Arts, Culture & Commemorations

Goal B

To support and develop engagement with and in, the arts, culture and creativity by individuals and communities, enriching lives through cultural activity; to promote Ireland's arts, culture and creativity globally; and to coordinate the Decade of Centenaries 2012 – 2023 commemorative programme

6. Arts, Culture & Commemorations

Expenditure €321.8m by main expenditure area



Overview

The Arts and Culture sectors continued to suffer severe disruption as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak throughout 2021. The year saw the gradual return of audiences attending cultural and entertainment events and some limited rehabilitation of the hard-hit Night-Time Economy. Government commitment to the sector was evidenced by funding allocations including record Arts Council funding of €130m and over €60m in additional Live Entertainment supports. Some €60m was provided for the National Cultural Institutions including €8m to facilitate the transfer of the National Symphony Orchestra to the National Concert Hall and €27m to support the programme for Cultural Infrastructure and Development. Increased funding was also provided for Screen Ireland and the Decade of Centenaries

Strategy 1: Implementing Culture 2025 and the Creative Ireland Programme

The implementation of 'Culture 2025' policy and the Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022 and ongoing commemorations programmes in partnership with national and local stakeholders

Culture 2025

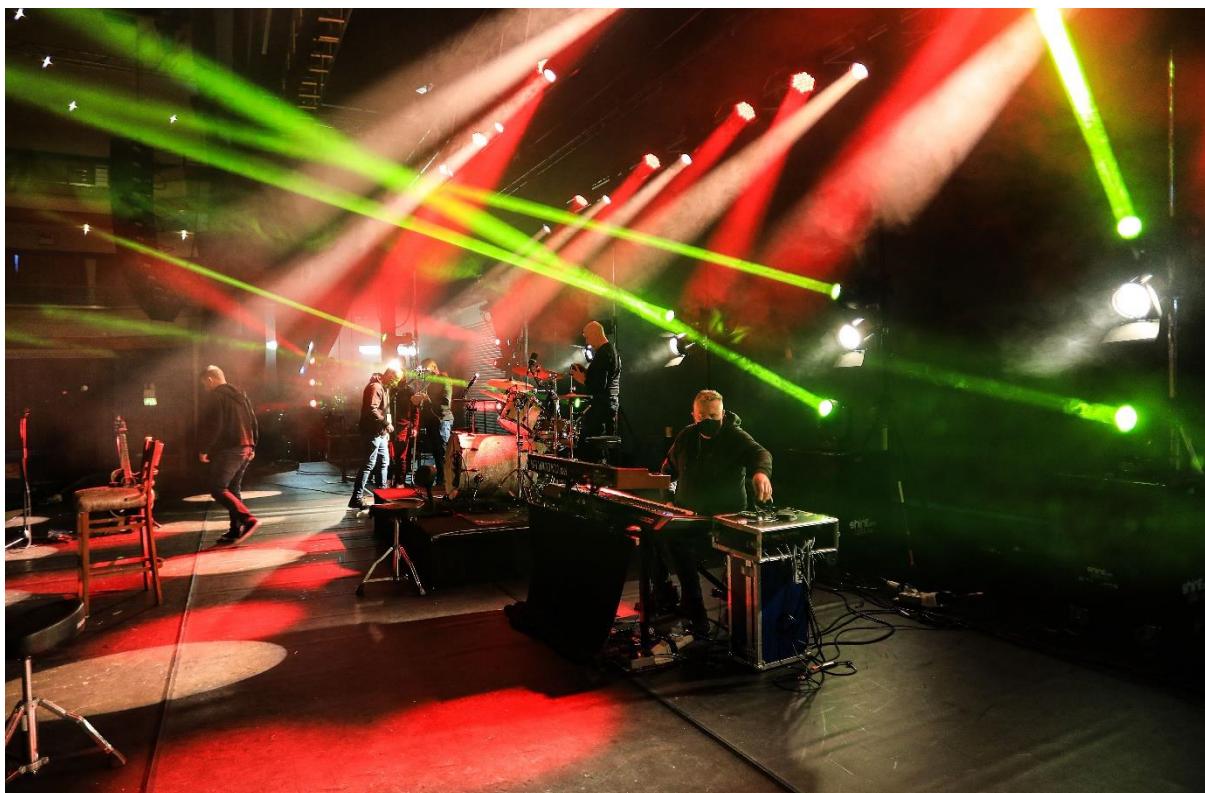
Culture 2025 sets the direction for Government policy across the cultural sector, including the arts, the Irish language and the creative, cultural heritage and audio-visual sectors. This Framework Policy sets out values and high-level principles to inform public policy and planning in the decade ahead. It recognises that everyone has the right to enjoy, create and participate in the culture of their country. The aims of Culture 2025 are already being progressed through current Government initiatives including the Creative Ireland Programme, the 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language, Global Ireland 2025 and the Audio-visual Action Plan. It is supported by the capital investment for culture envisaged under the National Development Plan.

Live Entertainment Sector Supports – 2021

A core challenge facing the Department’s Culture Division in 2021 was to develop and deliver effective measures to support the arts, culture and live entertainment sectors in light of the ongoing disruption of live performance due to the pandemic. This disruption substantially endured throughout 2021.

The Department awarded grants of almost €54m in 2021 to support the live entertainments sector and drive employment opportunities for artists and crews, through the introduction of the following schemes:

- €25m Live Performance Support Scheme (LPSS)
- €13.7m Events Sector COVID Support Scheme (ESCSS)
- €8.8m Local Live Performance Support Scheme (LLPSS)
- €3.1m Music and Entertainment Support Scheme (MEBAS)
- €1.7m Commercial Entertainment Capital Grant Scheme (CECGS)
- €0.88m St. Patrick’s Festival
- €0.580m in Pantomime funding (LPSS Strand II)



Live Performance Support Scheme

The Creative Ireland Programme (CIP)

Through the all-of-government Creative Ireland Programme, this Department in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth and the Arts Council has delivered investment of over €6.5mm in Creative Youth in 2021. This supported and enhanced children and young people’s access to creative activities, both in their schools and communities. In 2021, Creative Youth initiatives saw, for example, 189 new schools joining the Creative Schools programme in 2021 alongside 164 schools which are continuing their second year of the programme. Over 265 creative artists, practitioners and associates are engaged in the initiative.

In collaboration with the Department of Education, out-of-school settings during 2021 saw the Local Creative Youth Partnerships increased from 3 to 6, with the original 3 partnerships of Kerry, Laois/Offaly and Limerick/Clare being joined by Cork, Galway/Roscommon and Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim. The Department's partnership with DCEDiY saw a new creative writing collaboration with Fighting Words - Story Seeds which focused on a number of disadvantaged areas around the country. Over 100 schools were involved in this programme in 2021. With additional joint investment from both Departments in 2021, Youth Theatre Ireland supported the safe re-opening of existing groups and training for new groups post COVID-19.

Through its Creative Communities initiative, the Creative Ireland Programme partners with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the 31 local authorities to enable local communities engage with creativity in support of wellbeing, social cohesion, and economic development. In 2021, Creative Communities supported local authorities in delivering nearly 1,500 community-led projects and initiatives, including 637 for Cruinníú na nÓg.

The Department, also continued to collaborate with the Department of Health, HSE and the Arts Council to further support the powerful contribution promoting creativity can make to our health and wellbeing. Co-funded initiatives commenced including with Helium Arts to support creative engagement with children with long term medical requirements and with the Irish Hospice Foundation to support individual and community engagement with death, dying and bereavement. In addition, the Department also provided just under €1m in 2021 for Creativity in Older Age initiatives in the community and/or residential facilities to support positive ageing and mitigate the negative impact of social cocooning and social distancing.

Working in collaboration with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) through the Creative Ireland Programme, the Department initiated a €2m Creative Climate Action Fund. This fund is supporting 15 projects enabling artists, cultural and creative organisations, designers and other practitioners to meaningfully connect people with the profound changes that are happening in our environment.

Night-Time Economy

The *Report of the Night-Time Economy Taskforce* was published in September and contained 36 practical recommendations in the area of regulation, licensing, planning, transport, safety and increasing the diversity of activities as part of the night-time offering. An Implementation Group was established to ensure that the recommendations contained within the Report are implemented in full. The delivery of the recommendations is a whole of Government responsibility and the Department continues to work with partners in Government Departments, Agencies and other key stakeholders.

Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021

The Government's approach is grounded in the principles laid down by the Expert Advisory Group on Centenary Commemorations in its Original Statement (published in 2012) Second Statement 2021 (published in 2017) and its subsequent guidance (published in January 2019).

The All-Party Consultation Group on Commemorations has proved a very constructive forum throughout the Decade of Centenaries and in the upcoming years to 2023, such input will again be beneficial in contributing to the Decade of Centenaries Programme.

The period of commemorations in 2021 was the most sensitive to date as it marked the centenaries of the Struggle for Independence, Partition and the Foundation of Northern Ireland, the Civil War and the Foundation of the State.



Minister Martin with Taoiseach Micheal Martin, Tanaiste Leo Varadkar and Dr Audrey Whitty, Head of Collections at the National Museum of Ireland, at the launch of the Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021

A number of events were held that focused on partition and the formation of Northern Ireland:

- A series of public talks were recorded and broadcast online under the title: '*The Partition of Ireland: Causes and Consequences.*' The series was organised by Queen's University Belfast and involved leading academics from across Ireland and Britain, in partnership with the Royal Irish Academy and the British Academy.
- The Presbyterian Church in Ireland organised an event on 17 September 2021 at Union Theological College in Belfast. Titled 'On These Steps,' it included reflections on the centenary from a historical perspective by Dr Ian McBride, and reflections on the future by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church.
- On 21 October, leaders of the main Christian churches in Ireland held a joint religious service to mark the year's centenaries. The Minister for Foreign Fairs Simon Coveney and Minister of State Chambers represented the Government at this event which was held in the Church of Ireland cathedral in Armagh.
- On 5 November, Monaghan County Museum hosted a seminar, examining community experiences and historical perspectives on the border. This event was organised in partnership with the Expert Advisory Group on Centenary Commemorations and key Government Departments including the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs.
- The fourth seminar under the President's Machnamh 100 series, 'Settlements, Schisms and Civil Strife,' took place on 25 November.

The Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund has also continued to support projects with a commemorations focus. Over €500,000 in funding was allocated to projects with a specific '2021 centenaries' focus – including education programmes, dramatic works for production and touring, conferences, new publications, lectures, podcasts, commemorative events and cross-community dialogue by organisations. The Reconciliation Fund will continue to consider applications under its 2022 funding rounds for projects with a focus on the Decade of Centenaries.

The Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021 had positive engagement from stakeholders and members of the public alike. The Department supported the community element of the Programme and allocated almost €2m to help local authorities develop their own locally tailored commemorative programmes.

The National Cultural Institutions also supported the Decade of Centenaries Programme with programmes of digitisation, exhibition and outreach. The National Archives Treaty exhibitions in London in November and in Dublin Castle (December) were especially well received.

Work continued on the Beyond 2022 digitisation project which will provide a Virtual Record Treasury with investment under Project 2040. This is due to be completed and launched in summer 2022.

The Mná100 platform was launched in 2021 and coordinated by the Department with a range of stakeholders to highlight the role of women in the historical events being commemorated, developing new research, curating on-line exhibitions and producing an exciting podcast series.

In April the Minister announced the 10 recipients of the Markievicz Award for 2021. This Award is in partnership with the Arts Council, and is made each year in the period 2021-2023 to up to 10 artists (either individual artists working alone or in collaboration with others), to a value of €25k per individual or group.

National Famine Commemoration

Minister Martin hosted the National Famine Commemoration, which was held at Glasnevin Cemetery on 16th May in Dublin. The President, Michael D. Higgins, led the ceremony and gave the keynote address. Wreaths were laid by President Higgins on behalf of the Irish People. The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu and the Chairman of the Dublin Cemeteries Trust Mr. David Bunworth also laid wreaths while David Kennedy sang Brendan Graham's *Ochón an Gorta Mór*. This was the second time that the commemoration had been held in Glasnevin Cemetery and was followed by the annual Daniel O'Connell commemoration which Minister Martin also attended.

The [Great Famine Voices Roadshow](#) hosted an online discussion between Dr Jason King and Brendan Graham the theme of "Songs of the Great Hunger" immediately after the National Famine Commemoration ceremony.



Arts Council

The Government continued to respond to the challenges facing the sector with record funding announced in Budget 2021. Over €130m was allocated to the Arts Council for 2021 an increase of 24% over 2020. Further details of the Arts Council's activities and programmes including its annual reports and financial statements are published on the Council's website.

Over 2021, the Arts Council moved to secure the arts landscape in Ireland by ensuring that arts organisations had access to emergency funding to avoid collapse and by making funding available to a much wider range of artists. Another priority was to reassure audiences of the safety of the arts experience in Ireland while continuing to celebrate and promote the work of arts organisations and artists.

In 2021 the Arts Council received over 8,000 applications with over 17% of successful applicants being new to the agency. Highlights of the year included *Brightening Air*, a ten day, nationwide season of arts experiences supported by the Arts Council in June 2021, which reached every county. Culture Night also saw 1,767 artists and creative producers taking part in 1,200 events, reaching an audience of 280,000 people.

The Creative Schools initiative continued to expand and grow in 2021. Supporting schools and youth centres put the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives. 2021 saw 187 new schools join the programme. The key policies of the Arts Council include its *Equality, Human Rights and Diversity (EHRD) Policy and Strategy*. Throughout 2021 this policy has been incorporated into its programmes, schemes and awards. The Council also has *Paying the Artist* policy on the fair and equitable remuneration and contracting of artists. In accordance with Section 11(7) of the Arts Act there is a statutory gender balance on the Arts Council.



Culture Night 2021

Screen Ireland and Audiovisual

The 2021 allocation to Screen Ireland was €30.093m, comprising €26.2m in capital and €3.893m in current funding.

The Second Progress Report on the Implementation of Audiovisual Action Plan was published in August 2021. Screen Ireland's new Strategic Plan, Building for a Creative Future 2024 was launched in October 2021 and sets out how the organisation will support the sector for the next three years with five Strategic Objectives.

The Minister for Finance introduced a new tax relief for the digital gaming sector in the 2021 Finance Act. The relief will support digital games development companies by providing a refundable corporation tax credit for qualifying expenditure incurred on the design, production and testing of an eligible digital game.

Cultural Schemes

Cultural Schemes Unit

During 2021 the Department allocated grants totaling €554,116 across three small annual funding schemes to local and regional museums, community groups and other organisations around the country for various cultural projects and events.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

With Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann cancelled for the second consecutive year in 2021 due to COVID-19, Comhaltas took the innovative step of producing the first ever virtual Fleadh Cheoil, called Fleadhfest, which took place during the traditional Fleadh Cheoil dates of 1st-9th August 2021.

Strategy 2: Future proofing our national collections

Future proofing our national collections to ensure they are available to future generations

Investing in our Culture, Language and Heritage, 2018-2027

The Government Plan Investing in our Culture, Language and Heritage, 2018-2027 published in 2018 envisages a significant increase in investment in the National Cultural Institutions to revamp and modernise facilities both in terms of visitor experience and storage of our national collections – one of the largest single commitments to investment in our cultural institutions in the history of the State. Over 2018-2027, €460m will be invested in the National Cultural Institutions (NCIs), including a €40m allocation for the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of the NCIs.

The Department's capital plan is also comprised of three strands of activity: - Major capital projects; - Capital investment and infrastructure programmes; and- Capital grant schemes.

While the majority of these capital projects are moving through appraisal stages, a number of projects are at implementation stage or are nearing implementation stage. The table below lists the Department's major projects that were at appraisal stage in 2021, or for which preliminary work has taken place, or on-site works are in hand or proposed, and expected delivery timeframes where applicable.

Project	Status at end 2021
<u>National Archives of Ireland</u>	The Final Business Case for the National Archives Repository Project was approved in 2021. The project, which has a projected completion date of 2024, will convert the warehouse at the back of the main Bishop Street building into a secure environmentally controlled repository complying with

	internationally accepted storage standards while providing an increase of two-thirds in the total storage capacity of the National Archives. The plan has gone to tender.
<u>National Library of Ireland</u>	Phase 1 of the development of a new on-site book repository with 4,000 linear metres of storage and the removal of collection from the Victorian West Wing to facilitate future redevelopment was completed in 2021. Phase 2a recently completed and preparatory work for phases 2b and 3 underway.
<u>National Gallery of Ireland</u> – Phase 4(a)	In 2021 saw the commencement of design and investigative work was for Phase 4(a) – 88-90 Merrion Square. The project will create a new entrance to the Gallery, restore and enhance the Gallery's library and create fit for purpose facilities for gallery administration, curation and research.
<u>Crawford Art Gallery</u>	In 2021, the Department approved the tender for the engagement of award winning Grafton Architects to assist in bringing the project to Final Business Case phase. CAG has completed numerous stakeholder consultations and building surveys and are currently finalizing their Final Business Case. It is intended to seek Planning Permission before end of 2022.
<u>National Concert Hall</u>	A Preliminary Business Case for this project, identifying a number of options and levels of redevelopment has been submitted to the Department.
<u>Chester Beatty</u>	The Chester Beatty Capital Development is part of the OPW's Master Plan for the Dublin Castle Development Plan. The Department has recently received the Preliminary Business Case for this project.
<u>Abbey Theatre</u>	This project will deliver a landmark building to house the National Theatre and address the longstanding shortcomings of the current building, while also contributing to the regeneration of the inner city/north quays.
<u>National Museum of Ireland</u>	The Department received the Preliminary Business Case for the Natural History Museum (NHM). The business case identified a number of options of redevelopment. It is hoped that both the roof repairs completed by the OPW and the NHM redevelopment will be completed in one phase in partnership with the OPW. The ground floor of NHM opened in 2022. The NMI is currently working on a Strategic Assessment Report for its NMI Kildare Street Project.
<u>Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA)</u>	IMMA has submitted a Strategic Analysis Report for one element of its Major Capital Development, a project for a Global Learning and Research Centre (GLRC). The GLRC will be a single database where information relating to the IMMA collection, archive, and research and learning resources will be accessible to a broad spectrum of users. IMMA is also preparing a Strategic Analysis Report for a Major construction/refurbishment project, which is expected into the Department in Q3 2022.

The Department also progressed a range of other initiatives under the other two strands of investment activity (grant schemes and investment programmes over 2021). Key cultural programmes include the Cultural Capital Scheme and the Arts and Culture Capital Scheme. Details of current and previous capital schemes can be viewed [on the Department's website](#).

Cultural Institutions

Chester Beatty Library

Early in 2021, Chester Beatty launched its new [Strategic Plan \(2021–2024\)](#) following engagement with external stakeholders and internal discussions with staff and the Board of Trustees. The Chester Beatty's capital development plan is a key part of the Strategic Plan as it will help the museum to create exciting and dynamic new ways to present the collections, engage with its multiple audiences and improve the visitor experience.

During 2021, Chester Beatty continued to grow its research, conservation and digitisation of the collections and global collaborations. Final visitor numbers for the year represented 65% of pre-COVID-19 figures for the comparable period and, while travel restrictions meant far fewer international tourists were able to visit in person, the growing share of the collection which has been digitised, the museum's social media engagement, and the wide variety of tours, talks and videos online, meant that a growing number of visitors around the world continued to enjoy the collections.

Crawford Art Gallery

During 2021, Crawford Art Gallery attracted astonishing audience numbers through their exhibition programme, two flagship exhibitions *Rembrandt in Print* on loan from the Ashmolean Museum Oxford, received over 140,000 visitor and Brian Maguire's extraordinary exhibition '*Remains*' charged the spaces with landscapes of the American/Mexican border and human remains. In addition, the Gallery commissioned an exhibition by Dara McGrath: *For Those That Tell No Tales*. The Gallery also worked with IMMA throughout the year to realise the ambition of the [€1m Acquisition fund](#).

Irish Museum of Modern Art

In 2021, IMMA celebrated its 30th anniversary but the proposed celebrations were curtailed by pandemic restrictions. The galleries gradually opened in 2021 to present a single exhibition with themed elements that occupied all public spaces. [The Narrow Gate of the Here and Now](#) is an exhibition based on the works that IMMA has collected across the years. This has been a hugely ambitious and successful project that has showcased much of the richness of IMMA's Collection. 2021 was also a very busy year for the second year of the [IMMA Outdoors](#) programme.

IMMA worked throughout the year to realise the ambition of the [€1m Acquisition fund](#). A body of 422 artworks by 70 artists from across the country has been selected through a rigorous process by both IMMA and the Crawford Art Gallery.

National Concert Hall

Following the publication of the independent report by consultants Helen Boaden and Mediatique on the RTÉ Orchestras entitled *RTÉ Orchestras Ensuring a Sustainable Future* in 2018, the Government agreed in principle that the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra (RTÉ NSO) should come within the remit of the National Concert Hall (NCH).

Throughout 2021 the Department worked with both an Oversight Committee and a number of working groups to progress the transfer of the National Symphony Orchestra from RTÉ to the National Concert Hall. The Government agreed on 19 January 2022 that the transfer of the NSO, together with the RTÉ Choirs – RTÉ Philharmonic Choir, RTÉ Cór Linn and RTÉ Cór na nÓg, would take place with effect from 24 January 2022.

Given the continuance of COVID-19 restrictions into 2021 the NCH broadened the reach of its live streaming, recordings and broadcasts which included popular concerts by the NCH, RTÉNSO, RTÉCO and online Learning & Participation events.

National Museum of Ireland

While COVID-19 has been an extremely challenging experience, the staff of the NMI have worked tirelessly and extremely successfully to fulfil their mission to collect, care for, manage and interpret the collections while making them accessible as a source of learning and enjoyment for a wide range of diverse audiences.

In doing so, they continued and sustained contact with their audiences during three lockdowns, providing programmes of online and live streamed material to make sure that the Museum remains relevant to people's experience.

National Archives

2021 was an important year for the National Archives as they launched their [Commemoration Programme under the Decade of Centenaries 2012-2023](#) programme. The National Archives hosted a series of events from September to December and one of the highlights included "The Treaty, 1921: Records from the Archives Exhibition" which brought the exhibition to London in October before returning to Dublin Castle in December 2021. These dates are significant in that they mark the centenary of the start of the Treaty Negotiations in London (11 October 1921) and the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty (6 December 1921) that brought the modern Irish state into being.

In November 2021, members of Michael Collins' family presented the National Archives with the pocket diaries of Michael Collins covering the years 1918-1922. The diaries will be on long-term loan to the National Archives where they have undergone conservation and preservation treatment, archival processing and digitisation to enable public access to the diaries.

National Library of Ireland (NLI)

During 2021, the NLI continued to actively collect the Irish experience of COVID-19 across digital and physical formats, including collections of letters, children's art, websites and the Department of Health's COVID-19 digital artwork.

The NLI also continued the active acquisition of the nation's published and historical record. Minister Catherine Martin announced the acquisition of [Edna O'Brien's Papers \(2009 - 2021\)](#) by the National Library of Ireland in September 2021. These papers are now added to a collection of her papers for the period 2000 to 2009 already held by the National Library of Ireland.

National Gallery of Ireland

Many exciting exhibitions were held in the National Gallery of Ireland in 2021. The year opened with the continuing Mondrian exhibition (1 December 2020-14 February 2021). This landmark exhibition was the first of the artist's work to be held in Ireland and featured loans from Kunstmuseum Den Haag in the Netherlands. 'Jack B. Yeats: Painting and Memory' celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of one of the country's most celebrated artists.



'New Perspectives: Acquisitions 2011 – 2021' featured a decade of new acquisitions – many on display for the first time. The 'Glamour and Governance' showcased first complete display of the Gallery's collection of portraits from the Elizabethan period. 'George Wallace: Reflections on Life' featured etchings, monotypes, woodcuts and drawings by Dublin-born artist George Wallace (1920–2011). An undoubtedly highlight of the year was the acquisition of the iconic *Bachelor's Walk, In Memory* by one of Ireland's best-known artists, Jack B. Yeats. The year finished with the shortlisted entries for the Zurich Portrait and Young Portrait Prizes being displayed in the Gallery.

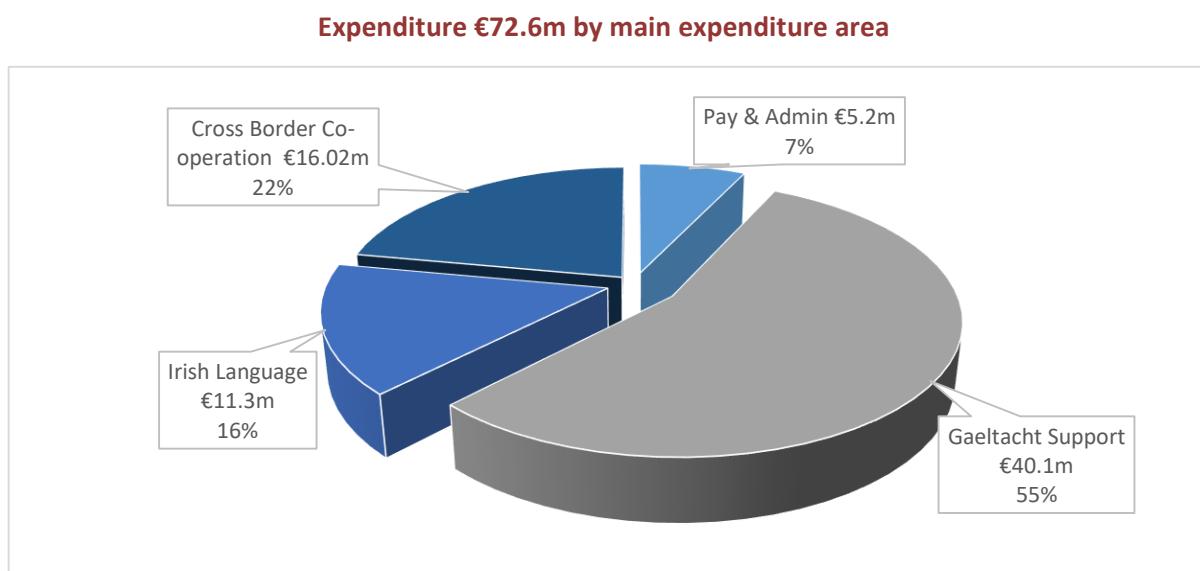


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7. The Irish Language and the Gaeltacht



Goals: The Irish Language and the Gaeltacht

GOAL: **To support the use of the Irish language throughout Ireland and to strengthen its use as the principal community language of the Gaeltacht.**

Strategy 1: **Support the Irish language, both inside and outside the Gaeltacht through the implementation of a 5 - Year Action Plan for the 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030**

Official Languages Act (Amendment) Act 2021 /Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021

On 22 December 2021, the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021 was signed by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins. This new legislation strengthens the Official Languages Act 2003 and it is widely recognised that it will make a significant contribution to the quality of services in Irish provided to the public by State bodies.

The Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021 addresses two main issues- the replacement of language schemes by language standards and the recruitment of Irish-speakers to the Public Service. New language standards for different sectors of government will ensure that organisations providing services to the public adhere to the highest standards with regard to the use of the Irish language.

The Act also provides for a target of 20% of new recruits to the public service being competent in Irish by the end of 2030, for all public services in the Gaeltacht to be provided in Irish and for all public offices in the Gaeltacht to operate through the medium of Irish. In addition, a National Plan for the Provision of Public Services in Irish will be developed by a statutory Advisory Committee appointed by the Minister.

Other significantly improved measures include:

- Expanded monitoring functions for the Office of An Coimisinéir Teanga.

- Public bodies responding to communications on social media shall answer in the language in which the communication is received.
- Public bodies shall issue marketing material to the public in both official languages.
- The names of all new public bodies shall be in Irish.
- The logos of public bodies shall be in Irish or in Irish and English.

Public bodies must also ensure that at least 20 per cent of all advertising shall be in the Irish language and at least 5 per cent published in Irish language media.

The Department is responsible for coordinating its implementation and publication of annual progress reports. On the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish language 2010-2030*, and accompanying Action Plan for the Irish Language 2018-2022. Implementation is the responsibility of a number of Government Departments, bodies and Irish language and Gaeltacht organisations.

With regard to delivery of the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish language 2010-2030*, the second annual progress report on the implementation of the Government's Action Plan for the Irish Language 2018-2022 was published in October 2021, covering the 18 month period from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020. The report provides an insight into 180 actions to be completed by the c. 60 stakeholders over the course of the five year plan. Notwithstanding the difficulties caused by COVID-19 since early 2020, significant progress has been reported regarding the implementation of actions in the plan.

Highlights of the key achievements across the nine Areas for Action are outlined below:

- A package of additional teaching and other supports has been provided to schools participating in the Gaeltacht Schools Recognition Scheme.
- In 2019, the Marino Institute of Education launched a new Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) programme of initial education for primary teachers in Irish.
- The Primary Languages Curriculum (CTB) was introduced for all stages in all schools in September 2019.
- Language plans were approved for 6 Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, one Gaeltacht Service Town and for 3 Irish Language Networks.
- 19 Language Planning Officers and 3 Assistant Language Planning Officers employed at the end of December 2020.
- 195 online events were organised for the home language networks during COVID-19 restrictions.
- Capital Funding at a rate of 95% provided for 8 early years services in the Gaeltacht.
- Planning permission was obtained for the development of an Irish language and cultural centre at Conradh na Gaeilge's headquarters at No. 6 Harcourt Street, in Dublin city centre.
- RTÉ established the Home School Hub to operate both linearly and online, to meet the needs of the country's primary school children during the pandemic.
- TG4 continued to commission and broadcast high quality content for the Irish speaking community.
- The *Concise English-Irish Dictionary* was published by Foras na Gaeilge in June 2020.
- The First Schedule to the Official Languages Act 2003 was reviewed and updated and the Regulations came into effect in June 2020.
- The Internship Scheme in the Institutions of the European Union continued to provide opportunities for graduates to gain work placements in the areas of translation and proofreading.
- 427 new full - time jobs were created in Údarás na Gaeltachta client companies in 2020

- There were 7,363 full-time and 437 part-time jobs in Údarás supported companies at the end of 2020.
- €7.4m of emergency supports were approved for Údarás na Gaeltachta client companies to address the impacts of COVID-19 and Brexit.
- The Board of Údarás na Gaeltachta approved a State investment of €4.9m in employment grants, machinery and training programs during 2020.
- Up to €20.3m in capital provision approved for the refurbishment and development of Gaeltacht business infrastructure to support employment retention and the development of new projects.

Capital Supports

Funding provided under *Gaeltacht Community and Language Support Programme* supports the strengthening of Irish as a community and family language in accordance with the objectives of the Gaeltacht Act 2012 and the 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030.

A total allocation of €2.5m was provided for capital projects in 2021. Key measures included the allocation of €913,906 in support of 41 projects which included the construction, upgrade and equipment for language and community facilities in Gaeltacht regions.

Community based organisations operating through Irish outside the Gaeltacht, may also apply for funding under the Department's *Irish Language Support Schemes* to assist with the costs associated with building or upgrading Irish language centres and for the purchase of equipment for such centres.



An Gaeltacht – Dhun na nGall

Current:

A total current allocation of €7.5m was provided under the *Gaeltacht Community and Language Support Programme* in 2021. Key measures included:

A COVID-19 Stabilisation Fund for the Irish Summer Colleges sector worth up to €3.9m was established by repurposing funding from Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge following the cancellation of courses due to COVID-19. In order to stabilise the sector due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Department provided three separate funds in 2021 for the benefit of the sector which targeted c. 700 Gaeltacht host families who provide accommodation to some 26,000 students who attend one of over 40 Gaeltacht Irish summer colleges under normal circumstances.

The Irish Language Assistants Scheme was further supported in 2021 through the three year funding allocation of €3.6m sanctioned in 2019 which benefits schools participating in the Department of Education's *Policy on Gaeltacht Education 2017-2022*. While the work of the language assistants was negatively affected by COVID-19 during school closures in 2021, they maintained output by uploading videos and maintaining contact with students through video conferencing.

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge was further supported in the provision of third level courses in their three Gaeltacht centres – in Gaoth Dobhair, Carna and An Cheathrú Rua - through a further 3 year allocation of €3m which was sanctioned in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic presented operational challenges for Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, as teaching moved primarily online.

- €240,217 was allocated in 2021 under *Scéim na gCampaí Samhraidh* to support language learning and enrichment opportunities for young people from Gaeltacht areas. 4,800 young people benefited from the 145 camps which took place in 2021. Numbers attending each camp was limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- A further 10 Gaeltacht-based organisations who provide a range of language-support measures were also funded under the programme. These organisations maintaining output in the face of COVID-19 by uploading videos on their websites, social media and by conducting classes by video conference.

The Language Planning Process:

A total allocation of €5m was provided to advance the implementation of the Language Planning Process in 2021. Key measures included:

- Approval of 7 additional language plans bringing the total number of approved plans to 32. Of the 7 plans approved, 5 were for Language Planning Areas and 2 were for Gaeltacht Service Towns;
- 19 Language Planning Officers and four Assistant Officers were employed in Gaeltacht Language Planning areas to implement approved language plans in their communities at the end of 2021;
- Continued support was provided for the language in early-years, the family and the language-centred traditional arts in order to underpin the Language Planning Process in Gaeltacht regions. Funding was provided to both Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta and Comhar Naónraí na Gaeltachta in support of the family and early years respectively. A three-year funding programme was agreed with Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta in November of 2021.
- Continuation of the work of Ealaín na Gaeltachta, in partnership with the Creative Ireland programme, in delivering their services including online activities and education programmes.

Strategy 2: Support the sustainable development of the Gaeltacht and island communities particularly through job creation and retention of existing employment

The overall Exchequer allocation for Údarás na Gaeltachta in 2021 was €34m. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gaeltacht companies have showed good levels of stability and the region witnessed a degree of recovery in terms of employment, driven by company innovation and the

considerable growth of the medical devices and medical products sectors. At year end, total employment in Údarás client companies stood at 8,294 of which 7,809 were full-time jobs and 485 were part-time. When job reductions are taken into account, there was a net increase of 6% (446) in overall employment – the largest annual net increase since 1996.

The majority of those jobs were created in Galway and Donegal. Employment levels in Údarás na Gaeltachta client companies in the Galway, Cork and Waterford Gaeltacht areas are at their highest levels in the history of the organisation. There was a 9.5% increase in employment in the Mayo Gaeltacht with the Meath Gaeltacht as the only area that experienced a decrease. The most significant increases in employment during the year were in the medical devices, niche manufacturing and audio-visual sectors while companies in the food and drinks, traditional manufacturing and services sectors saw the majority of the job reductions. Employment remained steady in 70% of companies, while 16% of client companies saw an increase in employment during the year. The largest employers in the Gaeltacht, amongst companies which receive support from Údarás na Gaeltachta, are in the services (35%), manufacturing (27%) and the food and drinks (15%) industries.

The Board of Údarás na Gaeltachta approved State investment of €8.07m in employment, plant, training and education grants during 2021. Up to €13.75m in capital provision was approved during the year to refurbish and develop the Gaeltacht's business infrastructure in order to assist with the development of employment and new initiatives.

Budget 2022 contained an €85.6m funding allocation for the Gaeltacht and Irish language sector – an increase of €7m on the 2021 allocation. It also included total funding of €33.3m for Údarás na Gaeltachta including an additional €1.5m which will further assist An tÚdarás in developing enterprise in Gaeltacht regions and in implementing its 5-Year Strategy. An additional €1m was also provided for community development and the hard-hit Gaeltacht tourism sector in 2022, further building on increases provided in the previous three Budgets.

Strategy 3: Continue to work with our partners in the EU with a view to ending the derogation on the use of the Irish language in the EU by 2022

The Irish language was given official and working status in the EU on 1 January 2007. However, a derogation arrangement had been in place due to a shortage of translation staff which restricted the amount of material translated into Irish. Since 2015, the Irish government, in conjunction with the institutions of the EU, introduced a suite of measures aimed at ensuring that a sufficient number of Irish-speaking personnel were available to fill vacancies arising in the institutions.

The derogation of the status of the Irish language in the European institutions ended at midnight on 31 December 2021 and its status is now on a par with the other official languages of the EU. The status of Irish as an official language in the European Union opens up new employment opportunities in Ireland and Europe for Irish speakers.

Initiatives pursued by the Department during 2021 to ensure the ending of the derogation include:

- A scheme established in 2018 to send interns to the European institutions for periods of 10 months.
- A translation competition for Irish-medium secondary schools in Ireland, north and south, in conjunction with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Translation, to encourage students to avail of the career opportunities for people with Irish in the EU.

- Funding for Conradh na Gaeilge's Roadshow, which runs over 120 workshops throughout the year on an all-Ireland basis. These are interactive workshops to inform young people about language rights, language services and employment opportunities.
- The continuation of the Advanced Irish Language Skills Initiative under the guidance of the Centre for Excellence for Irish Language Careers in the EU.
- The LEX/IATE Terminology Committee continued its important work online with the input from the various stakeholders across the institutions of Europe and the Department.



Minister Chambers visits Na Gaeil Oga

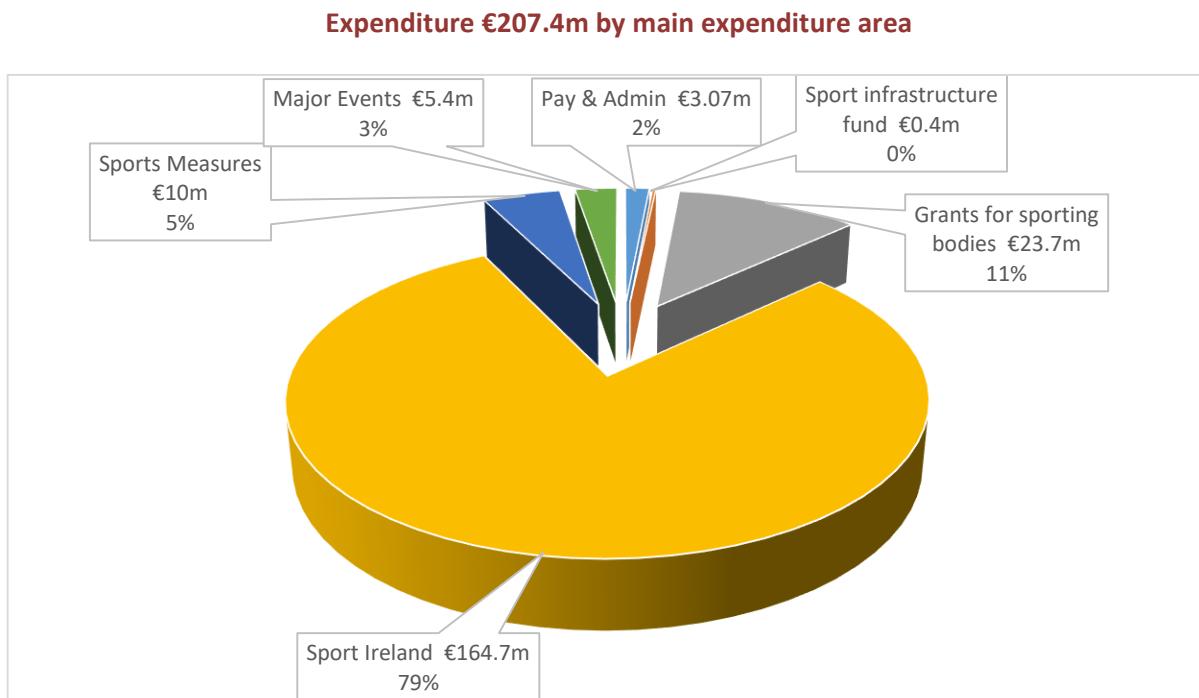
The Department funds the Ireland Canada University Foundation, the Fulbright Commission and universities in Europe through the 'Third Level Education Abroad' scheme. Funding was provided under this scheme in 2021 for the teaching of Irish in some 43 participating universities abroad. The aims of the fund are to foster and promote goodwill towards the Irish language outside Ireland and to provide a platform for access to the Irish language and support its recognition as an international language.

Sport

Goal D

Promote greater sports participation by all, with particular focus on female participation and diversity, while continuing to invest in new sports facilities, high performance athletes and the hosting of major events.

8. Sport



Overview

Investec Economic Research commissioned by the Federation of Irish Sport in 2019 on the Economic Benefits of Sport in Ireland estimated that sport in Ireland generates €2.7bn in household spending per annum.

The onset of COVID-19 had an enormous impact on Sport at all levels from the individual recreational to the elite professional levels. This was reflected in the widespread cancellation and postponement of events and restriction of access to training and practice facilities. In May 2020 a 'Return to Sport Expert Group' was established by the government to provide guidance to Ireland's sporting bodies to prepare for the phased return to sporting activity in line with the Government Roadmap for Reopening Business and Society. The Expert Group, chaired by the Department, held 28 meetings in 2021 bringing the total number of meetings held to over 50 since its inception. The Expert Group continued to liaise with health authorities throughout the pandemic to ensure that this key component of Ireland's social fabric returned and reopened on a safe and sustainable footing. In parallel with the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions the group was dissolved in December 2021.

Inspired by the imperative to maintain an ongoing, open dialogue and consult the sports sector in a timely, structured and comprehensive manner on the management of challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, a COVID-19 Sports Monitoring Group, chaired by the Minister of State Chambers, was established in early 2020. This facilitated the conduct of highly beneficial, direct discussions on key issues being faced by the different National Governing Bodies. In total 13 meetings of the group took place, with four meetings held in 2021. This group has also been dissolved, with the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions.

Along with the provision of a comprehensive range of pandemic supports, various policy objectives continued to be progressed throughout the year by the Department and its partners in the Sporting bodies.

National Sports Policy

The National Sports Policy 2018-2027 launched in July 2018 includes three High-Level Goals:

- Increased Participation across all sports in Ireland (from 43% to 50% by 2027, this figure has been raised to 60% in the Programme for Government).
- More Excellence in terms of governance as well as in the high performance sporting arena.
- Improved Capacity to allow for more people to get involved in sport, and for those already engaged in sport to improve standards across the board.

During 2021, the Sports Leadership Group, which was established to oversee and drive the implementation of the National Sports Policy, continued its work, culminating in the publication of the Sports Action Plan 2021-2023. This prioritised action plan for sport has the aim of giving immediate effect to the high level goals established under the National Sports Policy.



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National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027

Sports Action Plan 2021 - 2023



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Funding for female intercounty Gaelic Games players:

During the year, a significant measure was introduced to achieve parity in funding for female intercounty Gaelic Games players with their male counterparts. Additional funding of €1.7m was provided to increase the grant funding for female Gaelic players to €2.4m, providing for an equitable

funding allocation with male players. To support this process Sport Ireland established an Inter County Gaelic Games Steering Group. The Group consists of representatives from Sport Ireland, the Gaelic Athletic Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, Camogie Association and the Gaelic Players Association. This Group is overseeing the transition to a new single interface between the Gaelic Games family and Sport Ireland on funding for all inter-county grant schemes from 2022 onwards.

Sport Ireland

The Department supports the activities of Sport Ireland in monitoring the effective development, funding and implementation of programmes, in compliance with Government financial requirements and policy. The total current expenditure budget for Sport Ireland in 2021 was €156.6m. This includes COVID-19 related funding of €73.6m.

Sport Ireland's statement of strategy for 2018-2022 is based on the four key pillars of:

- Participation (Lifelong and Inclusive Sport);
- Performance (Playing and competing at a level appropriate to ability);
- High Performance (Reaching Ireland's potential at the highest levels of competition); and
- Sport Ireland Governance (Drive the development of a highly effective sports sector that will have an impact throughout the country).

A summary of progress in 2021 under each priority area is provided below –

1. Participation

One of the objectives within Sport Ireland's strategy is to expand research evaluation programmes to increase participation. To assist with achieving this objective a Research Strategy was developed and approved by the Board in October 2021.

Published in 2020, the *Irish Sports Monitor (ISM) 2019* showed that 1.7m people (46% of the population) regularly participate in sport, an increase of 150,000 since 2017 (43% of the population). The ISM also reported that the gender gap in participation had continued to decline to a new low of 3.4% in 2019 from 4.5% at end 2017.

The 2021 ISM Mid-Year Report revealed that COVID-19 has impacted upon sport and physical activity participation. Sport participation rates were 35% in Q1 and 41% in Q2. While participation rates are increasing, this is lower in comparison to the pre-pandemic rates of 46% shown in the 2019 ISM Mid-Year Report. The Report also showed that a larger increase in sports activity among men during Q2 had led to a re-emergence of a gender gap. Sport Ireland remains committed to prioritising investment in areas of disadvantage, with a specific focus on children and older adults who have greatly suffered due to the pandemic, as well as the on-going Implementation of participation plan, Women in Sport Policy, Outdoor & Disability policies

Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs) Supports

In 2021, 29 LSPs continued to provide national coverage for sports participation programmes and services. Sport Ireland invested €18.5m to 29 LSPs through core, Dormant Accounts and COVID-19 funding. Through Sport Ireland funding, every LSP now has a minimum of 4 core staff, a coordinator, an administrator, a sports inclusion disability officer and a community sports development officer. In 2021 Sport Ireland provided €1.295m to the 29 LSPs for the employment of additional human resources in the LSP network, building greater capacity to develop Sport and physical activity locally.

In 2021, Sport Ireland also increased LSP programme investment by 54% to €1.34m to develop, expand and roll out evidence informed projects targeting communities of disadvantage. Sport Ireland's strategy to increase investment in LSP programming supported both the return to safe in person opportunities as well as building on the virtual opportunities developed throughout the

pandemic. LSPs continued to ensure that everyone in society has the opportunity to share in the enjoyment as well as the mental and physical health benefits of sport and physical activity during these unprecedented times. In 2021, 272,086 people took part in programmes run by LSPs. Furthermore, 18,485 females took part in 212 LSP programmes that specifically focused on increasing participation by women and girls.

COVID-19 club and Community Supports

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic Sport Ireland also invested an additional €2.1m into the LSP network to support the resumption of sport and physical activity. €1.6m was allocated to Local Sports Partnerships to operate local small grant schemes for clubs and community groups.

Additionally, some €0.6m was provided to Local Sports Partnerships (€0.5m) and Age and Opportunity (€0.1m) under the Grassroots Programme Fund targeting grassroots sport and underrepresented communities. Initiatives that support a return to volunteering were also strongly encouraged.

Campaigns and Initiatives

- The *Let's Get Back* communications campaign encouraged the Irish public to return to sport and physical activity. The campaign was supported by Sport Ireland's nationwide network of Local Sports Partnerships and National Governing Bodies.
- The *HER Outdoors* week took place on 9- 15th of August 2021 and encouraged women and girls to discover their sense of adventure and experience everything the outdoors has to offer in terms of physical activity.
- To celebrate *International Women's Day*, Sport Ireland hosted a *Women in Sport Week* from 8- 12th March. Many National Governing Bodies hosted webinars, online exercise events and highlighted coaches, officiators and female leaders in their sport throughout the week.

Widening Participation in Sport

In line with Sport Ireland's *Women in Sport Policy* published in 2019, Sport Ireland continued to support women's sustained involvement in sport as coaches, volunteers, club members, athletes, advocates, leaders, and participants from grassroots to the podium. €265,000 in *Women in Sport* funding was provided to the LSP network in 2021. In July 2021 Sport Ireland announced an investment in its *Women in Sport Programme* of €4m over the two years 2021 and 2022. There was also increased funding under Dormant Accounts and core Funding whilst additional COVID-19 funding for the sector also created additional participation opportunities.

Funding of €607,605 was also provided for the '*Go for Life*' Programme which aims to help clubs and organisations to increase opportunities for their older members to actively participate in recreational sport and a range of physical activities. Sport Ireland and the network of LSPs arranged many different initiatives such as *BeActive Day* initiative which encouraged people both young and old to meet their physical activity guidelines in a fun way on the day.

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The [Migrant Integration Strategy](#) explicitly recognises the potential for sport to support the integration of migrants through encouraging active participation, volunteering and involvement in governance. Sport Ireland is represented on the Active Citizenship Subcommittee of the Migrant Integration Strategy Monitoring and Co-ordination Committee. In supporting the delivery of this action and relevant actions in the National Sports Policy, Sport Ireland commenced development of a Diversity and Inclusion policy to further broaden the scope of its diversity and inclusion remit.

Youth Field Sports

In 2021, €10.4m was made available in funding under this heading. This included allocations of €2.4m to the Gaelic Athletic Association, and €2.25m to the Irish Rugby Football Union to support their work in increasing participation in sport by young people. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and the Football Association of Ireland, Sport Ireland allocated €5.8m to the FAI in 2021 for grassroots programmes and to support the development of other areas of the FAI.

Sport Ireland Outdoors

Sport Ireland continued to promote all developed recreational trails in Ireland on the National Trails Register. In 2021, Sport Ireland developed and published updated Horse Trail Criteria and Water Trail Criteria for Ireland to ensure the high quality development of recreational trails in Ireland.

Sport Ireland began the 18 month implementation phase of a base register and digital database for sport and recreation amenities with support from the Healthy Ireland Fund. The implementation phase includes extensive stakeholder engagement, data procurement, brand development, technical development, evaluation framework development and a communications plan. The database is on track to be launched in 2023.

As part of its partnership with Sport Ireland, CARA delivered a number of online workshops during 2021 which aimed to address the issue of accessibility in the outdoors by providing practical information, advice and guidance on how to make the outdoors more accessible.

European Week of Sport 2021

The European Week of Sport was a week-long celebration of sport that encouraged everyone to take part in some sort of sporting activity. European Week of Sport (EWOS) Ambassador's David Gillick, Kenneth Egan, and Eimear Lambe promoted the week in the lead up to the launch. In 2021, ten funded bodies held flagship events nationwide, including the sold-out Sport Ireland Campus Family SportFest event, held on the National Sports Campus. Five LSPs held flagship #BeActive Night events across the country on the evening of Saturday 25th September. In addition to this, over 160 events were registered on the Sport Ireland EWOS event directory website page.

Dormant Accounts Funding 2021

In 2021, the Dormant Accounts Fund (DAF) Action Plan, prepared by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved an allocation of €10m for sports measures. This funding supports programmes or projects which assist:

- the personal and social development of persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged
- the educational development of persons who are educationally disadvantaged or
- persons with a disability

Funding Figures

NGB's for Community and Disability Sports Projects.	€1.10m
Community Sport and Physical Activity hubs in disadvantaged communities	€1.78m
Volunteer Supports	€0.51m
Youth Leadership programmes	€0.40m
Urban Adventure Initiatives	€0.49m
Sporting Inclusion projects	€1.0m
Sports Disability Training Framework CARA	€0.21m

As part of the 2021 programme, Sport Ireland opened a *Get Girls Active Programme Fund*. This fund aims to support the implementation of the Sport Ireland Women in Sport Policy. Four local sports partnerships received funding of €12,500 to support the development, pilot and testing of a number of new programmes and initiatives that emerged through the *Get Girls Active Hackathon* which took place in April 2021.



2. Performance (Playing and competing at a level appropriate to ability)

2020 and 2021 have been extraordinarily difficult and challenging years for organised sport. Significant levels of National Governing Bodies (NGBs) activities including training, competition, coaching and mass participation events were scaled down, postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 funding of €73.6m was provided in 2021 to support the sector in meeting the challenges of the pandemic. The funding aimed to address the immediate threat to National Governing Bodies and their club networks.

For 2021, core funding was maintained across the majority of performing NGBs and funded organisations. This funding, in addition to the COVID-19 Resilience Schemes, aimed at providing stability and certainty to NGBs as they plan for the years ahead. €13.3m was allocated to 59 National Governing Bodies of Sport. This grant covers the implementation of strategic plans and participation programmes, coach development, the employment of professional staff and the administration costs of developing and delivering the sport. In addition, Sport Ireland also ring-fenced €541,000 to support development projects and events within identified NGBs.

While overall NGB membership figures declined during 2021, the full reopening of organised sport, in particular indoor sport, will help to facilitate a gradual return to pre pandemic figures as evidenced by the Irish Sports Monitor data. This challenge will be a significant one bearing in mind the 6% decline in participation to 40% at the end of 2021 compared to the pre-pandemic level.

Combined core funding to Athletics, Swimming & Cycling has increased from €2m in 2018 to €2.3m in 2021. In 2021 Swim Ireland also received €30,000 additional special projects funding to support the recruitment of a dedicated Participation Director. Similarly, Athletics Ireland announced the appointment of a new Participation Director in November 2021.

3. High Performance (Reaching Ireland's potential at the highest levels of competition)

The Sport Ireland High Performance Strategy 2021-2032 was launched in June 2021. This long-term plan for Ireland's high performance system sets challenging, yet achievable, targets and details clear actions across seven strategic areas. A detailed implementation plan was developed and initiated in 2021. There were several key outcomes under the High Performance Strategy achieved in 2021, including:

- Creation and appointment of role for Head of High Performance Coaching
- Advancements to the International Carding Scheme to improve athlete supports
- Development of a new funding framework for high performance programmes

2021 Investment

Sport Ireland invested €17.89m in high performance sport in 2021. This includes €2.74m in grants to elite Irish athletes under Sport Ireland's International Carding Scheme; €8.5m to NGBs for the delivery of their high performance programmes; and €820,000 in high performance funding for the Olympic Federation of Ireland and Paralympics Ireland. In addition, Sport Ireland provided funding of €2.48m to support targeted projects in preparation for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. A further €3.34m was provided to the Sport Ireland Institute for high performance support services. The total investment of €17.89m reflected an increase of €2.2m from 2020.

2021 Performance

In NGBs directly supported by Sport Ireland through High Performance Programme Funding, Ireland won 62 major medals at European and World level competitions across a variety of Olympic and Paralympic sports.

At the Tokyo Olympic Games, a total of four medals were won; two Gold medals - Kellie Harrington (Lightweight, Boxing) and Paul O'Donovan/Fintan McCarthy (Lightweight Double Sculls, Rowing); and two Bronze medals - Aifric Keogh, Eimear Lambe, Fiona Murtagh and Emily Hegarty (Four, Rowing) and Aidan Walsh (Welterweight, Boxing).

At the Tokyo Paralympic Games seven medals were won. Four Gold medals - Ellen Keane (SB8 100m Breaststroke, Swimming), Jason Smyth (T13 100m, Athletics), Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal (Road Time Trial Tandem B and Road Race Tandem B, Cycling); two Silver medals - Nicole Turner (S6 50m Butterfly, Swimming), and Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal (Individual Pursuit Tandem B, Cycling), and one Bronze medal- Gary O'Reilly (H5 Time Trial, Cycling).

4. Sport Ireland Governance -To drive the development of a highly effective sports sector that will have an impact throughout the country.

In 2021, Sport Ireland continued to offer support to organisations under the "Gov-Enhance" Governance Support Programme, with 28 events taking place throughout the year. Under the National Sports Policy 2018-2027 (Action 31), all funded bodies are required to adopt the Governance Code for Sport (the Code) by 31 December 2021. To date, 86 (of 100 organisations within the sports sector) have self-declared adoption of the Code while a further 4 organisations have submitted paperwork for review by Sport Ireland and 10 remain on their "adoption journey" with Sport Ireland awaiting paperwork to be submitted from them in due course.

Objective: To facilitate and oversee the development of the Sport Ireland Campus.

Sport Ireland Campus

Work continued on the developed of a new Masterplan for the Campus during the year. The masterplan proposes a vision and framework for the growth of the Sport Ireland Campus and the long-term development of associated sporting facilities over the next 15-20 years.

A number of projects commenced on the Campus in 2021 including

- Pavilion extension
- National Indoor Arena car park extension
- Long Barn Office Accommodation

Sport Ireland Facilities Designated Activity Company

A subsidiary of Sport Ireland, Sport Ireland Facilities DAC is responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the Sport Ireland Campus facilities. COVID-19 had a significant impact on operations on the Campus during 2021 and as a result, visits were much lower than previous years. 259,030 visits were made to the National Aquatic Centre while there were 111,000 visitors to the National Indoor Arena and 69,000 to the Synthetic pitches. These numbers represent a significant decrease compared to 2019 which had an overall number of around 1.6m visitors.

Objective: To meet Ireland's responsibilities in relation to sport issues at EU and international level.

Anti-Doping

Sport Ireland operates the Irish Sport Anti-Doping Programme and continues to make progress in the areas of testing, education and research. The Programme is part of an international system and has a national and international reputation for excellence which is important for Irish sports and athletes competing at the highest levels of sport, domestically and internationally.

The Anti-Doping Unit continues to operate to the highest standards, evidenced by the maintenance of ISO certification following a surveillance audit in October 2021 and to play an influential leadership role at NADO and WADA meetings as a strong voice for clean and ethical sport. In 2021, 8,300 users completed the online anti-doping e-learning platform for athletes and athlete support personnel. Sport Ireland also continued to contribute to the Council of Europe's Anti-Doping Convention Monitoring Group and also the Council of Europe's Advisory Groups on Education and Science. A significant volume of anti-doping education sessions were undertaken in advance of Tokyo Games.

The Anti-Doping Unit also virtually attended and contributed to a number of Council of Europe's CAHAMA meetings throughout the year. Sport Ireland also provided feedback to WADA on a number of technical letters and documents and the 2022 Prohibited List.

Objective: To facilitate development of sports facilities at national, regional and local level ensuring that supports are provided in a regionally balanced way and target disadvantaged areas

Sports Capital and Equipment Programme

Equipment at Sport Ireland National Sports Campus

The Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP) is the primary vehicle for Government support for the development of sports and recreation facilities and the purchase of non-personal sports equipment throughout the country.

Over 13,000 projects have now benefitted from sports capital funding since 1998, bringing the total allocations in that time to over €1.1 billion. The Programme for Government commits to continuing the SCEP and to prioritising investment in disadvantaged areas.

The 2020 round of the Programme closed for applications on 1 March 2021. By this date, 3,106 applications were submitted which was the highest number of applications ever received.

Approximately one thousand of the submitted applications were for 'equipment-only' projects. These applications were assessed first and grants with a total value of €16.6m were announced on 6 August 2021. The remaining capital applications were then assessed and 1,865 individual grant offers with a total value of over €143.8m were announced on Friday 11 February 2022.

In December 2021, Ministers approved the allocation of €5.3m in "equipment" grants to National Governing Bodies of Sport [NGBs] and Local Sports Partnerships [LSPs]. The individual grant allocations were made on the basis of recommendations from Sport Ireland which had been tasked to seek and identify proposals which would advance the Governments National Sports Policy with a focus on the areas of participation, inclusion, female involvement in sport & increasing physical activity in the outdoors. A dedicated application strand to deliver on the Sport Ireland High Performance Strategy 2021-2032 was also included. The fund was open to all Sport Ireland recognised NGBs and funded bodies and the final allocations included:

- €3.387m to support 26 NGBs further advance participation opportunities
- €0.482m to 15 Local Sports Partnerships to advance participation at a community level
- €1.454m to support 15 NGBs in advancing the Sport Ireland High Performance Strategy



Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund

The National Sports Policy provided for a new *Large Scale Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF)* with at least €100m being made available over the period to 2027. The fund initially focused on the requirements and development plans of National Governing Bodies of sport and local authorities. Following a detailed assessment process, the first provisional allocations of €82.4m were announced in January 2020 for 32 successful applicants. A further €3.991m was later provisionally allocated for the Development of a stadium in Donegal. The first payments under the fund were made in 2021 in respect of 2 of these projects while many others were advanced to the stage where funding agreements could be finalised. A detailed Review of the LSSIF including engagement with all grantees also commenced in 2021.

Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme

The *Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme (LASPP)* provides grant aid towards the capital costs of new swimming pools or the refurbishment of existing pools. To date 52 pools have been completed and significant progress was made in 2021 on the new swimming pool in Lucan, County Dublin., Future

swimming pool projects will be considered for funding under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF).

Major Events Unit

The Major Sports Events unit, established in 2019, to co-ordinate Government support for major sports events and to develop a major international sport events policy and a strategy. In summary the role of unit can be expressed as:

- (i) Assess – assess the economic, sporting and social case for supporting a bid to host a Major Event
- (ii) Bid – provide support for bids for Major Events, in particular in relation to Government guarantees, the support of public services and, if necessary, bid funding.
- (iii) Deliver – support hosting and delivery, where appropriate.

The unit has been involved in examining and supporting a number of events to date which are outlined below as well as overseeing the return of spectators to sports events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Major Sports Events Policy

The Programme for Government contains a commitment to put in place a Strategy for attracting Major Sports Events to Ireland. It is intended that this would guide State support for major international sporting events, setting out priorities for support and the impacts that would be sought from events. During 2021, considerable policy research was undertaken on fulfilling this commitment through the development of a policy and strategy, although progress was delayed by work on other projects.

UEFA EURO 2020

The UEFA European Championships is Europe's premier competition for national football teams, and EURO 2020 was due to be held in June 2020 across 12 cities ranging from Dublin to Baku. Ireland was due to host four games, three first round group games and one second round game. Based on a pre-event economic study, up to 96,000 visitors were expected, delivering an economic impact of up to €126m including an estimated tax return to the Exchequer of €26m. The event was postponed by UEFA until June 2021. However, due to the public health situation, it was not possible to commit to admitting spectators and as a result UEFA took the decision to move the Dublin games to St. Petersburg and London.

Ryder Cup 2027

Following discussions with the Professional Golf Association (PGA) European Tour, the Government, in July 2019, approved a package of financial support for the hosting of the 2026 Ryder Cup in Adare Co. Limerick. A steering group has been established to prepare for the tournament that, following the postponement of the 2020 tournament, will now be held in 2027.

FIFA World Cup 2030

Since October 2018, UK & Ireland government authority and football stakeholders had been engaged in a feasibility study to determine whether to progress a five association bid for the 2030 FIFA World Cup. This work carried on throughout 2021. Ultimately, in early 2022, the football authorities took the decision to focus instead on a joint bid to host EURO 2028. In March 2022, the Government agreed to support the Expression of Interest by the FAI for that event.

ICC T20 Cricket World Cup 2030

On 16th November 2021 the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that the preferred hosts of the 2030 T20 Men's Cricket World Cup are the UK and Ireland. A letter of general support from

Minister of State Jack Chambers had previously been provided to the ICC in support of this joint bid by the ECB, Cricket Scotland and Cricket Ireland.

While details remain to be finalised, hosting a part of this tournament with such a huge audience globally and large numbers of travelling spectators would represent an exciting opportunity for Irish cricket.

Aer Lingus College Football Classic

The Aer Lingus College Football Classic five game series is a successful and proactive public private collaboration. During 2021, two fixtures of the five game series were confirmed and ticket sales commenced. Additional work was also progressed for the use of key Dublin locations for ancillary events around the time of the fixtures, the first of which will take place in August 2022.

37th America's Cup

In April 2021, the Department undertook economic appraisal of potentially hosting the 37th America's Cup. Following detailed analysis and taking account of the deliverability challenges and the scale of the costs and potential benefits, Ireland ultimately withdrew from the host venue selection process in March 2022.

A safe return of spectators to sports grounds

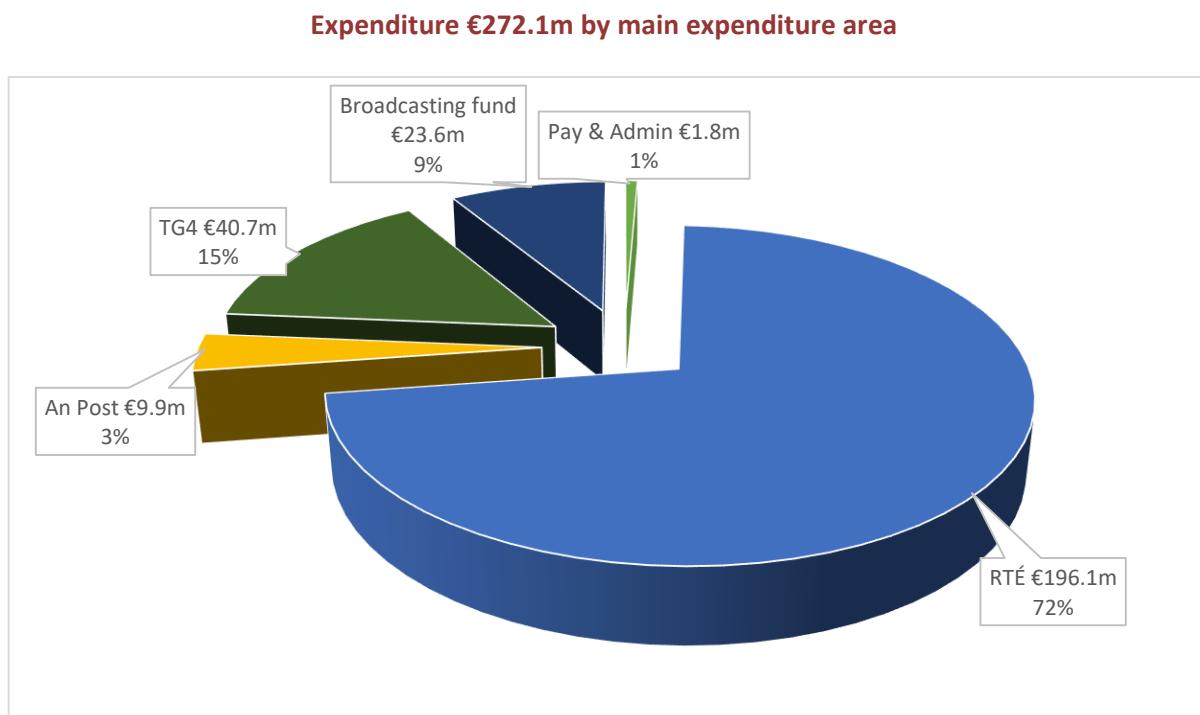
COVID-19 restrictions meant that for long periods of 2020 and 2021 spectators were not permitted at sporting events. From October 2020, the Department worked with a combined working group of the FAI, the IRFU and the GAA and Sport Ireland to facilitate a safe return for spectators. The working group's guidelines, which were published in June 2021 for use by event organisers, were prepared with the assistance of health and safety experts and described how spectators can safely be accommodated at sporting events. Pilot events were also used to test measures to mitigate against COVID-19 including reduced attendances, careful communication with spectators, physical distancing, mask-wearing, the careful management of entrance and departure of spectators and hand sanitising. There were no recorded instances of transmission of COVID-19 during the sporting events in question.

Media

Goal E

To support the provision of commercial, community and public service media that meet the needs of Irish audiences and provide a regulatory environment that supports online safety and a free, plural and diverse media sector in Ireland.

9. Media



The Broadcasting and Media Sector played an important role in communicating public health messaging, and generally supporting the continuation of community life, support of individual mental well-being and the creative and cultural sector throughout 2021. A number of key policy and legislative initiatives were progressed throughout the year.

Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill

Significant progress has been made on the Online Safety and Media Regulation (OSMR) Bill which will, among other things, dissolve the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, establish a multi-person regulator, *Coimisiún na Meán* (the Media Commission), including an Online Safety Commissioner, establish a regulatory framework for online safety, update the regulatory framework for audio-visual media services, and transpose the revised Audio-visual Media Services Directive (Directive 2018/1808/EU). An Coimisiún will be responsible for overseeing updated regulations for broadcasting and video on-demand services and a new regulatory framework for online safety.

On 8th December 2020, the Government approved the finalisation of the General Scheme of the Bill, and the finalised General Scheme was forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General, so that they could continue detailed drafting of the Bill. The finalised General Scheme was also referred to the relevant Joint Oireachtas Committee for pre-legislative scrutiny. On 18th May 2021 the Government approved the integration of the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill, 2019, into the OSMR Bill and the introduction of three further Heads of Bill.

On 2nd November 2021, the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media published its report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the OSMR Bill and made 33 recommendations across the areas addressed in the legislation, including specific provisions concerning the establishment and operation of the proposed content levy, individual complaints mechanisms, regulation of illegal and harmful content, advertising standards, the functions of Coimisiún na Meán and the Online Safety Commissioner.



Minister Martin launches National Online Safety Report

Future of Media Commission

In recognition of the importance of a sustainable Irish media sector, the Programme for Government expanded the remit of the proposed Public Service Broadcasting Commission to an expert group named the Future of Media Commission. It was tasked with considering the future of print, broadcast, and online media in a platform agnostic fashion.

The Commission conducted a public consultation process that received over 800 submissions, and involved hosting six (6) online thematic dialogues in which dozens of experts and over 1,000 members of the public participated. The Commission also engaged with a number of experts and key stakeholders, and conducted public opinion surveys to inform its deliberations. The FOMC report was published in July 2022.

The Commission completed its work in July 2021 and submitted a detailed report, containing recommendations on a wide range of issues facing the media sector, to the Taoiseach and Minister Catherine Martin in September 2021. The Taoiseach and Minister Martin, together with other members of Government, commenced a detailed consideration of the report, taking into account a range of other inter-related issues that Government is addressing in the wider media and digital space. These include the National Digital Strategy and Ireland's approach to the implementation of the Digital Services Act; the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill, and in particular the establishment of a new media regulator, Coimisiún na Meán.

RTÉ

RTÉ is funded through a combination of TV Licence fee receipts and commercial income. TV Licence receipts for 2021 totalled €220.73m of which RTÉ received €196.086m. The provisions of the Broadcasting Act, 2009, require RTÉ to spend a statutory minimum amount on programming produced by the independent television and radio production sector. Total expenditure for 2021 amounted to €43.5m, which included the statutory requirement for the year of €39.8m, and a further €3.7m carried over from the previous year (as provided for in legislation). The 2020 underspend arose due to COVID-19 restrictions inhibiting the filming and production of content in 2020.

Outputs

#	Title of Indicator	Delivered by end 2021
1	Reach of all RTÉ services among adults 18+	92%
2	Radio all day share (adults 15+)	29.5%
3	TV all day share (adults 15+)	27.2%
4	Hours of home produced content on RTÉ One & RTÉ 2	6,101
5	RTÉ expenditure on independently produced television and radio programmes	€43.5m
6	Average no. of broadcast hours of Irish language programming per day	13.19

Impacts

#	Title of Indicator	2021	2020	2019
1	Number of new television and radio programmes and new projects that will provide for the delivery of an extensive range of new community and local radio programmes that benefit local communities and audiences, offered funding through the Broadcasting Fund Sound & Vision Scheme	221	235	241
2	Average number of hours of Irish produced television programming (RTÉ)	6,101	6,030	5,687

TG4

TG4 is largely funded by the Exchequer with some commercial revenue, and in 2021 received €40.733m (€36.733m Current and €4m Capital), to fund programming commitments, including programming produced by the independent production sector. TG4 broadcast an average of 13.19 hours of Irish language programmes per day.



TG4 HQ

Broadcasting Fund

In 2021, the total provision to the BAI through the Broadcasting Fund amounted to €22.759m (€14.759m from TV licence fee receipts and €8m from supplementary exchequer funding). This provided financial support for 221 radio and high quality TV programming based on Irish culture and heritage under the Sound & Vision 4 Scheme during 2021. In addition, an amount of €0.839m was provided to meet the cost to the BAI of a waiver of the Broadcasting Levy in Q1 and Q2 of 2020, which mitigated the cost to broadcasters against the drop in revenue as a result of COVID-19.

North-South Co-operation

Goal F

To promote North-South co-operation, within the context of the Government's Shared Island Initiative, particularly in the context of the work of An Foras Teanga and Tourism Ireland.

10. North-South Co-operation

Goal F: To promote North South co-operation, particularly in the context of An Foras Teanga

An Foras Teanga receives funding to promote the Irish language in every aspect of life throughout the island and to promote greater awareness of Ulster-Scots language and culture.

Strategy 1: Engaging with the joint funding Departments in Northern Ireland to support the work of the North/South Implementation Bodies

In 2021, engagement continued with the joint funding Department in Northern Ireland to support the work of the North/South Implementation Body, An Foras Teanga.

The Department is committed to co-funding and supporting An Foras Teanga (comprising Foras na Gaeilge and Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch) and to assist this North/South Implementation Body in carrying out its functions in the context of both the Good Friday and St. Andrew's Agreements. An Foras Teanga is accountable to the North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) and to the Ministers in the Sponsoring Departments¹.

- Foras na Gaeilge carries out all of the designated responsibilities regarding the Irish language, including facilitating and promoting the development of Irish in the public and private arena.
- Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch has responsibility for the development of the Ulster-Scots language, including the promotion of greater awareness and the use of the language and of Ulster-Scots cultural issues.

Both Foras na Gaeilge and Tha Boord o Ulstèr Scotch have their own boards, whose members together constitute the board of An Foras Teanga.

Four monitoring meetings in respect of An Foras Teanga were held in 2021. Regular ongoing communication with the Northern Sponsor Department and the Agencies were also part of the overall oversight and governance framework.

During 2021, total funding of €14.642m was provided by the Department to An Foras Teanga (including ring-fenced funding). In addition to the NSMC budgets, funded by the Department and Department for Communities (DfC) additonal funding was provided for ringfenced activities, comprising €1.036m for Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge (supporting reading, writing and publishing initiatives in the Irish language), and €0.119m for Colmcille (a tripartite initiative to promote the Irish and Scots Gaelic languages).

Foras Na Gaeilge

In the Irish language sector, the COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges in relation to Irish language community, education, business and the arts. While COVID-19 impacted the workload of all Foras na Gaeilge staff and grant recipients, cooperation among stakeholders ensured that arrangements were put in place to adapt to the challenges arising.

Highlights of the work program in 2021 included:

¹ Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (D/TCAGSM) and the Department for Communities (DfC) in Northern Ireland

- Foras na Gaeilge supported €9m in community investment through the six lead Irish language organisations, community-based schemes, as well as youth, education, arts and sports scholarship schemes.
 - Funding was also made available under the Investment Fund, for the establishment of Naíscoil na Seolta – the first integrated Irish-medium preschool in East Belfast.
 - 28 Irish language community development officers employed under the new Irish Language Network Development Scheme.
 - 261 schools took part in Gaelbhratach which Foras na Gaeilge supports through Gael Linn.
 - 22 new translators achieved accreditation under the ‘translation seal’ process.
 - An increase of 19% in users of teanglann.ie was achieved.
 - Foras na Gaeilge established the lexicography essay-writing competition for third-level students - Comórtas Aistí Néill Uí Dhónaill.
 - 3,500 new terms were added to the National Terminology Database for Irish, tearma.ie.
 - 84 books were published under the 2021 Publications Scheme.
 - 19 writers and 18 mentors worked under the 2021 Mentoring Scheme.
 - An Gúm, the publishing arm of Foras na Gaeilge, published *Gairdín Mháire na mBláth* and *Ó Bhó, na Beachá!*
 - An increase of 17% was achieved in followers across Foras na Gaeilge’s social media platforms.
 - Foras na Gaeilge provided funding for 68 Summer camps.
 - 65 groups under the 2021-22 Youth Scheme.
 - 46 SMEs under the business support schemes.
 - €400,000 to 18 Irish language Centres.
 - Funding was provided to 14 drama companies.
 - Funding was provided for 47 festivals and 7 major arts events.
 - Colmcille 1500 took place during 2021, the programme commemorating 1500 years since the birth of the saint who links Ireland and Scotland. 6 artistic works were commissioned through Colmcille 1500.
 - With the assistance of funding from Foras na Gaeilge, Gaelchultúr granted certificates of competence in the Irish language in professional contexts to 573 public service employees.
- a. The North South Ministerial Council made the following appointments to the Board of Foras na Gaeilge in 2021:

- Regina Uí Chollatáin - Chair ; Conor McGuinness – Deputy Chair; Maighréad Ní Chonghaile – Board Member; Ian Ó Dochartaigh – Board Member; and Freda Nic Giolla Chatháin – Board Member.
- b. The following Board Members retired from the Board during 2021:
- Barra Ó Muirí – Deputy Chair; Niall Ó Gallochobhair – Board Member; Máire Ní Neachtain – Board Member; and Sorcha Ní Chéidigh – Board Member.

Ulster-Scots Agency

In 2021, the Ulster-Scots Agency continued to work to sustain programme delivery while supporting Ulster-Scots communities across Ulster to have the confidence to re-engage with cultural activity. Key achievements in the period included:

- Supported 257 school children around Ulster to achieve recognised qualifications in music and dance disciplines.
- Development of a range of online learning resources and opportunities, including 40 virtual visits highlighting places of Ulster-Scots interest and published online.
- The Agency introduced a Small Events programme in 2021. Groups could receive up to £1,000 to organise an Ulster-Scots event. We funded 107 projects awarding £95,029 to this programme. The programme ran from August to December 2021.
- The Agency opened a specific programme for groups in the Border Counties. The Agency awarded maximum grants of up to €2,300 to 42 groups in Counties Donegal, Cavan Monaghan and Leitrim. This programme received positive feedback from many groups who had not received any other financial support and were struggling to survive.
- During 2021 we published the ‘Get to Grips’ series of Music Tuition books for highland bagpipes, snare, bass/tenor, lambeg drums and fife and drum. Accompanying the books are almost 100 tuition videos which were published online.

Strategy 2: Support increased North-South cooperation in tourism

Tourism Ireland

Supporting industry partners at overseas trade promotions

As part of its strategy to support tourism businesses from across the island of Ireland to get back to the international marketplace, Tourism Ireland, together with around 800 industry partners, participated in over 60 virtual trade promotions between January and October 2021 – meeting, and doing business with, over 15,000 important travel trade contacts.

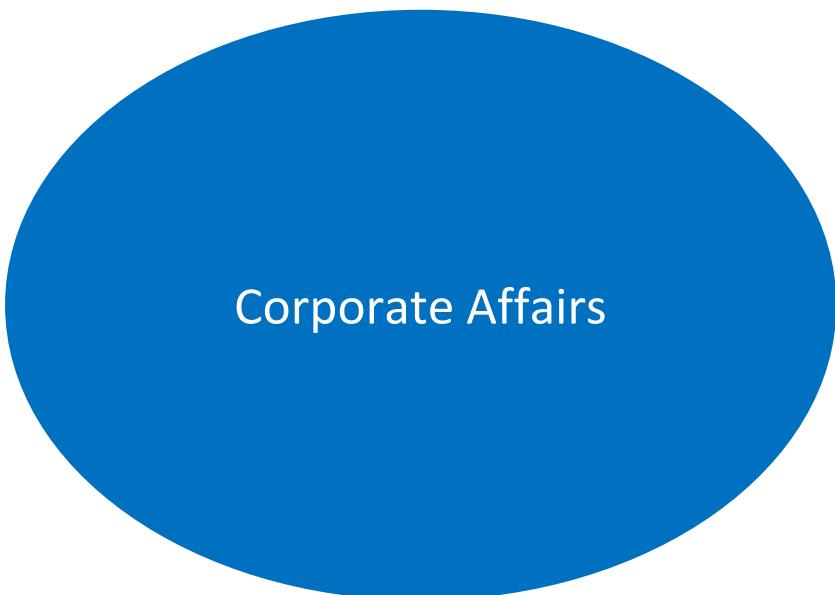
With international travel restarting, a programme of live, virtual and hybrid events took place between October and December; these included the annual Flavours of Ireland workshop, World Travel Market, and International Luxury Travel Market.

Minister Martin joined Tourism Ireland at the World Travel Market in November. This is the largest buyer to buyer event in the global tourism calendar. Around 75 tourism companies from the island of Ireland participated.

Some of Tourism Ireland's highlights of activity from 2021 include:

- #FillYourHeartWithIreland social campaign
- St Patrick's Day 2021 campaign
- Let's Get Back to Ireland campaign
- Green Button campaign
- #IrelandHomeOfHalloween campaign





Corporate Affairs

11. Corporate Affairs

Project Ireland 2040 – Capital Investment Plan

The Department has a wide ranging remit, delivering capital investment across a number of varied programme areas, including Tourism, Culture, Language and Sport. Our capital investment plans under the National Development Plan allow us to think strategically across these areas to deliver infrastructure that will allow us to:

- Support and develop the economic performance of our sectors;
- Enhance our wellbeing at individual and societal levels; and,
- Sustain and safeguard our environment, our culture and our language.

The Department has continued to build strong partnerships for delivery across its capital programme, working closely with partners in the NCIs, the OPW, the sports sector, tourism sector and other Government Departments.

Over 2021, progress continued to be made on the Department's phased investment programme in the National Cultural Institutions, and details can be seen on Page 28 of this report.

In addition, within the context of sectoral policies in tourism, culture and sport as well as national and cross-government policies, the Department continues to work to ensure that its programmes support economic recovery and promote resilience within its sectors, enhance well-being at individual and community level and advance an agenda for social, economic and environmental sustainability. Central to this is a commitment to supporting and promoting guardianship of our unique cultural, linguistic and sporting heritage for communities and visitors alike.

In 2021, the Department's Capital Investment priorities were also advanced through the development of Cultural and Sports infrastructure across the country under various capital schemes including; the *Arts & Culture Capital Enhancement Support Scheme (ACCESSII)* and the *Arts and Culture Capital Scheme*, the *Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund*, and the *Sports Capital and Equipment Programme*. The Department also played an important role in supporting and stimulating local economies through its support for enterprise development by Údarás na Gaeltachta, investment in the audiovisual sector through Screen Ireland and development of the Tourism industry through Fáilte Ireland's investment schemes.

COVID-19 Support Unit

In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on the sectors overseen by the Department and, consequently, the work of the Department.

A significant part of the COVID Support Unit's work in 2021 involved co-ordination with the Department of Health and the Department of the Taoiseach. Key outputs were the oversight and coordination of observations on a substantial number of draft COVID-19 regulations sent to the Minister by the Minister for Health. These regulations typically had major implications for the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors in particular. The Unit also engaged in regular interaction with the Taoiseach's Department on queries around the regulations and Government planning for re-opening and the Department participated in the COVID Senior Officials Group.

To facilitate its work, the COVID-19 Unit engaged with the policy units in the Department, via groups including:

- The COVID Management Group - chaired by the Secretary General and comprised senior staff members from sectors heavily engaged in the pandemic response;

- The COVID Engagement Group - this group met on a weekly basis as a means to update the divisions of the Department on the current state of COVID-19 and to pass on the information obtained at the COVID-19 Management Group;
- The Sectoral Guidance Working Group – this group met to review sectoral guidance with a view to quality assurance and consistency.

Outside of formal meetings, an important piece of work was regular ongoing liaison with the policy areas whose sectors were affected by the public health restrictions. This involved providing clarification in respect of regulations in place and seeking additional input from D/Taoiseach and D/Health, as appropriate.

Overall, the pandemic continued to present a very challenging environment for the Department in 2021. However, the work put in by the policy units, particularly around stakeholder engagement and the identification of support schemes, coupled with the structures in place within the Department meant that the sectors under the Department's remit were able to benefit from a strong support environment which helped to ensure that many enterprises and jobs ultimately were positioned to survive the pandemic.

Human Resources

The head count in the Department was 375 at the end of 2021 with staff located in Dublin, Kerry, Galway and Donegal. The Department continued to recruit new staff through the Public Appointments Service, the Civil Service Mobility Scheme and organised 12 recruitment competitions, including an open competition for Assistant Principal (Irish), with some 95 new staff joining the Department during the year.

Implementation of blended working arrangements commenced in September 2021 and the Department developed an Interim Blended Working Policy in order to facilitate transition arrangements to blended working. The Department continued to provide employees with ongoing up-to-date guidance and supports on blended working arrangements.

Civil Service Renewal (CSR)

During 2021, the CSR function raised awareness within the Department of the 10- year CSR 2030 Strategy 'Building on our Strengths', and its three strategic priorities of *Evidence-informed Policy and Services, Digital First and Innovation, and Workforce, Workplace and Organisation of the Future*. The CSR team also raised awareness amongst the Department's staff of the CSR 2024 Action Plan.

Related CSR Events were also promoted and attendance at these Webinars was encouraged. CSR hosted a number of Staff Information Sessions where business units across the Department were invited to present on and showcase their work to staff and management.

The Department continued to deliver on key initiatives under CSR, including the Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Awards. Two projects were submitted from the Department for consideration for the 2021 awards, with one project, the "Transforming the Sports Capital Programme" shortlisted under the 'Excellence in Innovation' Category.

Health and Wellbeing

With COVID-19 proceeding to dominate much of 2021 with different levels of restrictions applying throughout the year, remote working remained in place for the majority of staff. As a result, health and wellbeing initiatives were delivered in an online capacity.

A pilot return to the office exercise took place between September and November where staff attended the office for one day per week with all COVID-19 protocols and procedures in place. In advance of the pilot scheme commencing, the Department held a number of sessions on returning to the workplace to ensure staff were informed and to help to allay any fears and anxiety staff may have had. This was in conjunction with the CSEAS running online presentations on “Change and Returning to the Workplace”.

The Civil Service Health and Wellbeing Framework was published in September 2021. The Department was one of 12 organisations, alongside DPER and the CSEAS who contributed to the creation of the Framework. This Framework is a guidance document, which outlines the importance of a Healthy Civil Service Workplace in safeguarding Employee Health and Wellbeing.

Initiatives delivered incorporated the following:

- Supports and resources available through the Civil Service Employee Assistance Service;
- Webinars and signposting of information about staff health and welfare including mental health, anxiety, resilience, stress awareness and self-care, physical health and fitness (5 minute movements), nutrition and Disability awareness (WAMinars by AHEAD);
- Supportive content for parents;
- Promotion of National Fundraising Campaigns including Pieta House’s “Darkness into Light” and the Irish Cancer Society’s “Daffodil Day”;
- Highlighting annual observance days/weeks including National No Smoking Day, Organ Donation Awareness Week, National Coming Out Day, World Mental Health Day, World Menopause Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, International Women’s Day, International Men’s Day, and International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- Staff health offering flu vaccination contributions for staff and Men and Women’s Health Webinars (Breast Cancer Awareness, Let’s Talk: Menopause at Work, Skin Cancer Awareness, HSE Men’s Health series, Women’s Health Taskforce series);
- Webinars supporting financial wellbeing from MABS and Health Insurance Authority (HIA); and
- Signposting upcoming cultural and social events.

Learning and Development

Throughout 2021, staff had access to a range of learning and development activities, including formal training courses and talent development programmes. Ongoing COVID-19 restrictions impacted the format in which courses and learning events were available, with a continued emphasis on online delivery. The Department continued to utilise the training resources available via OneLearning, the shared service for learning and development for the Civil Service, while also supporting access to formal training on topics not covered by OneLearning and through the Refund of Educational Fees scheme.

Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Unit

The objective of the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Unit is to continually develop its services to meet and exceed customer expectations and contribute to the success of the Department through the provision of timely, consistently high quality and professional IT support at every customer contact, underpinning the Department’s IT strategic plan. The ICT Unit works alongside all divisions of the Department to ensure that their line of business systems and their support applications meet their individual needs and the needs of their customers.

In 2021 following the reconfiguration of the Department's responsibilities, the Department's ICT Unit completed a significant project to transfer the ICT activities for the Heritage Division to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The ICT Unit also undertook the development of a five year ICT Strategy for the Department and continued to support and embed remote working capability in terms of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Finance Unit

The role of the Finance Division is to help ensure the Department has the financial resources to meet its goals and to monitor and control those resources.

The Finance Unit supports Divisions in carrying out their day-to-day financial activities in an appropriate and efficient manner ensuring an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Department. The Finance unit is also responsible for Estimates preparation and co-ordination for the Department's Vote having regard to resource allocation priorities. This includes the financial management of expenditure and receipts for the Department as well as regular reporting both internally and externally. The Finance Unit prepares the annual Appropriation Account as well as briefings in respect of various Oireachtas appearances. The Finance unit also provides a Procurement oversight function for the Department.

In 2021 the Finance Unit continued to work with colleagues in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the provision of financial resources to help achieve the goals of the Department, with particular reference to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

State Boards Unit

In 2021, the Department established a State Boards Governance unit to help ensure consistency and provide oversight in relation to the Corporate Governance of the State Bodies under the aegis of the Department with the relevant line Divisions retaining responsibility for the governance of such Bodies.

Communications

The Communications Unit is committed to providing accurate and timely information to citizens, on behalf of the Ministers and the Department. This is in line with the Government's framework for development and innovation in Ireland's public service, Our Public Service 2020, which places the public at the centre of our work.

Facilitating effective communications with staff, officials, stakeholders, advisors and other Departments is also a core function of the unit.

Press Office and Digital

148 Press Releases were issued, 715 media queries were answered and 16 Press Conferences were organised by the Press Office during the year. 88% of Press Releases were issued simultaneously in Irish and in English.

Throughout 2021, social media was a crucial channel for clear communications with the general public, and with stakeholders impacted by the pandemic restrictions. The Department focused strongly on communicating in meaningful and engaging ways across its social media channels, and follower numbers grew strongly as a result. Overall, the Department had 46,874 followers. [Twitter](#) follower numbers increased by 19.5% to 15,519 people, [Facebook](#) follower numbers more than doubled (65% increase) to 15,089 and Follower numbers on [Instagram](#) increased by 46.6% to 11,150 in 2021. On LinkedIn, the Department's account increased its follower numbers by 148.4% to 4,273 people.

The total number of video views across all platforms was 544,904, with 9.1m post impressions overall.

In addition, Department-supported, digitally-streamed, schemes and programmes, such as the Markievicz Awards, Other Voices and Cruinníu na n-Óg, were promoted to the public across the Department's social media platforms.

Internal Communications

Internal Communications were particularly important over 2021. Staff continued to work from home, in line with Government policy and moved to a hybrid of working from home and the office in the summer. Video-conferencing platforms were used to maintain close contact with colleagues. "Nuacht", the Department's internal newsletter was redesigned and circulated to staff on a fortnightly basis throughout the year.

Green Public Procurement Monitoring

The Department is committed to promoting the use of environmental considerations in its procurement of goods and services, where appropriate, in accordance with Action No.148 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 and Circular 20/2019: Promoting the use of Environmental and Social Considerations in Public Procurement.

Since 2020, the Department has been required to report annually to the Environmental Protection Agency in respect of procurements that incorporated green provisions and considerations. Five contracts to the value of €374,000 including Green Public Procurement were contracted for the purchase of IT equipment.

The Compliance Monitoring Section will continue to promote awareness of Green Public Procurement with the objective of increasing the green provisions in all contracts. The Department's internal procurement procedures will include a commitment to incorporating green criteria, where appropriate, in future tendering competitions and for the provision of green training programmes for staff. The Department currently has one reported contract which has incorporated green considerations.

Corporate Governance & Services Unit

Office Services Unit, whose remit includes accommodation and health and safety matters, dealt with the continuing challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The unit took a lead role in the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including sanitizer and wipes, as well as the provision of signage, in response to the pandemic.

The unit worked together with the HR and ICT units in supporting staff working from home, including an assessment of home working environments. It also took a lead role in relation to the phased return to work, including the introduction of a Department wide desk booking system, beginning in September.

Freedom of Information and Access to Information on the Environment

The Department received 170 requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 in 2021. Of these, 35 were granted in full, 66 were part-granted, and 33 were refused. A total of 30 applications were withdrawn, transferred or handled outside of the FOI Act. The remaining 6 cases were still active at the end of the year.

The Department received 5 requests under the Access to Information on the Environment Regulations in 2021. Of these, 3 were part-granted while 2 were refused.

Data Protection

The processing of personal data by the Department is kept under constant review to ensure ongoing compliance with data protection legislation. Through various campaigns and training modules and through ongoing consultation with the Department's Data Protection Unit, there is continuously high levels of awareness among staff at all levels on the principles of data protection and the safeguarding of personal data. This is borne out by the very low levels of unauthorised disclosures of personal data in 2021.

Data Subject Access Requests

The Department received 3 subject access requests in 2021. Of these, 1 was granted in full, while the remaining 2 were refused on the basis that no records relating to the request were held.

Data Breaches

There were 5 instances of unauthorised disclosures of personal data (data breaches) in the Department in 2021. All instances were deemed to be of zero or low risk, and were therefore not required to be reported to the Data Protection Commission.

Appendix 1: Bodies under the aegis of the Department

National Concert Hall
National Gallery of Ireland
National Library of Ireland
National Museum of Ireland
Irish Museum of Modern Art
Chester Beatty
Crawford Art Gallery
Tourism Ireland
Fáilte Ireland
Arts Council
Screen Ireland
Foras na Gaeilge
Tha Boord o Ulster Scotch
Údarás na Gaeltachta
Sport Ireland
Broadcasting Authority of Ireland
RTÉ
TG4

Appendix 2: 2021 Expenditure

SUBHEAD	HEADING	OUTTURN
	Administration	€'000
i	Salaries, Wages and Allowances	19,504
ii	Travel and Subsistence	109
iii	Training and Development and Incidental Expenses	815
iv	Postal and Telecommunications Services	183
v	Office Equipment and External IT Services	1,230
vi	Office Premises Expenses	327
vii	Consultancy Services and Value for Money and Policy Reviews	-
	TOTAL	22,168
	Tourism Services	
A.1	Administration - pay	1,765
A.2	Administration - non pay	256
A.3	Fáilte Ireland	121,886
A.4	Tourism Ireland Limited	17,003
A.5	Tourism Marketing Fund	46,823
A.6	Tourism product development	33,800
	TOTAL	221,533
	Arts and Culture	
B.1	Administration-pay	9,065
B.2	Administration-non pay	1,041
B.3	Payments to match resources generated by the National Archives	35
B.4	General expenses of the National Archives and National Archives Advisory Council	1,396
B.5	General expenses of the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Chester Beatty Library, National Concert Hall and the Crawford Gallery	15,596
B.6	Regional museums, galleries, cultural centres and projects	70,063
B.7	Cultural infrastructure and development	22,616
B.8	Culture Ireland	2,905
B.9	An Chomhairle Ealaíon (part funded by the National Lottery)	130,046
B.10	General expenses of the National Museum of Ireland	15,178
B.11	General expenses of the National Library of Ireland	8,383
B.12	Fís Éireann / Screen Ireland	30,093
B.13	General expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland	11,381
B.14	European City of Culture	-
B.15	Decade of Centenaries 1912 – 1922	4,002
	TOTAL	321,800
	Irish language and the Gaeltacht	
C.1	Administration-pay	4,403
C.2	Administration-non pay	773

C.3	Gaeltacht support schemes	8,338
C.4	Irish language support schemes (part funded by National Lottery)	6,359
C.5	An Coimisinéir Teanga	881
C.6	Údarás na Gaeltachta – administration	13,041
C.7	Údarás na Gaeltachta – current programme expenditure	4,750
C.8	Údarás na Gaeltachta – grants for projects and capital expenditure on premises	13,980
C.9	Cross Border Co-operation	16,017
C.10	20 year strategy for the Irish language 2010 – 2030	4,099
TOTAL		72,641
Sport and Recreation Services		
D.1	Administration - pay	2,807
D.2	Administration - non pay	267
D.3	Grants for sporting bodies and provision of sports and recreational facilities (part funded by National Lottery)	23,735
D.4	Grants for provision and renovation of Swimming pools	-
D.5	Sport Ireland (part funded by National Lottery)	164,745
D.6	Dormant accounts funding for sports measures	10,000
D.7	Large scale sport infrastructure fund	417
D.8	Major Events	5,399
TOTAL		207,370
Broadcasting		
E.1	Administration-pay	1,464
E.2	Administration-non pay	327
E.3	Grant to Raidió Telefís Éireann in respect of broadcasting licence fees	196,087
E.4	Payment to An Post for collection of broadcasting licence fees	9,885
E.5	Deontas I Leith Theilifís na Gaeilge	40,733
E.6	Broadcasting fund	23,598
E.7	RTE Spectrum	-
TOTAL		272,094
Gross Expenditure in Total		1,095,438
Appropriations In Aid		234,822
Net Expenditure in Total		860,616

Capital expenditure in 2021

Programme	Programme Area	Expenditure
Tourism		€41.890m
	Fáilte Ireland	€ 1.050m
	Tourism Marketing Fund	€ 7.040m
	Tourism Product Development	€33.800m
Arts & Culture		€54.706m
	NCI Programme	€ 3.845m
	Screen Ireland	€ 26.200m
	Cultural Infrastructure and Development	€ 22.616m
	Arts Council	€ 2.045m
	Galway European City of Culture	€ 0.0m
Gaeltacht/Language		€15.019m
	Gaeltacht Support Schemes	€ 0.914m
	Irish Language Support Schemes	€ 0.125m
	Údarás na Gaeltachta	€13.980m
Sport		€33.851m
	Sport Capital Programmes	€23.735m
	Sport Ireland Campus	€ 8.114m
	Other Sporting Measures	€ 1.585m
	Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund	€0.417m
Media		€ 4.000m
	TG4	€ 4.000m
	RTE Spectrum	€ 0.0m
Administration		€ 0.219m
	Office Machinery	€ 0.219m
	Total	€149.685m

Appendix 3: Gender Balance Statement for State Boards

A total of twenty-one State Boards came under the remit of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, and Sport and Media in 2021 as outlined below.

State Boards	
1	Arts Council
2	Broadcast Authority of Ireland (BAI)
3	Compliance Committee of the BAI
4	Contract Awards Committee of the BAI
5	Crawford Art Gallery
6	Fáilte Ireland (National Tourism Development Authority)
7	Foras na Gaeilge
8	Irish Manuscripts Commission
9	Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA)
10	National Archives Advisory Council
11	National Concert Hall
12	National Gallery of Ireland
13	National Library of Ireland
14	National Museum of Ireland
15	Raidió Teangeola Éireann (RTÉ)
16	Screen Ireland
17	Sport Ireland
18	Teangeola na Gaeilge (TG4)
19	Tha Boord o Ulster Scotch
20	Tourism Ireland
21	Údarás na Gaeltachta

In 2021, 43 appointments were made, of which 51% were female and 49% were male. As of 31 December 2021, the average gender balance in the serving membership of these State Boards was 50% male and 50% female. Overall, 16 or 76% of Boards had met or exceeded the Government target of 40% representation of each gender in the serving membership of each State Board.

Internal procedures for appointments to State Boards highlights Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, including gender balance, as a key consideration for Divisions and State Boards when preparing to address vacancies.

State Board Membership at 31 December 2021

State Board	No. Position's	Female Board members	Male Board members	Total	Female %	Male %	Current Vacancies
Arts Council	13	5	7	12	42%	58%	-1
Broadcasting Authority of Ireland	9	5	3	8	63%	37%	-1
BAI Compliance Committee ¹	8	4	3	7	57%	43%	-1
BAI Contract Awards Committee ²	8	4	2	6	67%	33%	-2
Crawford Art Gallery	12	8	4	12	67%	33%	0
Fáilte Ireland ¹	13	3	7	10	30%	70%	-3
Foras na Gaeilge ³	16	7	8	15	47%	53%	-1
Irish Manuscripts Commission ¹	20	7	7	14	50%	50%	-6
Irish Museum of Modern Art ¹	12	6	5	11	55%	45%	-1
National Archives Advisory Council	12	5	7	12	42%	58%	0
National Concert Hall ¹	9	4	4	8	50%	50%	-1
National Gallery of Ireland ¹	17	9	7	16	56%	44%	-1
National Library of Ireland ¹	12	4	2	6	67%	33%	-6
National Museum of Ireland	16	10	6	16	63%	38%	0
RTÉ ⁴	12	4	4	8	50%	50%	-4
Screen Ireland ¹	7	4	0	4	100%	0%	-3
Sport Ireland ¹	13	3	7	10	30%	70%	-3
TG4	12	6	6	12	50%	50%	0
Tourism Ireland	13	5	8	13	38%	62%	0
Údarás Na Gaeltachta	12	4	8	12	33%	67%	0
Ulster Scots Agency ³	8	1	3	4	25%	75%	-4
Totals	254	109	111	220	50%	50%	-38

1. PAS process commenced/pending to address existing vacancies

2. Appointment pending following PAS process

3. North South Appointments pending

4. JOC Nominations pending



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Is mór an pléisiúr dom fáilte a chur roimh fhoilsíú Thuarascáil Bhliantúil 2021 mo Roinne.

Táim buíoch den Ard-Rúnaí, dá comhghleacaithe ar an mBord Bainistíochta agus go deimhin d'fhoireann uile na Roinne as a dtiomantas, a solúbthacht agus a n-acmhainneacht agus iad ag obair chun tacú leis na hearnálacha faoi shainchúram na Roinne agus iad a fhorbairt tríd an tréimhse ba dhúshlánaí a bhí ag go leor againn riamh go pearsanta agus go gairmiúil.

Tugaim féin agus an Roinn tú斯 áite do leanúint le tacaíochtaí do na hearnálacha fíorthábhachtacha seo, a phostaíonn na céadta míle duine, ionas gur féidir leo gníomhaíocht eacnamaíoch a chobhsú agus a ghiniúint agus muid ag bogadh ar aghaidh ón tréimhse ba mheasa de phaindéim COVID-19. Tá áthas ar leith orm gur léiríodh tábhacht na n-earnálacha atá faoinár gcúram i leithdháileadh méadaithe don Roinn i mBuiséad 2022 agus Buiséad 2023.

Mar gheall ar obair na Roinne, mar a leagtar amach sa tuarascáil seo, táimid in ann taitneamh a bhaint as athoscailt shábháilte rathúil ár sochaí.

D'ainneoin imeachtaí idirnáisiúnta agus costas maireachtála áta á ardú, bhí séasúr gnóthach samhraidh ag ár n-earnáil turasóireachta, tá lucht féachana tar éis filleadh ar ionaid ealaón, cultúir agus imeachtaí agus chuir pobail ar fud na tíre fáilte mhór ar ais roimh lucht tacaíochta ar ár bpáirceanna imeartha. Cuir leis sin an obair a rinneadh chun tacú le pobail na Gaeltachta, an nuálafocht faoi chlár Chultúr Éireann agus Éire Ildánach, an infheistíocht leanúnach inár bhforais chultúir agus dul chun cinn Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) agus an Bille um Rialáil Sábháilteachta agus Meán ar Líne.

In 2021, foilsíodh Ráiteas Straitéise 2021-2023, ina leagtar amach tosaíochtaí na Roinne sna blianta atá romhainn lena chinntíú go ndéanann na hearnálacha seo téarnamh agus go bhfásann siad ar bhealach a thacaíonn le comhtháthú sóisialta agus le fás eacnamaíoch láidir, inbhuanaithe, ag díriú ar roinnt spriocanna níos leithne maidir le comhionannas, éagsúlacht, cuimsiu sóisialta, an Ghaeilge agus inbhuanaitheacht chomhshaoil.

Tá mé féin agus an tAire Stáit, Jack Chambers T.D ag súil le leanúint lenár gcuid oibre chun na cuspóirí a leagtar amach sa chlár Rialtais agus i Ráiteas Straitéise na Roinne a bhaint amach ar mhaith le lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara agus an thí ar fad.

Catherine Martin T.D.

An tAire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaón, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán



Focal ón Aire Stáit

Mar Aire Stáit le freagracht speisialta as an Spórt agus as an nGaeltacht, cuirim fálte roimh fhoilsíú Thuarascáil Bhliantúil 2021 na Roinne agus machnamh á dhéanamh againn ar bhliain dhúshláinach eile do gach duine a bhfuil baint acu leis an Roinn. Tá dúshláin a bhfuil gníomh ceannasach agus machnamhach ag teastáil ina leith á gcur romhainn go léir le dhá bhliain anuas. Ó thaobh an spóirt agus na Gaeilge de, chuir an phaindéim constaicí éagsúla romhainn ach bhí a fhios againn go maith go raibh gá freisin le haidhmeanna fadtéarmacha na n-earnálacha seo a chur san áireamh agus muid ag déileáil le bagairtí gearrthéarmacha COVID-19.

Agus muid ag breathnú siar ar 2021 ní mór dom aitheantas a thabhairt don obair a rinne gach duine a chuidigh le rith Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021 tríd an Oireachtas. Cuirfidh an tAcht, a shínigh an tUachtaráin Ó hUiginn ar an 22 Nollaig 2021, go stairiúil le caighdeán na seirbhísí a chuireann comhlachtaí Stáit ar fáil trí Ghaeilge don phobal. Baineadh sprioc eile amach dár dteanga dhúchais ar an 31 Nollaig nuair a tháinig deireadh leis an maolú ar úsáid na Gaeilge in institiúidí an Aontais Eorpaigh.

Bhí deis agam tionchar na hoibre a dhéanann an Rannóg Spóirt ar phobail ar fud an oileáin a fheiceáil chomh maith. Méadaíodh tábhacht an spóirt i síle mhuintir na tíre seo le dhá bhliain anuas. Cuireadh fálte roimh fhoilsíú an Phlean Gníomhaíochta Spóirt 2021-2023 i mí na Samhna, lena n-áirítear Tionscnamh Geimhridh nua, feachtas bliantúil chun téarnamh ballraíochta agus rannpháirtíochta a spreagadh.

Tá spórt ardfheidhmíocha ag dul ó neart go neart, go háirithe spórt na mban, bhain foireann sacair na mban áit amach i gCorn Domhanda na mBan agus bhuaigh ár mbandornálaithe boinn i gCraobhchomórtas na hEorpa i Montainéagró.

Tá sé de phribhléid agam oibriú leis an Aire Catherine Martin TD, le foireann na Roinne, agus le gníomhaireachtaí faoi choimirce na Roinne, agus tuigim an obair chrua a dhéantar chun freastal ar na páirtithe leasmhara ar fud na n-earnálacha. Táim ag tnúth le hoibriú leis an Aire Martin chun treo na n-earnálacha atá faoinár gcúram a mhúnlú sa bhliain atá romhainn.

Jack Chambers T.D.
An tAire Stáit don Spórt agus don Ghaeltacht



Focal ón Ard-Rúnaí

Doiciméad tábhachtach is ea í Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2021 mar léiríonn sé obair agus éachtaí suntasacha an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán le bliain anuas.

Lean bainistoeoirí agus baill fairne ar fud na Roinne ar aghaidh, trí bhliain dhúshlánach eile, ag cur ár spriocanna agus ár gcuspóirí chun cinn i dtimpeallacht athraitheach chun tacú le téarnamh gníomhaíochta agus fostáiochta sna hearnálacha sin atá faoinár gcúram.

Foilsíodh Ráiteas Straitéisíse na Roinne 2021-2023 i mí Lúnasa agus an misean seo a leanas ann: *Ceannaireacht a thabhairt d'fhorbairt inbhuanaithe na Turasóireachta, na Meán agus na Gaeltachta agus rannpháirtíocht sa Chultúr, sna hEalaíona, sa Spórt agus sa Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ag tacú le dul chun cinn sóisialta, agus ag cur le fás cultúrtha agus eacnamaíoch shochaí na hÉireann.* Leagadh clár oibre uaillmhianach amach sa mhisean sin atá á ghlacadh ag an Roinn féin agus ag na gníomhaireachtaí sin a oibríonn linn chun é a bhaint amach.

Léiríonn an Tuarascáil seo an raon gníomhaíochta a rinneadh chun tacú le páirtithe leasmhara, gníomhaíochta a spreagadh agus rannpháirtíocht a fhorbairt ar fud shainchúram uile na Roinne. Cuireadh fuinneamh nua sna cláir atá ann cheana féin, cuireadh túis le scéimeanna nua agus cuireadh reachtaíocht thábhachtach chun cinn. Tugtar deis dúinn sa Tuarascáil seo chun machnamh a dhéanamh ar an dul chun cinn a rinneadh cheana féin agus muid ag athnuachan ár dtiomantaí do sheachadadh ár gcuspóirí.

Is dóigh liom go bhfuil sé tábhachtach freisin go dtapóidh mé an deis seo chun aitheantas a thabhairt do thiomantas fhoireann na Roinne le bliain anuas. Cuireadh dúshláin phearsanta roimh gach duine a oibríonn sa Roinn, a bheag nó a mhór, i rith na bliana. Cuireadh isteach ar phleananna saoil, ach i rith na bliana tháinig comhghleacaithe le chéile chun tacú lena chéile. Gabhaim buíochas leis na comhghleacaithe sin a d'imigh, trí scor nó trí aistriú, as an obair a rinne siad, agus tá áthas orm a thabhairt faoi deara go bhfuil na traidisiúin chomhghleacúla is fearr sa Státseirbhís ag leanúint ar aghaidh i measc an iliomad comhghleacaithe nua a thosaigh ag obair sa Roinn agus muid ag tabhairt faoi dhúshlán na hoibre hibridí.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhúiochas a ghabháil leis an Aire Catherine Martin T.D. agus leis an Aire Stáit Jack Chambers T.D. as a dtacaíocht leanúnach dár gcuid oibre. Táim ag tnúth le leanúint lenár gcuid oibre leis an Aire Martin agus an Aire Stáit Chambers agus le comhghleacaithe ar fud na Roinne chun na gealltanais i gclár an Rialtais agus Ráiteas Straitéisíse 2021-2023 a chomhlíonadh chun an tseirbhís is fearr a chinntíú do pháirtithe leasmhara faoi choimirce na Roinne seo.

Katherine Licken
Ard-Rúnaí



1. Sainchúram na Roinne

Is é atá de mhisean ag an Roinn: *Forbairt inbhuanaithe na Turasóireachta a threorú agus rannpháirtíocht a chur chun cinn in earnálacha an Chultúir, na nEalaíon, na Gaeltachta, an Spóirt agus na Meán sa chaoi is go dtreisítear le dul chun cinn sóisialta agus go gcothaítear forás cultúir agus eacnamaíochta ar fud shochaí na hÉireann.*

Leagtar amach sa Ráiteas Straitéise 2021-23, arna fhoilsiú sa bhliain 2021, aisling agus cuspóir na Roinne i ndáil lena chinntíú, tráth a bhfuiltear ag teacht ó COVID-19, go mbíonn tionscal bríomhar turasóireachta ar bun, earnáil bheo ealaíne agus cultúir, earnáil théagartha spóirt agus meán cumarsáide agus timpeallacht inar féidir leis an nGaeilge agus le ceangal na ndaoine leis an teanga leanúint ag fás agus ag teacht faoi bhláth. Léirítear an aisling sin i Ráiteas Misin na Roinne.

Forbairt inbhuanaithe na Turasóireachta, na Meán agus na Gaeltachta a threorú agus rannpháirtíocht a chur chun cinn i gcúrsaí Cultúir, Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Gaeilge sa chaoi is go dtreisítear le dul chun cinn sóisialta agus go gcothaítear forás cultúir agus eacnamaíochta ar fud shochaí na hÉireann.

Déantar an tuarascáil seo faoi obair na Roinne i rith na bliana 2021 a leagan amach de réir na gCuspóirí Straitéise.

- **Cuspóir A** – Treisiú leis an téarnamh agus leis an bhforás eacnamaíochta ar earnáil turasóireachta ina bhfuil acamhainn iomaíochta agus atá inmharthana ó thaobh cúrsaí timpeallachta, eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta.
- **Cuspóir B** – Rannpháirtíocht an duine aonair agus an phobail le gnóthaí ealaíne, cultúir agus cruthaitheachta a chothú sa chaoi is go gcuireann bearta cultúrtha le saol an duine; ealaín, cultúr agus cruthaitheachta na hÉireann a chur chun cinn thar lear; agus comhordú a dhéanamh ar chlár cuimhneacháin Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán 2012 – 2023.
- **Cuspóir C** – Treisiú le húsáid na Gaeilge ar fud na hÉireann, san Aontas Eorpach agus ar fud an domhain agus lena húsáid mar ghnáthurlabhra an phobail ag muintir na Gaeltachta.
- **Cuspóir D** – Rannpháirtíocht níos mó i gcúrsaí spóirt ag an uile dhuine a chur chun cinn le béim faoi leith ar rannpháirtíocht na mban agus ar an iléagsúlacht an tráth céanna a leantar den infheistíocht in áiseanna nua spóirt, i lúthchleasaithe ardfheidhmíochta agus in eagrú mórimeachtaí spóirt.
- **Cuspóir E** - Bonn a choinneáil faoi mheáin chumarsáide tráchtála, pobail agus seirbhíse poiblí a chur ar fáil lena sásáitear riachtanais lucht féachana agus éisteachta na hÉireann agus réimeas rialúcháin a chur ar fáil lena soirbhítear don tsábháilteachta ar líne agus d'earnáil meán cumarsáide in Éirinn lena mbaineann an tsaoirse, an ilgħnéitheachta agus an iléagsúlacht.
- **Cuspóir F** – Comhoibriú Thuaidh-Theas a chur chun cinn i gcomhthéacs Thionscnamh Oileán Comhroinnté an Rialtais agus i gcomhthéacs obair an Fhorais Teanga agus Thurasóireacht Éireann go háirithe.

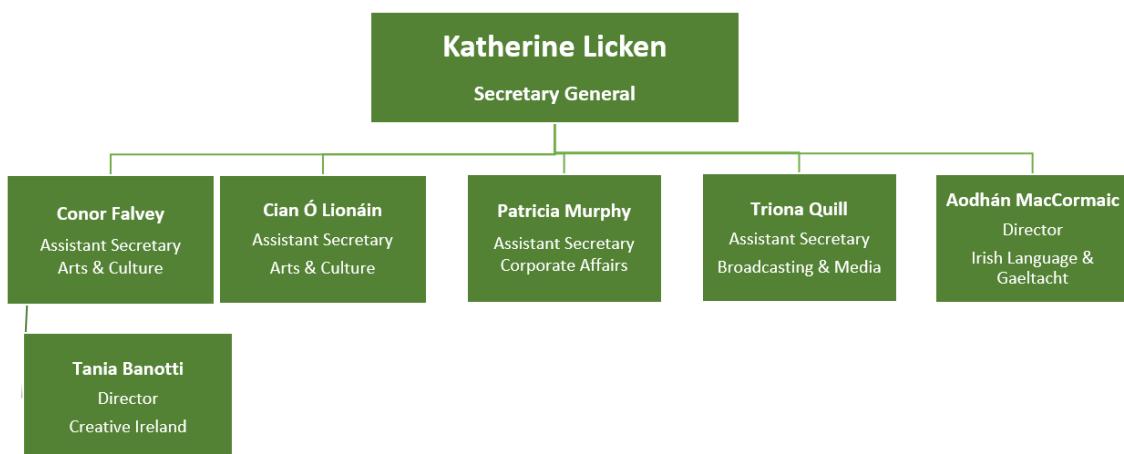
2. Eagar na Roinne

Tá cúig cinn de Rannóga sa Roinn le Rúnaí Cúnta nó Stiúrthóir i gceannas ar gach ceann acu. Déanann Stiúrthóir eile, a dhéanann tuairisciú le ceannasaí Rannóg na nEalaíon agus an Chultúir, maoirseacht ar thabhairt i bhfeidhm an chláir Éire Ildánach.

- Turasóireacht & Spórt,
- Na hEalaíona & Cultúr, (Éire Ildánach san áireamh)
- An Ghaeilge & an Gaeltacht,
- Craolachán & na Meáin Chumarsáide, agus
- Gnóthaí Corparáide.

Bíonn cúnamh taca i ndáil le cúramí na Roinne ó 18 comhlacht a thagann faoi choimirce na Roinne, ina measc na Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir agus Comhlachtaí Forfheidhmiúcháin Thuaidh-Theas agus gníomhaireachtaí (féach Agusín 1)

Struchtúr Eagrúcháin na Roinne Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán



Forléargas ar an
mbliaín 2021

3. Léargas Ginearálta ar an Réimse Feidhme

Bhain dúshlán go leor mar gheall ar chur isteach ó COVID-19 leis na hearnálacha a leagtar sainchúram ina leith ar an Roinn. Bhain dúshlán mór ar fud na réimsí eacnamaíochta go léir leis an gcothromaíocht idir an gá cúram a dhéanamh do shláinte agus do shábháilteach an lucht fairne, na gcuistaiméirí agus na ngeallsealbhóirí agus an gá seasmhacht airgeadais ghnólachtaí a chinntiú.

Lean an Roinn ag diríú ar riachtanais na n-earnálacha a thabhairt chun suntais trí chomhchaidreamh leitheadach le geallsealbhóirí agus ar bhearta cistíochta agus bearta cúnta eile a thabhairt chun cinn agus a chur i bhfeidhm d'fhonn fostáiocht agus beartaíocht a choinneáil ar siúl i rith na bliana. Lean an tAonad Tacaíochta COVID den chomhordú ar ghnéithe iomadúla na hoibre sin agus den cheannródaíocht maidir le comhairle leitheadach leis na geallsealbhóirí.

Leanadh den chur isteach ag COVID-19 ar chúrsaí turasóireachta idirnáisiúnta. D'fhág an phaindéim lorg suntasach freisin maidir le laghdú ar líon na gcuairteoirí ón iasach go hÉirinn agus srianta sóisialta a raibh de thoradh orthu gur tháinig íslíú géar ar ioncam na n-ionad cuairteoirí. Bhí an turasóireacht intíre ina shiocair le téarnamh áirithe i rith shéasúr gairid samhraidh a raibh rath air. Dá ainneoin sin, bhí tionchar mór ag na bearta sláinte poiblí ar chúrsaí fostáiochta san earnáil agus cuid mhór post ag brath ar chúnámh Stáit maidir lena gcoinneáil ar bun.

Bhí tionchar suntasach ag oiriúnú do shrianta seo COVID-19 ar earnálacha an chultúir agus na n-ealaíon freisin. Cuireadh an-chuid srianta ar léirithe beo ar fud fhormhór na bhfoirmearcha ealaíonta nó ní raibh siad indéanta agus ba bhagairt do shlí bheatha na n-ealaíontóirí, na n-ionad agus na bpáirtithe leasmhara eile an tionchar iarmhartach sin. Lean an Roinn freisin de bhearta polasaí a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm i ndáil le hearnálacha faoi leith, ina measc bearta cúnta do na forais náisiúnta cultúir agus do chomhlachtaí eile a thagann shainchúram na Roinne.

Ar an gcuma chéanna, chuir na srianta ar chuairteoirí agus ar líon na ndaltaí chuig na ceantair sin ina dtréimhse ghnóthach thraidisiúnta isteach ar go leor ceantair Ghaeltachta agus a ngnólachtaí.

Mhéadaigh rannpháirtíocht san aclaíocht ar leibhéal an duine aonair ar feadh tréimhse ama le linn na srianta ach b'éigean de spórt ardleibhéal freastal ar bhearta diana sláinte a raibh tionchar acu ar fhigiúirí freastail ag cluichí ardleibhéal agus na prótacail a theastaíonn chun go bhfeidhmeoidh na lúthchleasaithe sna himeachtaí sin. Ar fud na hearnála spóirt bhí gá le tacaíocht ón Stát chun go leor eagraíochtaí a choinneáil beo.

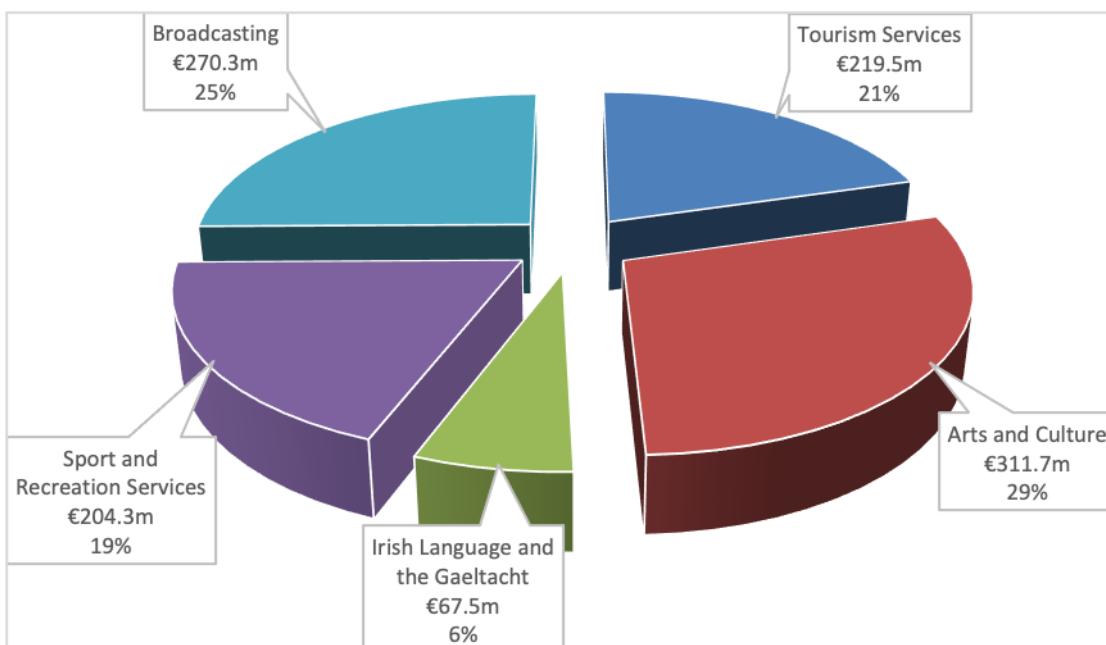
Cé gur chuir eagraíochtaí meán iad féin in oiriúint dá dtimpeallachtaí oibre chun freastal ar na srianta ar fud na paindéime, ar leibhéal níos leithne tá todhchaí na meán traidisiúnta ar nós nuachtáin agus raidió áitiúil fós ag teacht chun cinn. Léiríonn nádúr forleathan na meán ar líne agus na dúshláin atá roimh an Stát coimeád suas leis na hardáin meán seo atá ag forbairt go tapa an gá atá le tionscnaimh straitéiseacha reachtaíochta agus bheartais don earnáil thábhachtach seo.

Lasmuigh de na castachtaí a bhaineann le déileáil leis an staid sláinte, chuir an caidreamh polaitiúil idir an RA agus an AE agus na dúshláin do Phrótacal Thuaisceart Éireann gné bhreise le pleanáil agus le cinnteoireacht in go leor earnálacha.

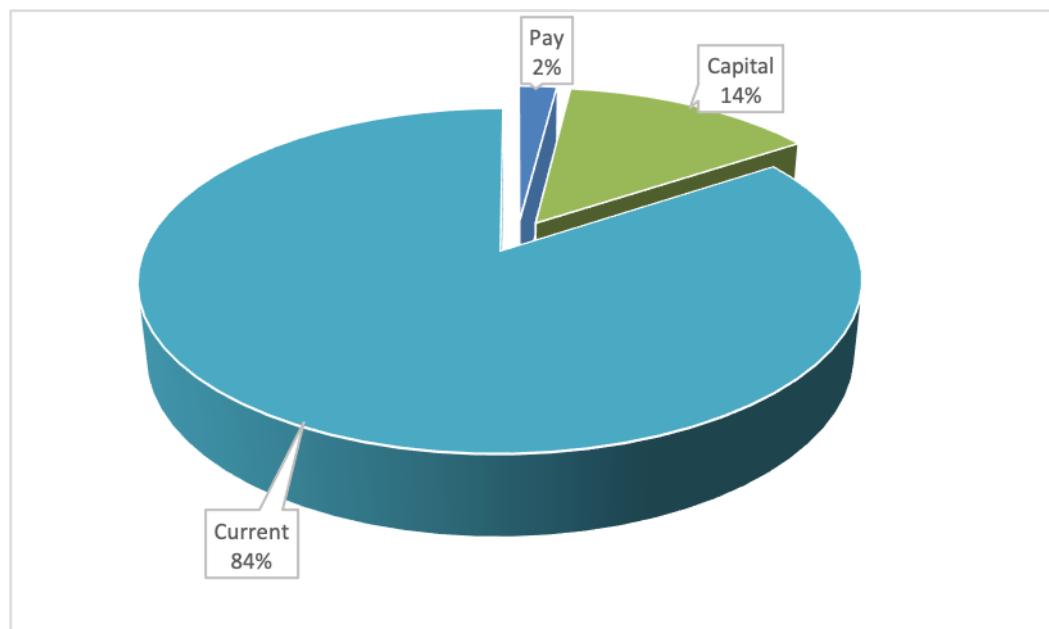
4. Caiteachas na bliana 2021 de réir na hEarnála

Ainneoin a raibh de chur isteach ag baint leis an bpaindéim, lean an Roinn den chlár oibre a chur chun cinn i rith na bliana agus tharla caiteachas foriomlán €1,095m ar fud na n-earnálacha ar fad.

Ollchaiteachas Vótáilte de réir Cláir, 2021



Ollchaiteachas Vótáilte de réir Pá, Caiteachas Reatha & Caiteachas Caipitil, 2021



Nóta: Tugtar san áireamh leis an gcaiteachas reatha pá do chomhlachtaí agus do ghníomhaireachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne.

Buaicphointí na Blíana 2021

Mar gheall ar na réimsí dúshláin neamhghhnácha a bhí le sárú i rith na bliana 2021 ag earnálacha a leagtar sainchúram ina leith ar an Roinn, thug an tAire Martin agus an tAire Chambers bearta éagsúla isteach d'fhonn bonn daingean a chur faoi na hearnálacha sin agus iad a threisiú. Áirítéar ar na fógraí suntasacha a d'eisigh an Roinn i rith na bliana an chuid seo a leanas.

TURASÓIREACHT

- Fógraíodh an méid maoinithe is mó riamh don turasóireacht i mBuiséad 2022, lena n-áirítéar €50m don Scéim Cúnta maidir le Leantacht Gnólachtaí Turasóireachta.
- €20m do Scéim Forfheabhsúcháin maidir le Béilí faoin Aer (beáranna agus tithe ósta san áireamh).
- D'fhoilsigh an Grúpa Maoirseachta maidir le Téarnamh na Turasóireachta trí cinn de thuairiscí (Feabhra, Bealtaine agus Meán Fómhair 2021).
- €73m maidir le ceithre ionad turasóireachta nua de scoth an domhain a fhorbairt.
- €19m maidir le háiseanna sárchaighdeáin do bhearta uisce faoin aer a fhorbairt.
- Pacáiste infheistíochta caipitil faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2021-2030 d'fhonn athrú go dtí modhanna turasóireachta inmharthana, áiseanna forfheabhsaithe a chur ar fáil agus cur leis an turasóireacht i gcomharsanachtaí faoin tuath.
- €5 milliún maidir le tástáil phíolótach ar an Scéim maidir le Beochan na gCeantar Uirbeach.
- D'fhoilsigh an Grúpa Oibre maidir le Turasóireacht Inmharthana an tuarascáil ina leagtar amach sraith gníomhartha chun gnáis inmharthana turasóireachta a chur chun cinn in Éirinn.
- Buaicleibéal cistíochta maidir leis an turasóireacht faoi Bhuiséad 2022 - €288.5m go foriomlán.

CULTÚR AGUS NA HEALAÍONA

- Soláthraíodh tacaíocht €454m d'earnáil na Siamsaíochta Beo thar raon beart lena n-áirítéar an Scéim Cúnaimh do Ghnólachtaí Ceoil agus Siamsaíochta, an Scéim Tacaíochta do Thaibhiú Beo agus Scéim Tacaíochta COVID don Earnáil Imeachtaí.
- Seoladh tuairisc *Speak Up: A Call For Change* a choimisiúnaigh Institiúid Amharclannaíochta na hÉireann mar chuid dá tionscnamh Speak Up i mí Dheireadh Fómhair.
- Foilsíodh Tuarascáil an Tascfhórsa um Gheilleagar Oíche, lena n-áirítéar gníomhartha a mhol siad thar raon ranna, gníomhaireachtaí agus earnáil an Gheilleagair Oíche i mí Mheán Fómhair.
- Clár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán 2021 lena n-áirítéar tionscadal nua: Gailearaithe faoi Stair na hÉireann san 20ú hAois lonnaithe in Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann – Músaem na nEalaíon Maisiúil agus Staire i nDún Uí Choileáin i mBaile Átha Cliath a fógraíodh i mí Aibreáin.
- Bhí Cruinniú na nÓg, lá náisiúnta na cruthaitheachta saor in aisce do leanaí agus daoine óga ar siúl Dé Sathairn, an 12 Meitheamh agus reáchtáladh na céadta imeacht ar fud na tíre.

- Leathnáodh an Fardal Náisiúnta d’Oidhreacht Chultúir Dholáimhsithe chun 8 bpríomhchleachas eile d’Oidhreacht Chultúir Bheo na hÉireann a chuimsiú.
- Ghlac 189 scoil nua páirt i gclár Scoileanna Ildánacha in 2021, rud a thóg líon ionlán na scoileanna rannpháirteacha suas go 353.
- D’óstáil an tAire Martin Comóradh Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhór faoi stiúir an Uachtaráin Uí Uiginn i Reilig Ghlas Naón ar an 16 Bealtaine.
- Seoladh Plean Straitéiseach nua Fhís Éireann, *Ag Tógáil Todhchaí Chruthaitheach 2024* i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2021.
- Thacaigh ciste €2m um Ghníomhú Cruthaitheach ar son na hAeráide le 15 thionscadal chruthaitheacha, chultúrtha agus ealaíne a chuireann daoine ar an eolas maidir le hathrú aeráide agus a thugann cumhacht do shaoránaigh athruithe fiúntacha iompraíochta a dhéanamh.
- Seoladh ardán Mhná100 i mí an Mhárta chun aird a tharraingt ar ról na mban sna himeachtaí stairiúla.
- Fuair Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann páipéir Edna O’Brien i mí Mheán Fómhair 2021.
- Osclaíodh Taispeántas *An Conradh, 1921: Taifid ón gCartlann* i Londain i mí Dheireadh Fómhair sular tógadh é ar ais go Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath i mí na Nollag 2021.
- Bhronn baill de theaghlaich Mhichíl Uí Choileáin dialanna póca Mhichíl Uí Choileáin a chlúdaíonn na blianta 1918-1922 ar an Stát i mí na Samhna 2021.

AN GHAEILGE AGUS AN GHAELTACHT

- Deontas €530,000 do Techspace sa bhliain 2021 d’fhoinn cuidiú le daoine óga ábhar digiteach a chruthú i nGaeilge.
- Fógraíodh seacht bplean teanga breise (5 cinn maidir le Limistéar Pleanála Teanga agus péire maidir le Bailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta) agus tá líon ionlán na bpleananna aontaithe cothrom le 32 faoin tráth seo.
- Tar éis infheistíocht shuntasach ón Rialtas agus plé le hinstitiúidí an Aontais Eorpaigh ó 2015 i leith, tháinig deireadh leis an maolú ar úsáid na Gaeilge in institiúidí an Aontais Eorpaigh ar an 31 Nollaig 2021. Bhí sé seo ar cheann de na garspriocanna ba shuntasáí don Ghaeilge ó bunaíodh an Stát mar chuir sé an teanga ar chomhchéim leis na teangacha a labhraítear ar leibhéal níos forleithne san AE agus ar fud an domhain.
- Fostaíodh 19 Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga agus ceathrar Oifigeach Cúnta i limistéir Pleanála Teanga sa Ghaeltacht i ndeireadh na bliana 2021 d’fhoinn na pleannanna teanga aontaithe maidir lena gceantar a chur i bhfeidhm.
- Fostaíodh deichniúr céimí ar scéim intérneachta Gaeilge in Institiúidí an Aontais Eorpaigh faoi thionscnamh na nArd-Scileanna Gaeilge.
- Ceadaíodh €1.6m do Thuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta chun treisiú le tógáil clainne le Gaeilge

- Fógraíodh ciste pleanála teanga dar luach €3.46m d'Údarás na Gaeltachta agus d'Fhoras na Gaeilge i mí Meitheamh 2021 maidir leis an bpróiseas pleanála teanga a choinneáil ar bun i rith na bliana faoi chaibidil.
- Rinneadh folclór Mháirtín Uí Chadhain, óna bhfuil léargas ar fáil ar shaibhreas na Gaeilge i nGaillimh, a fhoilsíú ar líne.
- Ciste €3m d'Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge (OÉG) maidir le hardoideachas trí Ghaeilge.
- Gradaim Tech Féile 2021 - tugtar deis do dhaoine óga an chruthaitheacht a chleachtadh i nGaeilge i réimse na digiteachta.
- Buiséad 2022 - leithroinnt cistíochta is mó ná €85.6m maidir le hearnáil na Gaeltachta agus na Gaeilge agus cistíocht ionlán €33.3m d'Údarás na Gaeltachta.
- Ciste €1.7m do choláistí Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht; tugadh cead do na coláistí gearrchúrsaí a eagrú.

SPÓRT

- Rinneadh bainistíocht ar fhilleadh na n-eagraíochtaí spóirt i mbun gníomhaíochta trí theoirínte a fhoilsíú agus ócайдí píolótacha i gcineálacha éagsúla spóirt a eagrú faoi mhaoirseacht na Roinne.
- €78.9 milliún de bhorradh faoi chistíocht earnáil an spóirt - €73.6m d'fhoinn cuidiú le heagraíochtaí spóirt a theacht in inmhe in athuair agus faoi bhláth tar éis na paindéime, agus €5.3m maidir le trealamh spóirt.
- Tháinig buaicleibhéal 3,106 iarratas faoin gClár Caipítíl agus Trealmh Spóirt faoin dáta deiridh iarratais ar an 1 Mártá.
- €5.9m de chistíocht faoi Chiste na gCuntas Díomhaoin maidir le bearta spóirt agus bearta lúith agus láthair.
- Seoladh Straitéis nua maidir le hArdfheidhmíocht i gcúrsaí spóirt i mí Meitheamh 2021.
- Ar mhaithe le cothromáiocht idir imreoirí na gCluichí Gaelacha do mhná agus d'fhír, fógraíodh i mí Bealtaine 2021, den chéad uair riamh, go gcuirfidh an Stát cistíocht chothrom in aghaidh an imreora ar fáil d'imreoirí idirchontae, ionas go gcuirtear deireadh le héagothroime idir imreoirí fir agus imreoirí mná.
- Fógraíodh infheistíocht €4m i gclár Spórt Éireann maidir le Spórt na mBan i rith na mblianta 2021 agus 2022 i mí Iúil 2021.
- Cuireadh €16.6m ar fáil maidir le trealamh spóirt faoin gClár Caipítíl agus Trealmh Spóirt.
- Pacáiste maidir le hinfeistíocht caipítíl faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2021-2030 d'fhoinn áiseanna spóirt agus mórghnéithe infreastruchtúir spóirt a fhorbairt.
- Pacáiste faoi Bhuiséad 2022 lena n-áirítear €105.81m do Spórt Éireann agus deontais shuntasacha breise faoin gClár Caipítíl agus Trealmh Spóirt.
- Foilsíodh an Plean Gníomhaíochta Spóirt 2021-2023.

NA MEÁIN CHUMARSÁIDE

- Chuir an Coimisiún um Thodhchaí na Meán a thuarascáil faoi bhráid an Taoisigh agus an Aire Catherine Martin i Meán Fómhair 2021.
- D'fhoilsigh Comhchoiste an Oireachtais um Thurasóireacht, Chultúr, Ealaíona, Spórt agus na Meáin a thuarascáil ar an mBille um Rialáil Sábhailteachta agus Meán ar Líne i mí na Samhna. I mí Eanáir 2022, cheadaigh an Rialtas foilsíú an Bhille agus an mhí chéanna sin, bhunaigh an tAire sainghrúpa chun scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an bhféidearthacht go ndéanfaí foráil do chóras gearán aonair sa Bhille.
- Chuir Údarás Craolácháin na hÉireann tacaíocht airgeadais ar fáil do 221 clár raidió agus teilifíse ardchaighdeáin bunaithe ar chultúr agus oidhreacht na hÉireann faoin Scéim Fuáime & Físe 4.
- Agus TG4 ag ullmhú do cheiliúradh 25 bliain ar an bhfód, fógraíodh an t-ardú bliantúil is mó riamh ar mhaoiniú TG4 de €4.2m i mBuiséad 2022, rud a d'fhág gur €44.9m an tacaíocht iomlán státhistre don stáisiún in 2022.
- Fuair an comhairliúchán poiblí ar cuireadh túis leis in 2021 os cionn 1,700 freagra ó pháirtithe leasmhara agus ó bhaill den phobal ag moladh raon imeachtaí spóirt ar cheart machnamh a dhéanamh orthu le haghaidh ainmniúcháin. Tá tuarascáil ar thorthaí an chomhairliúcháin ullmhaithe don Aire agus tá sí á breithníú faoi láthair.

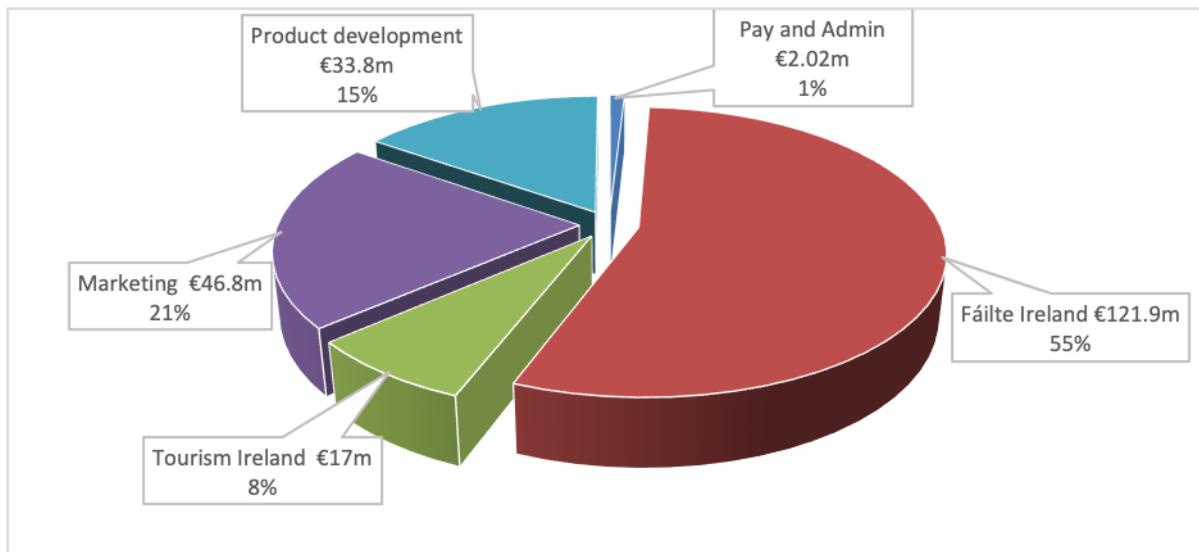
Turasóireacht

Cuspóir A

Treisiú le an téarnamh agus leis an bhforás eacnamaíochta ar earnáil turasóireachta ina bhfuil acamhainn iomaíochta agus atá inmharthana ó thaobh cúrsaí timpeallachta, eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta.

5. Turasóireacht

Caiteachas €221.5m de réir príomhréimsí caiteachais



Forléargas

Tháinig athrú ó bhonn ar chúrsaí turasóireachta mar gheall ar phaindéim COVID-19 a theacht chun cinn. Bhí éiginnteacht i gceist le turasóireacht idirnáisiúnta i gcónaí i rith na bliana 2021 ach bhí turasóireacht intíre ina shiocair le téarnamh mar gheall ar an rath a tháinig ar shéasúr gairid samhraidh in ionaid éagsúla turasóireachta. Dá ainneoin sin, d'fhág na bearta riachtanacha sláinte poiblí a cuireadh i bhfeidhm gur cailleadh cuid mhór postanna a bheadh bunaithe ar an turasóireacht nó go raibh siad ag brath ar chúnamh Stáit.

Cheap an tAire Martin Tascfhórsa Maoirseachta maidir le Téarnamh na Turasóireachta i ndeireadh na bliana 2020 i mbun maoirseachta ar chur i bhfeidhm an Phlean Téarnaimh maidir leis an Turasóireacht. Thug an grúpa sin tuairisci tráthrialta don Aire i rith na bliana 2021 trínar cuireadh lón ábhair fiúntach ar fáil don Rialtas maidir leis na bearta a bhí de dhíth a d'fhónfadh don earnáil.

Chuir COVID-19 brú suntasach ar an earnáil, agus mar gheall air sin, rinneadh buaicleibhéal cistíochta a chur i leith na Turasóireachta go foriomlán, ardú €59 milliún i gcomparáid le leithroinnt an bliana 2020 go dtí beagán faoi bhun €221 milliún. Coinníodh an infheistíocht sa Chiste Margaíochta Turasóireachta ar bun d'fhoinn a chinntíú go mbeadh Éire i rocht téarnamh a thabhairt i bhfeidhm go beo a luaithe a bheadh sé sábhalte ag turasóirí teacht anseo ó na margáí príomhthábhachta.

Rinneadh dul chun cinn i rith na bliana 2021 agus cuireadh cúnamh taca ar fáil maidir leis na réimsí straitéise ardleibhéal a shonraítear i Ráiteas Straitéise na Roinne i ndáil leis an turasóireacht. Tugtar cuntas achoimre ar an dul chun cinn maidir le gach réimse straitéise ardleibhéal thíos.

- **Gnólachtaí turasóireachta agus sócmhainní príomhthábhachta turasóireachta a theacht slán agus téarnamh earnáil na turasóireachta tar éis phaindéim COVID.**

Tháinig an Grúpa Maoirseachta maidir le Téarnamh na Turasóireachta le chéile aon uair déag sa bhliain 2021 agus cuireadh trí thuarascáil faoi bhráid an Aire. Ar na ceisteanna buntábhachtacha ar díriodh aird orthu, bhí a a thábhachtaí a bhí turasóireacht thar thír isteach a athoscailt agus a

thábhachtaí a bhí bearta de leithéid ráta CBL laghdaithe 9% a choinneáil, EWSS, CRSS agus Deontais maidir le Leanúnachas Gnó Turasóireachta d'fhoinn a chinntiú go dtiocfadh gnólachtaí turasóireachta slán ó thréimhse na géarchéime.

Rinne an tAire comhchathaoirleacht, in éineacht leis an Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta, ar an bhFóram Fáilteachais agus Turasóireachta agus bhí cruinnithe aici le geallsealbhóirí na n-earnálacha tráthanna éagsúla i rith na bliana 2021. Tá de chuspóir leis an bhFóram go mbíonn deis na príomhcheisteanna is ábhar buartha do lucht na n-earnálacha a phlé, d'fhoinn gníomhartha praiticiúla a thabhairt chun suntais is féidir leis an Rialtas (náisiúnta nó áitiúil), nó le lucht an tionscail féin, a dhéanamh ar mhaithe le bonn treise a chur faoi ghnóthais.



Tugadh san áireamh le Buiséad 2021 €55m do Scéim Leanúnachais maidir le Gnólachtaí Turasóireachta trína gcuideofaí le gnólachtaí straitéisearcha turasóireachta teacht slán ón bpaindéim agus brostú leis an téarnamh. Cuireadh leis na cistí sin leis an Scéim maidir le Béilí faoin Aer 2021 agus an Scéim maidir le Beochan na gCeantar Uirbeach 2021 lenar fhéad Fáilte Ireland deontais caipilil a chur ar fáil faoi scéimeanna sainiúla d'fhoinn cuidiú le gnólachtaí turasóireachta dul in oriúint don athrú ar an réimeas feidhmiúcháin.

Béilí faoin Aer i nDún Garbháin, Co. Phort Láirge

Lean Fáilte Ireland, d'fhoinn cuidiú le gnólachtaí turasóireachta athoscaill agus oibriú go sábháilte i gcomhréir le treoir an Rialtais i rith na bliana 2021, de shraith treoirlínte d'earnáil na turasóireachta a fhoilsíú agus a leasú i leith na linne. Rinneadh na foilseacháin a ullmhú i gcomhairle le tionscal na turasóireachta agus leis na húdaráis cuí.

De réir mar a lean gnólachtaí turasóireachta ag dul in oriúint do chúinsí mar a bhí mar gheall ar COVID-19, chuir Fáilte Ireland treoir ar fáil do lucht an tionscail tríd an Mol Tacaíochtaí do Ghnólachtaí le 14 sraith faoi leith de chúnamh saineolais agus d'uirilisí oiliúna, seimineáir gréasáin, liostaí seiceála agus Ceisteanna Coitianta ina measc. Cuireadh 11,000 lá oiliúna ar fáil do líon is mó ná 1,200 gnólacht agus 9,000 ball foirne i réimsí lárnacha maidir le cúrsaí gnó, mar shampla Gnóthaí Airgeadais, AD, Cúrsaí Digiteacha, Pleanáil Gnó, Bainistíocht, Díolachán agus Margaíocht.

I bhfianaise na ndeacrachtaí a bhí roimh ghnólachtaí turasóireachta go fóill, aimsíodh buaicleibhéal cistíochta faoi bhuiséad turasóireachta 2022, le leithroinnt breise €50m do scéim breise maidir le leanúnachas gnólachtaí trína mbrostófar téarnamh inbhuanaithe ar earnáil na turasóireachta.

- ***Creat beartais i ndáil le cúrsaí turasóireachta trína gcothaítear earnáil turasóireachta inmharthana maidir le gnéithe timpeallachta, sóisialta agus eacnamaíochta.***

Éilítear ar Roinn mar gheall ar Spriocanna na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir le Forbairt Inbhuanaithe beartais a cheapadh agus a chur i bhfeidhm d'fhoinn turasóireachta inmharthana a chur chun cinn trína gcruthaítear postanna agus trína gcuirtear cultúr agus tárgí áitiúla chun cinn.

I mí Deireadh Fómhair 2021, chuir an Grúpa Oibre maidir le Turasóireacht Inmharthana tuarascáil faoi bhráid an Aire ina leagtar amach sraith gníomhartha d'fheann gnáis inmharthana turasóireachta a chur chun tosaigh sula dtosaítéar ar bheartas náisiúnta turasóireachta nua a cheapadh sa bhliain 2023. Ar na gníomhartha sin a chur i bhfeidhm, díreofar aird ar cheantair agus ar áiteanna ina bhféachtar le sárleibhéal a bhaint amach ó thaobh cúrsáin inmharthanacha agus tabharfar deis níos fearr ar eolas agus ar uirlisí ionas gur féidir le tionscal na turasóireachta agus le cuairteoirí freagracht i mbun turasóireachta a chleachtadh.

I mí na Nollag 2021, chuir an Roinn túis le beartas náisiúnta turasóireachta nua a cheapadh a mbeidh cúrsáin inmharthanacha ina gcuid dílis de agus a mbeidh an obair a rinne an Grúpa Oibre maidir le Turasóireacht Inmharthana ina lón eolais ina leith.

- ***Forfheabhsú maidir le fostáiocht inbhuanaithe in earnáil na turasóireachta le béim faoi leith ar inniúlacht agus scil lucht saothair na turasóireachta maidir le cúrsáin digiteachta a fheabhsú.***

I rith na bliana 2021, chuir Fáilte Ireland tionscnaimh éagsúla i bhfeidhm d'fheann feabhas maidir le fostáiocht inbhuanaithe in earnáil na turasóireachta, lena n-áirítear fostóirí a chur i mbun caidrimh le soláthraithe oideachais tríú leibhéal sa cheantar agus na daoine cumasacha atá ceangailte leo; oibriú leis an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí d'fheann teacht níos furasta ag fostóirí ar dhaoine cumasacha atá ar an gClár Beo; agus slite beatha agus cúrsáí a chur i láthair do mhic léinn agus do dhaoine atá ag cuardach fostáiochta trí láithreán gréasáin agus ardáin meán sóisialta tourismcareers.ie.

Rinne Fáilte Ireland freisin mol foghlama, [the Learning Hub](#), a fhorbairt - sraith de chúrsaí féintreorach ar líne maidir le forbairt leanúnach gairmiúlachta d'fheann cuidiú leis an mbrú ar ghnólachtaí a mhaolú maidir le hoiliúint ar bhaill nua fairne agus breis oiliúna ar bhaill reatha na fairne - an tráth céanna a gcuindítear le daoine a oibríonn i dtionscal na turasóireachta a ré gairme féin a thabhairt chun cinn go neamhspleách ionas go ndéantar fónamh d'fhostaithe a choinneáil agus d'fhostáiocht inbhuanaithe sa tionscal.

Mar chuid den fheachtas [#BeThePulse](#) maidir le haird ar chúrsaí earcaíochta, rinne Fáilte Ireland Uirlísí Earcaíochta a fhorbairt le lón comhairle agus treorach faoi mhodhanna inar féidir le gnólachtaí feabhas a chur ar an Earcaíocht Dhigiteach, lena n-áirítear acmhainní agus an tsárúsáid chomh maith le comhairle faoi ardáin dhigiteacha a úsáid.

Chomh maith leis sin, sheol Fáilte Ireland an clár [Digital that Delivers](#) d'fheann treisiú leis an aistriú go dtí córais dhigiteacha agus le forfheabhsú scileanna in earnáil ionaid na gcuairteoirí in Éirinn. Is é atá de chuspóir leis an gclár a chur ar chumas ghnólachtaí freastal níos fearr dá mbíonn gá agus tnúth leis ag cuairteoirí an lae inniu — an cuairteoir intíre agus an cuairteoir ón iasach. Tríd an acmhainn digiteachta a chothú, tabharfaidh an clár gur fearr an iomaíocht a dhéantar in Éirinn agus go gcuirtear an beart i gcrích tráth a bhfuil iomaíocht ghéar idirnáisiúnta ar siúl, ligfear d'ionaid táirgí/seirbhísí a chéile a athdhíol, agus ligfear do ghnólachtaí oibriú ar bhealach níos éifeachtaí an tráth céanna a gcuirtear le réimse scileanna fhostaithe i dtionscal na turasóireachta agus a ndéantar fónamh maidir le fostáiocht inbhuanaithe.

- ***Infheistíocht i margáiocht na turasóireachta lena gcoinnítear agus a gcothaítear aird agus spéis in Éirinn mar ionad turasóireachta thar lear agus lena dtugtar an tairbhe is fearr i gcrích maidir le turasóireacht intíre.***

I rith na bliana 2021, coinníodh an Ciste Margaíochta Turasóireachta ar aon leibhéal lena mbíodh i bhfeidhm roimhe sin d'fhonn a chinntíú go raibh acmhainní ar fáil ag Turasóireacht Éireann chun gach iarracht a dhéanamh sciar na hÉireann den mhargadh a chaomhnú. Rinne Turasóireacht Éireann, leis na cistí sin, tabhairt faoi chlár leitheadach beartaíochta i rith na bliana. Mar gheall ar thionchar leanúnach na paindéime i dtús na bliana, cuireadh an chuid is mó den bheartaíocht bolscaireachta ba ghnáth le Turasóireacht Éireann a dhéanamh ar athló.

I rith an tréimhse sin, ba ríthábhachtach an ní go gcoinneodh Turasóireacht Éireann oiléán na hÉireann go mór chun tosaigh in intinn na dturasóirí idirnáisiúnta a mbeadh i ndán go dtiocfaidís anseo – go dtí go mbeadh caoi acu sin a dhéanamh. Lean Turasóireacht Éireann dá réir sin de chlár leitheadach beartaíochta i réimsí ciancheangail agus ar líne, d'fhonn a chinntíú go mbeifí i rocht tosú ar an toirt ar ghnó a thabhairt i gcrích in athuair d'oirbitheoirí turasóireachta ar fud oiléán na hÉireann a luaithe ab fhéidir sin. Deimhníodh le hobair leanúnach taighde Thurasóireacht Éireann go raibh tomholtóirí ag smaoineamh faoin gceann scríbe don chéad turas a d'fhéadfaí a thabhairt tar éis na paindéime – agus ba ríthábhachtach oiléán na hÉireann a choinneáil in uachtar maidir leis na roghanna ionas go gcinnteofaí téarnamh den rath do thionscal na turasóireachta anseo.

Ó lár na bliana 2021, ceadaíodh taisteal ar mhaithe le caitheamh aimsire arís agus thosaigh Turasóireacht Éireann de bhearta bolscaireachta de na seanchineálacha a chur ar siúl in athuair. Dá ainneoin sin, bhí éiginnteacht i réim agus srianta i bhfeidhm i gconaí, chomh maith le coinníollacha breise maidir le taisteal, mar shampla cruthúnas maidir le vacsaíní, tástáil maidir le COVID-19 agus maille córas na soilse tráchta i ndáil leis an leibhéal baoil a ghabh le margaidh faoi leith.

- *Infheistíocht san fhorbairt ar Tháirgí Turasóireachta, gníomhaíocht faoin aer san áireamh, trína gcuirtear le clú na hÉireann go hidirnáisiúnta maidir le bheith ina oiléán inmharthana glan glas mar cheann scríbe, an tráth céanna a mbítear mealltach ag an margadh intíre.*

I mí Márta, d'fhógair an tAire agus Fáilte Ireland mionsonraí faoin Scéim Forfheabhsúcháin maidir le Béilí faoin Aer, scéim nua €17m maidir leis láithreacha béile faoin aer a thabhairt chun cinn a cuireadh i bhfeidhm trí chomhar páirtnéireachta idir Fáilte Ireland agus na hÚdarás Áitiúla ar fud na tíre.

Lean Fáilte Ireland de na brandáí seanbhunaithe maidir lena mbíonn le taithí ag an turasóir a fhorbairt, le hinfeistíocht shaindírithe caipítíl in ionaid faoi leith agus i ngnéithe eile d'infraestructúr na turasóireachta agus le bearta eile cláir atá thírithe ar fhorfheabhsú breise, ar bheochan agus ar bholscaireacht maidir leis na brandáí seo, cúnamh taca gnó agus oiliúint san áireamh.

Bhí an chéad ghairm maidir le hiarratais a d'eisigh Fáilte Ireland sa bhliain 2019, thírithe ar an ardán maidir le hionaid inar féidir tumléargas a fháil ar chúrsaí oidhreachta agus cultúir agus lorgaíodh tograi maidir le tionscail mhórscála €2.5m agus os a chionn. Tá d'aidhm ag Fáilte Ireland maidir leis an réimse sin, forás tréan eacnamaíochta a chinntíú trí infheistíocht a dhéanamh in ionaid oidhreachta agus cultúir ar scála a spreagfaidh turasóirí le taisteal chucu, trasna na hÉireann nó thar tir isteach, ach sin a dhéanamh gan ionaid atá ar fáil cheana féin san áit a chur ar gcúl ná cur as don acmhainn iomaíochta atá ag baint le hionaid sheanbhunaithe. Is é atá de chuspóir ghinearálta leis an mbeartaíocht ionaid turais a chur ar fáil ionas gur féidir ceangal an turasóra le hÉirinn a chothú, cultúr, oidhreacht agus muintir na háite agus na tíre a léiriú go bríomhar agus scaipeadh níos forleithne, ó thaobh réigiún na tíre agus shéasúir na bliana, a thabhairt i gcrích.



Tá comhar páirtnéireachta idir Fáilte Ireland, Coillte agus EAK (erlebnis akademie AG) ar bun maidir le Páirc Foraoiseachta na Craobhaí trίna dtabharfar ionad mealltach turasóireachta don teaghlaigh chun cinn sa Chraobhach a bheidh ina cheann scribe tábhachtach in Oirthear Ársa na hÉireann. Meastar go mbeidh Teach Avondale agus Páirc Foraoise na Craobhai, arna athfhorbairt ag Coillte, á oscailt i dtús na bliana 2022.

Fógraíodh i mí Meitheamh 2021 infheistíocht de chuid Fháilte Éireann, maidir leis an gcéad ardán, ab fhiú níos mó ná €44 milliún i ndáil le forbairt a dhéanamh ar ceithre cinn d'ionaid turasóireachta de scoth an domhain sna háiteanna seo a leanas:

- Páirc Log na Sionna & Bhoirinn an Chábháin, An Blaic, Co. an Chábháin - €4.8m
- Dún Riabhach & Cionn an Dúin Riabhaigh, Bun Cranncha, Co. Dhún na nGall - €9.3m
- 'This is Ireland' Tuaisceart Lár na Cathrach, Baile Átha Cliath 1 - €10m
- Eastát & Gairdíní Theach Chathair na Mart, Cathair na Mart - €20.2m

Seoladh an dara hardán i mí Eanáir 2020 agus eisíodh gairm faoi leith thírithe ar iarratais ó údarás áitiúla d'fhoíneanna beartaíochta in ionaid cois uisce ar fud na hÉireann a fhorbairt. I mí Aibreán 2021, fógraíodh infheistíocht €19m i ndáil leis an ardán sin le cur i leith ionaid áiseanna de scoth an domhain a fhorbairt in 22 áit ar leith ar fud na tíre ina mbíonn gníomhaíocht ar an uisce ar cheann de na príomhnithe a mheallann cuairteoirí. Sna háiseanna seo, arna leagan amach mar mhól i ngach ceantar ónar féidir le oibritheoirí spóirt uisce feidhmiú, beidh cithfolcadh le huisce te ar fáil, seomraí feistis agus leithris, spás stórála sábhálte, spás don bhunoiliúint, spás inar féidir trealamh a níochán agus pointí treorach.

D'fhoilsigh an Rialtas Plean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2021 – 2030 leasaithe ar an 4 Deireadh Fómhair 2021, ag teacht in ionadh an PFN roimhe sin lenar ceapadh ré feidhme 2018-2027. Cuirfear bonn treise, le bearta tús áite infheistíocht caipítíl na Roinne, faoin téarnamh eacnamaíochta agus faoin mbuanseasmhacht in earnálacha na turasóireachta, an chultúir, na healaíne, na Gaeltachta, an spóirt agus na meán cumarsáide an tráth céanna a gcuirtear le dea-bhail an duine agus an phobail agus a gcuirtear inmharrthanacht shóisialta, eacnamaíochta agus timpeallachta chun cinn ar mhaith le hoidhreacht shainiúil cultúir, teanga agus spóirt na hÉireann a chaomhnú do na glúnta atá le theacht.

Le haird faoi leith ar shuíomhanna agus ar áiseanna oidhreachta, cibé an oidhreacht dúlra nó an oidhreacht foirgníochta, atá faoi úinéireacht nó faoi bhainistíocht an Stáit, tá comhar páirtnéireachta cothaithe ag Fáilte Ireland le comhlacthaí príomhthábhachta Stáit (Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí, An tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra, Coillte, Uiscebhealáí Éireann agus, le gairid, Údarás na Gaeltachta) a bhfuil suíomhanna agus ionaid faoi úinéireacht nó faoi bhainistíocht acu a meastar barrthábhachta leo maidir le cúrsáí turasóireachta. Trí chomhar páirtnéireacht den chineál seo, is féidir le Fáilte Ireland cuidiú le hobair athchóiriúcháin agus forfheabhsúcháin ar ionaid thábhachtacha cuairteoirí agus lón comhairle a chur ar fáil maidir le forbairt bħreise ar an ionad agus le cúrsáí margáiochta.

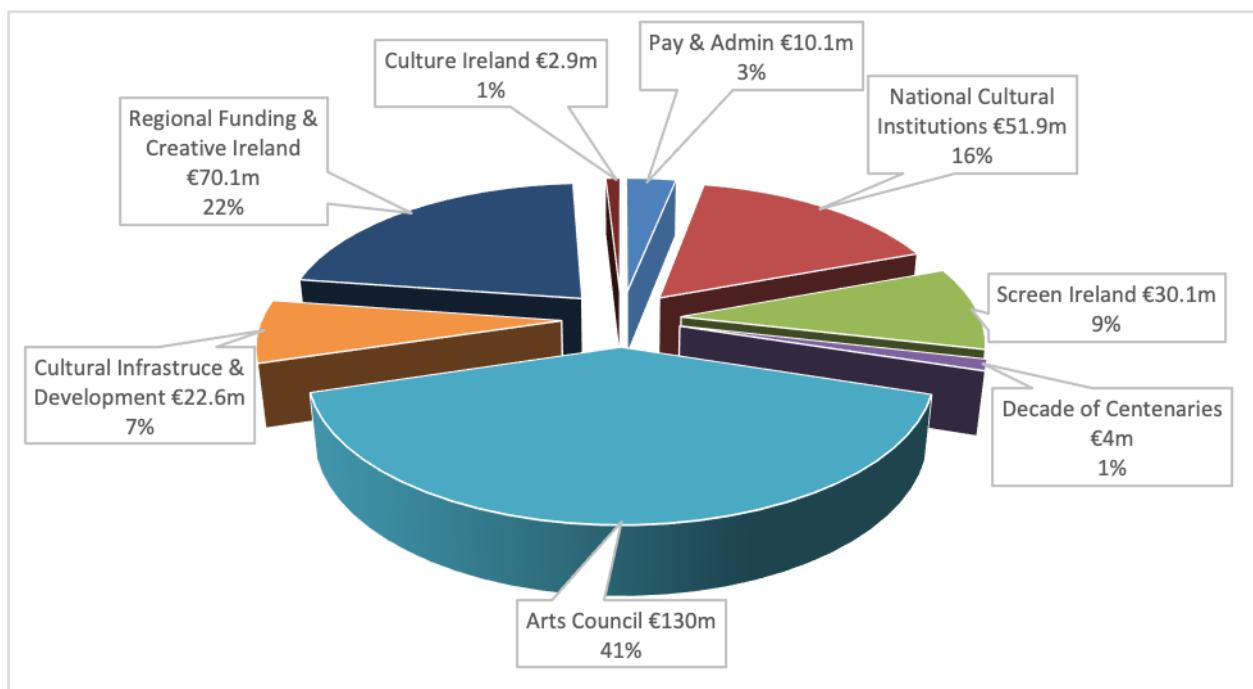
**Na hEalaíona, Cultúr &
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Cuspóir B

Rannpháirtíocht an duine aonair agus
an phobail le gnóthaí ealaíne, cultúir
agus cruthaitheachta a chothú sa
chaoi is go gcuireann bearta cultúrtha
le saol an duine; ealaín, cultúr agus
cruthaitheacht na hÉireann a chur
chun cinn thar lear; agus comhordú a
dhéanamh ar chlár Dheich mBliana
na gCuimhneachán 2012 – 2023

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Caiteachas €321.8m de réir príomhréimsí caiteachais



Forléargas

Lean cur isteach géar ar earnáil na hEalaíne agus ar earnáil an Chultúir i rith na bliana 2021 mar gheall ar COVID-19. Le himeacht ama, d'fhéad lucht féachana a theacht i láthair arís de réir a chéile ag ócáidí cultúir agus siamsaíochta agus tharla athshlánú de chineál teoranta ar an nGeilleagar Oíche. Ba léir dúthracht an Rialtais i leith na hearnála ón leithdháileadh cistíochta lena n-áirítear buaicleibhéal cistíochta €130m don Chomhairle Ealaíon agus níos mó ná €60m maidir le bearta breise cúnta do Shiamsaíocht Beo. Cuireadh €60m ar fáil do na Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir lena n-áirítear €8m d'fhoinn freastal d'aistriú na Ceolchoirne Náisiúnta Siansa go dtí an Ceoláras Náisiúnta agus €27m i ndáil leis an gclár maidir le Bonneagar agus Forbairt Cultúir. Cuireadh freisin leis an gcistíochta a bhí ar fáil maidir le Fís Éireann agus le Deich mbliana na gCuimhneachán.

Sraíteáis 1: Cultúr 2025 agus Éire Ildánacha a chur i bhfeidhm

An beartas 'Cultúr 2025' agus an clár Éire Ildánach 2017-2022 agus cláir leanúnacha cuimhneacháin a chur i bhfeidhm i gcomhar páirtneireachta le geallsealbhóiri náisiúnta agus áitiúla

Cultúr 2025

Cuirtear stiúir in Cultúr 2025 faoi bheartas an Rialtais maidir le hearnáil an chultúir, lena n-áirítear cursaí ealaíne, an Ghaeilge, earnáil na cruthaitheachta, an oidhreacht chultúir agus earnáil an chlosamhairc. Leagtar amach sa chreatbheartas seo luachanna agus prionsabail ardleibhéal i ndáil leis an mbeartas poiblí agus leis an bpleanáil i rith na ndeich mbliana seo romhainn. Áitítear go bhfuil de cheart ag an uile dhuine ábhar taitneamhachta, cruthaitheachta agus rannpháirtíochta a bhaint as cultúr a dtíre féin. Táthar ag déanamh dul chun cinn cheana féin maidir le haidhmeanna Chultúr 2025 le tionscnaimh reatha de chuid an Rialtais, Éire Ildánach, Sraíteáis 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge, Éire

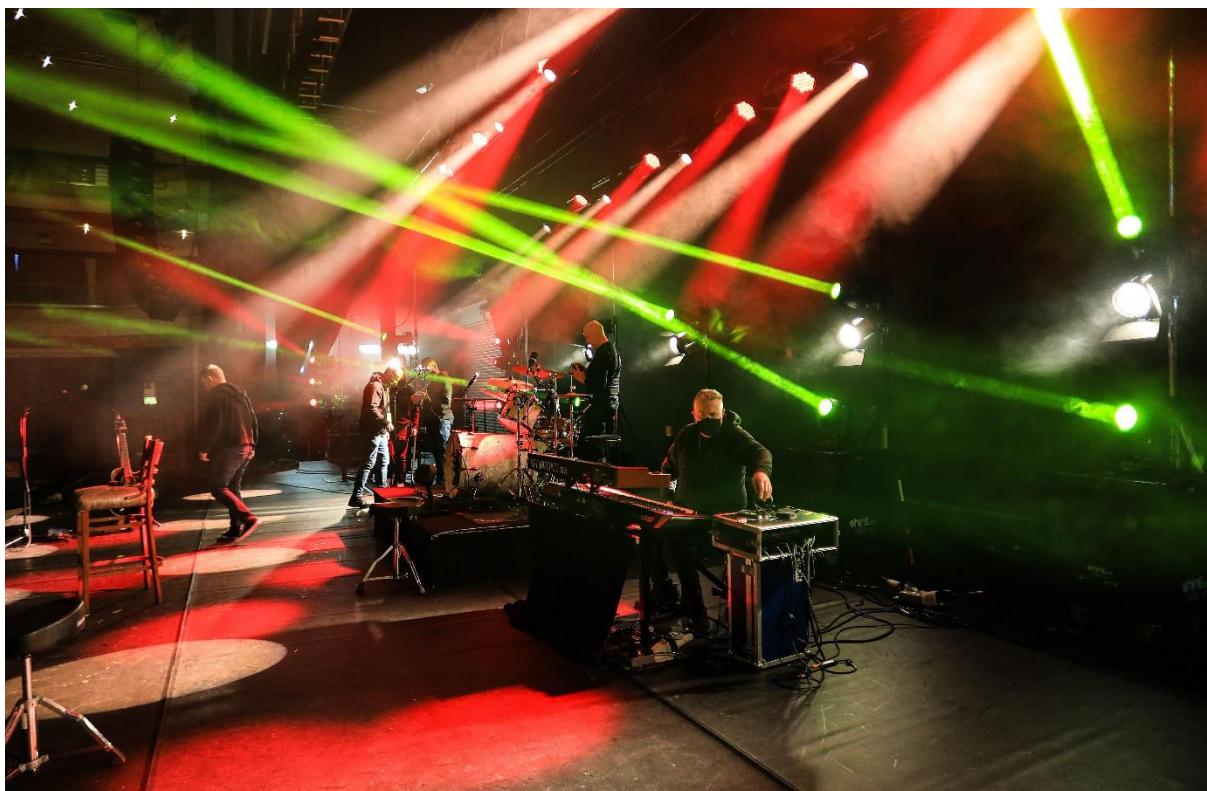
Dhomhanda 2025 agus an Plean Gníomhaíochta Closamhairc san áireamh. Tá infheistíocht caipitil don chultúr trí Thionscadal Éireann 2040 á chur de bhonn treise faoi.

Bearta Cúnta maidir le hEarnáil na Siamsaíochta Beo – 2021

Ar na nithe ba dhúshlánaí a cuireadh roimh Rannóg Cultúir na Roinne i rith na bliana 2021 bhí bearta éifeachtúla a leagan amach agus a chur i bhfeidhm a d'fhónfadhb d'earnálacha na healaíne, an chultúir agus na siamsaíochta beo i bhfianaise a raibh de chur isteach ar imeachtaí beo mar gheall ar an bpaindéim. Lean cur isteach dá shórt ar feadh na bliana 2021 a bheag nó a mhór.

Cheadaigh an Roinn deontais dar luach iomlán €54m i rith na bliana 2021 d'fhoínn fónamh d'earnáil na siamsaíochta beo agus d'fhoínn deiseanna fostáiochta ag ealaíontóirí agus ag lucht an chriú, trí scéimeanna mar seo a leanas a chur ar bun:

- €25m Scéim Tacaíochta maidir le Taibhréimeanna Beo (LPSS)
- €13.7m Scéim Tacaíochta COVID Earnáil na nlmeachtaí (ESCSS)
- €8.8m Scéim Tacaíochta maidir le Taibhréimeanna Beo Áitiúla (LLPSS)
- €3.1m Scéim Tacaíochta Ceoil agus Siamsaíochta (MEBAS)
- €1.7m Scéim maidir le Deontais Caipitil i ndáil le Siamsaíocht Tráchtála (CECGS)
- €0.88m Féile Lá Fhéile Pádraig
- €0.580m cistí Geamaireachta (LPSS Sraith II)



An Scéim Tacaíochta maidir le Taibhréimeanna Beo

An Clár Éire Ildánach (CIP)

Clár uile-rialtais an clár Éire Ildánach agus rinne an Roinn seo, i gcomhar leis an Roinn Oideachais, an Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta & Óige agus an Chomhairle Ealaíon, infheistíocht €6.5m in Óige Ildánacha i rith na bliana 2021. Rinneadh fónamh ar an gcaoi sin deo theacht a bheith ag leanaí agus ag daoine óga ar bheartaíocht cruthaitheachta, sa scoil agus i measc an phobail. Le tionscnamh maidir leis an Óige Ildánach i rith na bliana 2021 mar shampla, cheangail 189 scoil nua le clár na Scoileanna Cruthaitheachta agus lean 164 scoil ar aghaidh leis an dara bliain den chlár. Tá níos mó ná 265 de lucht an aos dána ceangailte leis an tionscnamh seo.

I gcomhar leis an Roinn Oideachais, tharla méadú ó 3 go dtí 6 Chomhpháirtíocht Áitiúil Chruthaitheacht na hÓige in ionaid taobh amuigh den scoil, nuair a tháinig Corcaigh, Gaillimh/Ros Comáin agus Maigh Eo/Sligeach/Liatroim isteach in éineacht leis an 3 chomhpháirtíocht tosaigh i gCiarraí, Laois/Uíbh Fháilí agus Luimneach/Co. an Chláir. Tugadh comhar nua maidir leis an scríbhneoireacht chruthaitheach, Fighting Words - Story Seeds, chun cinn in éineacht leis an Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta & Óige i gceantair éagsúla atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste ar fud na tíre. Bhí níos mó ná 100 scoil páirteach sa chlár sin i rith na bliana 2021. Le hinfheistíocht breise i gcomhar idir an dá Roinn, rinne Amharclannaíocht Óige na hÉireann fónamh d'athoscailt na ngrúpa go sábhalte agus d'oiliúint a chur ar ghrúpaí nua tar éis COVID-19.

Leis an tionscnamh maidir le Pobal Ildánach, oibríonn Éire Ildánach leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta agus le 31 údarás áitiúil ionas gur féidir le pobal áitiúil an chruthaitheacht a chleachtadh ar mhaithe le dea-bhail an duine, comhtháthú sóisialta agus forbairt eacnamaíochta. I rith na bliana 2021, cuidíodh leis na húdaráis áitiúla beagnach 1,500 togra agus tionscnamh de chuid an phobail a thabhairt i gcrích, 637 san áireamh maidir le Cruinniú na nÓg.

Lean an Roinn freisin leis an obair i gcomhar leis an Roinn Sláinte, Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte agus an Chomhairle Ealaíon ag cur bonn faoin tairbhe fhiúntach a dhéanann cur chun cinn na cruthaitheachta maidir le sláinte agus dea-bhail an duine. Cuireadh túis le tionscnaimh cómhaoinithe, ina measc obair le Helium Arts i ndáil le caidreamh cruthaitheachta le leanáí a bhfuil gá acu le cóir fhadtéarmach leighis agus le Foras Ospíse na hÉireann i ndáil le déileáil an duine agus an phobail leis an mbás, le saothrú an bháis agus le méala mar gheall ar an mbás. Anuas air sin, chuir an Roinn beagán faoi bhun €1m ar fáil freisin i rith na bliana 2021 maidir le Cruthaitheacht do Dhaoine Aosta i measc an phobail agus/nó in ionaid cónaithe d'fhoínn fónamh don aosú misniúil agus d'fhoínn toradh chun dochair mar gheall ar chochlú sóisialta agus scaradh sóisialta a mhaolú.

Thionscnaigh an Roinn Ciste Cruthaitheachta €2m maidir le Beart i leith na hAeráide, i gcomhar leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide agus tríd an gclár Éire Ildánach. Táthar ag cuidiú faoin gciste seo le 15 tionscadal ionas gur féidir le healaíontóirí, eagraíochtaí cultúir agus cruthaitheachta, dearthóirí agus daoine eile caidreamh den rath a cheangal le daoine maidir leis na hathruithe bunúsacha atá ag tarlú inár dtimpeall.

An Geilleagar Oíche

Foilsíodh an tuarascáil ó Thascfhórsa an Gheilleagair Oíche i mí Meán Fómhair agus leagadh amach 16 moladh i ndáil le rialúcháin, ceadúnais, pleanáil, cúrsaí iompair, sábháilteach agus leathnú ar na réimsí gníomhaíochta a bhíonn ar fáil san oíche. Cuireadh Grúpa Forfheidhmiúcháin ar bun d'fhoínn a chinntí go ndéantar moltaí na tuarascála a chur i bhfeidhm go hiomlán. Réimse freagrácht uile-Rialtais na moltaí a chur i gcrích agus leanann an Roinn den obair i gcomhar le Ranna eile Rialtais, le gníomhaireachtaí agus le geallsealbhóirí príomhthábhachta eile.

Clár na bliana 2021 maidir le Deich mbliana na gCuimhneachán

Tá cur chuige an Rialtais bunaithe ar na prionsabail a leagtar síos sa chéad Ráiteas (arna fhoilsíú sa bhliain 2012) ón nGrúpa Comhairleach Saineolaithe maidir le Comóradh an Chéid, sa Dara Ráiteas 2021 (arna fhoilsíú sa bhliain 2017) agus sa treoir ón nGrúpa ina dhiaidh sin (arna foilsíú i mí Eanáir 2019).

Is mór an fiúntas atá leis an nGrúpa Comhairliúcháin Uile-Pháirtí maidir le Comóradh ó thosaigh Deich mbliana na gCuimhneachán agus beidh tairbhe arís i rith na mblianta atá romhaínn amach go dtí 2023 as lón comhairle don sórt sin maidir le Clár Dheich mbliana na gCuimhneachán.

Bhí tréimhse an chomórtha i rith na bliana 2021 ar an tréimhse ba ghéarchúisí go dtí seo ó tharla go raibh comóradh an chéid i gceist maidir le Cogadh na Saoirse, an Teorainn agus bunú Thuaisceart Éireann, Cogadh na Saoirse agus bunú an Stáit.



An tAire Martin in éineacht leis an Taoiseach Micheál Mairtin, an Tánaiste Leo Varadkar agus an Dr Audrey Whitty, Ceann Bailiúcháin in Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann ag seoladh Chlár 2021 Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán.

Eagraíodh imeachtaí éagsúla a bhí dírithe ar an teorainn agus ar bhunú Thuaisceart Éireann:

- Rinneadh sraith de chainteanna poiblí a thaifeadadh agus a chraoladh ar líne faoin teideal: *'The Partition of Ireland: Causes and Consequences.'* Ollscoil na Banríona i mBéal Feirste, i gcomhar le hAcadamh Ríoga na hÉireann agus an British Academy, a d'eagraigh an tsraith ina raibh daoine iomráiteacha den lucht léinn ar fud na hÉireann agus na Breataine páirteach.
- D'eagraigh an Eaglais Phreispitéireach in Éirinn ócaid ar an 17 Meán Fómhair 2021 sa Union Theological College i mBéal Feirste faoin teideal 'On These Steps'. Bhí lón machnaimh i gceist ó thaobh na staire leis an Dr Ian McBride agus maidir leis an am atá i ndán le Modhnóir na hEaglaise Preispitéirí.
- Ar an 21 Deireadh Fómhair, d'eagraigh ceannairí phríomheaglaisí na Críostaíochta in Éirinn seirbhís eaglasta i gcomhar d'fhonn ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar chomóradh an chéid. Rinne an tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha, Simon Coveney agus an tAire Stáit Chambers ionadaíocht thar ceann an Rialtais ag an ócaid seo in Ardeaglais Eaglais na hÉireann in Ard Mhacha.
- Ar an 5 Samhain, d'eagraigh Músaem Contae Mhuineacháin seimineár d'fhonn ar thaithigh an pobal leis an teorainn agus an dearcadh i leith na staire a chíoradh. Eagraíodh an ócaid sin i gcomhar leis an nGrúpa Comhairleach Saineolaithe maidir le Comóradh an Chéid agus Ranna príomhthábhachta Rialtais, ina measc Róinnt an Taoisigh agus an Róinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha.
- Eagraíodh an ceathrú ceann de na seimineáir faoi scáth shraith Machnamh 100 an Uachtaráin ar an 25 Samhain faoin teideal 'Settlements, Schisms and Civil Strife'.

Leanadh chomh maith de chúnamh taca a thabhairt do thionscadail atá dírithe ar chomóradh an chéid faoi Chiste Athmhuintearais na Róinne Gnóthaí Eachtracha. Cuireadh níos mó ná €500,000 de chistí

ar fáil do thionscadail a raibh béis leo ar chomóradh céad bliain – ina measc clár oideachais, saothair drámaíochta le léiriú agus le tabhairt ar camchuairt, comhdhálacha, foilseacháin nua, léachtaí, cláracha podchraolacháin, ócáidí comórtha agus caidreamh eagraíochtaí trasphobail. Leanfar le babhtaí cistíochta na blianta 2022 d'iarratais a mheas faoin gCiste Athmhuintearais maidir le tionscadal lena leagtar béis ar Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán.

Chothaigh Clár 2021 Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán caidreamh ar fónamh le geallsealbhóirí agus le daoine den phobal. Chuir an Roinn bonn treise faoi ghné an phobail den chlár agus leithroinnéadh beagnach €2m chun cuidiú le húdaráis áitiúla clár comórtha caomhchóirithe dá gceantar féin a thabhairt chun cinn.

Rinne na Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir fónamh maidir le Clár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán freisin le clár digitiúcháin, taispeántais agus caidrimh. D'éirigh thar cionn le taispeántas na Cartlainne Náisiúnta Londain i mí na Samhna agus i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath (mí na Nollag) go háirithe.

Leanadh leis an obair, le hinfeistíocht faoi Thionscadal 2040, ar an tionscadal digitiúcháin Beyond 2022 trína gcuirfear leagan fíorúil de thaifid ar fáil. Táthar ag tnúth leis an obair a thabhairt chun críche agus an chartlann dhigiteach a sheoladh i samhradh 2022.

Seoladh an t-ardán Mná100 i rith na bliana 2021 agus rinne an Roinn an comhordú ina leith i gcomhar le réimse leathan geallsealbhóirí d'fhonn aird a dhíriú ar ról na mban sna himeachtaí staire a bhfuil comóradh á dhéanamh orthu, saothar nua taighde a thabhairt chun cinn, taispeántais ar líne a chur le chéile agus sraith spéisiúil podchraoltóireachta a léiriú.

I mí Aibreáin, d'fhógair an tAire deichniúr buaiteoirí Ghradam Markievicz 2021. I gcomhar leis an gComhairle Ealaíon a bhronntar an gradam seo ar suas le deichniúr ealaíontóir in aghaidh na bliana idir 2021-2023 (ar ealaíontóir amháin a shaothraíonn go haonarach nó ar ealaíontóir a shaothraíonn i gcomhar le daoine eile). Bíonn luach €25k in aghaidh an duine nó an ghrúpa le gach gradam.

Comóradh Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir

An tAire Martin a rinne Comóradh Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir a riad i Reilig Ghlas Naón i mBaile Átha Cliath ar an 16 Bealtaine. Bhí an tUachtarán, Micheál D. Ó hUiginn, i mbun an tsearmanais agus thug sé an príomhaitheasc. Leag an tUachtarán Ó hUiginn bláithfhleasc ar son mhuintir na hÉireann. Leag Deánach an Chóir Taidhleoireachta, Ard-Mhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath, Hazel Chu, agus Cathaoirleach Iontaobhas Reiligi Bhaile Átha Cliath, an tUasal David Bunworth, bláithfhleasc freisin agus chan David Kennedy *Ochón an Gorta Mór*, amhrán de chuid Brendan Graham. Ba é seo an dara huair an comóradh a eagrú i Reilig Ghlas Naón agus eagraíodh comóradh bliantúil Dhónaill Uí Chonaill ina dhiaidh ag a raibh an tAire Martin i láthair chomh maith.

D'eagraigh [Great Famine Voices Roadshow](#) plé ar líne idir an Dr Jason King agus Brendan Graham faoin téama “Songs of the Great Hunger” díreach i ndiaidh an tsearmanais.



An Chomhairle Ealaíon

Lean an Rialtas de bheart a dhéanamh i ndáil lena raibh de dheacrachartaí á gcur roimh an earnáil agus ceadaíodh buaicleibhéal cistíochta faoi Bhuiséad 2021. Rinneadh níos mó ná €130m a leithdháileadh ar an gComhairle Ealaíon don bhliain 2021, ardú 24% i gcomórtas leis an mbliain 2020. Foilsítear sonraí breise faoi bhearta agus faoi chláir na Comhairle Ealaíon, tuarascáil bhliantúil agus ráitis airgeadais san áireamh, ar láithreán gréasáin an Comhairle.

I rith na bliana 2021, d'fhéach an Chomhairle Ealaíon le réimse na healaíne in Éirinn a thabhairt slán trína chinntí go raibh teacht ag eagraíochtaí ealaíne ar chistí éigeandála ionas nach rachfaí i léig agus trí chistíocht a chur ar fáil do réimse ealaíontóirí i bhfad níos leithne. Ar na bearta príomhthábhachta eile bhí muinín a thabhairt do dhreamanna den lucht féachana maidir lena shábháilte a bhí cúrsaí ealaíne a thaithí in Éirinn an tráth céanna a ndearnadh saothar na n-eagraíochtaí ealaíne agus na n-ealaíontóirí a cheiliúradh agus a chur chun cinn.

Tháinig níos mó ná 8,000 iarratas faoi bhráid na Comhairle Ealaíon i rith na bliana 2021 agus ó iarratasóirí nua a tháinig níos mó ná 17% de na hiarratais a raibh an rath orthu. Áirítear ar

bhuaicphointí na bliana *Brightening Air*, séasúr deich lá d'ócáidí ealaíne ar fud na tíre ar chuidigh an Chomhairle Ealaón leis i mí Meitheamh 2021 agus a eagraíodh i ngach aon chontae sa tír. Ghlac 1,767 ealaíontóir agus léiritheoir cruthaitheachta páirt i 1,200 ócáid ar Oíche an Chultúir agus tarraingíodh aird 280,000 duine.

Leanadh de thionscnamh na Scoileanna Ildánacha a leathnú agus a fhairsingíú i rith na bliana 2021. Rinne na scoileanna agus na hionaid óige a sheasann leis an tionscnamh cúrsaí ealaíne agus cruthaitheachta a chur i gceartlár an tsaoil ag leanáí agus ag daoine óga. Cheangail 187 scoil nua leis an gclár i rith na bliana 2021. Áirítear ar phríomhpholasaithe na Comhairle Ealaón an Beartas agus an Straitéis maidir le Comhionannas, Cearta an Duine agus Iléagsúlacht. Rinneadh an polasaí sin a shlánchóiriú i rith na bliana 2021 i gcláir, i scéimeanna agus i ndámhachtainí na Comhairle. Tá polasaí maidir le Luach Saothair ag an Ealaíontóir ag an gComhairle chomh maith i ndáil leis an gcóir agus le cothrom na féinne maidir le luach saothair agus conarthaí d'ealaíontóirí. I gcomhréir le hAlt 11(7) san Acht Ealaón tá cothromaíocht inscne i gceist le comhaltaí na Comhairle Ealaón.



Oíche an Chultúir 2021

Fís Éireann agus Cúrsaí Closamhairc

B'ionann leithroinnt na bliana 2021 i ndáil le Fís Éireann agus €30.093m, €26.2m de chistí caipitil agus €3.893m de chistí reatha.

Foilsíodh an Dara Tuarascáil ar an Dul chun Cinn maidir leis an bPlean Gníomhaíochta Closamhairc a chur i bhFeidhm i mí Lúnasa 2021. Seoladh Plean Straitéise nua Fhís Éireann, Beartú maidir le Todhchaí den Chruthaitheachta 2024, i mí Deireadh Fómhair 2021 agus leagtar amach ann an dóigh ina gcuirfidh an eagraíocht bonn treise faoin earnáil go ceann tréimhse trí bliana le cúig cinn d'Aidhmeanna Straitéise.

Thug an tAire Airgeadais faoiseamh cánach de chineál nua isteach maidir le cluichíocht dhigiteach san Acht Airgeadais 2021. Treiseofar le comhlacthaí a dhéanann cluichí digiteacha a fhorbairt trí chreidmheas cánach is féidir a aisíoc maidir le cáin corparáide a cheadú i ndáil le caiteachas inghlactha ar an obair dearthóireachta, léiriúcháin agus tástála maidir le cluiche digiteach inghlactha.

Scéimeanna Cultúir

Aonad na Scéimeanna Cultúir <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6acdc-cultural-projects-funding/>

Rinne an Roinn, i rith na bliana 2021, deontais dar luach iomlán €554,116 a cheadú ar fud trí cinn de scéimeanna beaga maidir le cistíocht bhlianúil d'iarスマlanna áitiúla agus réigiúnacha, do ghrúpaí pobail agus d'eagraíochtaí eile ar fud na tíre i ndáil le tionscadail agus imeachtaí cultúir éagsúla.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuair a cuireadh Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann ar ceal an dara bliain as a chéile mar gheall ar COVID-19, rinne Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann beart nuálaíochta sa bhliain 2021 agus léiriódh an chéad Fleadh Cheoil cianchaidrimh riamh, ar tugadh Fleadhfest. Rinneadh sin a rith i rith ghnáthsheachtain na Fleadh Ceoil ón 1-9 Lúnasa 2021.

Straitéis 2: Na bailiúcháin náisiúnta a chumhdach

Na bailiúcháin náisiúnta a chumhdachanois sa chaoi is go mbíonn siad ar fáil ag na glúnta atá le theacht

Infheistíocht sa Chultúr, sa Teanga agus san Oidhreacht, 2018-2027

I bplean an Rialtais, *Infheistíocht sa Chultúr, sa Teanga agus san Oidhreacht 2018-2027*, arna fhoilsiú sa bhliain 2018, tá tnúth le hardú suntasach ar an infheistíocht sna Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir d'fhoillathchóiriú agus athnuachan ar áiseanna, i ndáil lena mbíonn le taithí ag an gcuairteoir agus i ndáil leis an spás ina gcoinnítear bailiúcháin náisiúnta na hÉireann i dtaisce stórála – geallúint atá le háireamh ar cheann de na geallúintí ba mhó maidir le hinfheistíocht sna forais cultúir i stair an Stáit. I rith na mblianta 2018-2027, beidh €460m á infheistiú sna Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir, leithroinnt €40m san áireamh maidir le hobair leanúnach cothabhála agus le hobair forfheabhsúcháin.

Tá trí shraith beartaíochta i gceist le plein caipítel na Roinne chomh maith: - Mórthograí Caipítel; - Infheistíocht Caipítel agus clár infreastruchtúir; agus - scéimeanna maidir le deontais caipítel.

Cé go bhfuil mórchuid na dtograí caipítel seo á dtabhairt trí na céimeanna breithnithe, táthar ag céim na tógála nó ag teannadh le céim na tógála maidir le tograí áirithe.Luaitear sa tábla thíos na mórtograí éagsúla de chuid na Roinne a raibh céim an bhreithnithe ar siúl ina leith i rith na bliana 2021, a raibh réamhobair déanta ina leith, nó a raibh obair ar an láthair ar bun nó á beartú. Luaitear an tráthchlár maidir le críochnú na hoibre de réir mar is féidir.

Togra	Stádas faoi dheireadh na bliana 2021
An Chartlann Náisiúnta	Ceadaíodh cás gnó críochnúil thogra taisce an Chartlann Náisiúnta. Táthar ag síul leis an tionscadal a chur i gcrích in 2024. Sa togra, déanfar athrú ar an stór ar chúl an phríomhárais ar Shráid an Easpaig ina thaisce slán le smacht ar ghnéithe timpeallachta ag teacht leis na gnáthchaighdeáin stórais go hidirnáisiúnta agus cuirfear fairsingíú dhá thrian le hacmháinn stórála an Chartlann Náisiúnta.
Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann	Tugadh céim 1 den obair chun críche in 2021 maidir le taisce nua leabhar ar an láthair a fhorbairt ina bhfuil 4,000 méadar líneach de spás stórála agus an bailiúchán a thabhairt chun bealaigh as an Sciathán Thiar ionas gur féidir an obair athfhobhartha a dhéanamh

	ansin. Tugadh Céim 2a chun críche le gairid agus tá obair ullmhúcháin ar siúl maidir le céim 2b agus céim 3.
<u>Dánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann</u> – Céim 4(a)	I rith na bliana 2021 rinneadh obair dearthóireachta agus obair scrúdúcháin maidir le Céim 4(a) – 88-90 Cearnóg Mhuirfean. Cruthófar leis an tionscadal seo bealach nua isteach chuig an Dánlann, déanfar athchóiriú agus forfheabhsú ar leabharlann na Dánlainne agus cuirfear áiseanna ar fáil atá oiriúnach don chúram don lucht riarracháin, cumhdóireachta agus taighde.
<u>Dánlann Crawford</u>	D'aontaigh an Roinn i rith na bliana 2021 an próiseas tairisceana trínar fostáodh an comhlacht gradamúil Grafton Architects chun cuidiú leis an togra seo a thabhairt ar aghaidh go dtí céim an Chás Gnó Críochnúil. Thug an Dánlann bearta éagsúla comhairliúcháin le geallsealbhóirí agus suirbhéireacht foirgníochta chun críche agus tá siad ag obair faoi láthair ar an gCás Gnó Críochnúil a ullmhú. Táthar ag súil le cead pleinála a fháil maidir leis an togra seo roimh dheireadh 2022.
<u>An Ceoláras Náisiúnta</u>	Cuireadh Réamhchás Gnó maidir leis an togra seo, ina sonraítear roghanna éagsúla agus leibhéal éagsúla athfhobhartha faoi bhráid na Roinne.
<u>Leabharlann Chester Beatty</u>	Tá an fhobairt chaipitil maidir le Leabharlann Chester Beatty ina chuid de Mháistirphlean Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí maidir le Plean Forbartha Chaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath. Tháinig an Réamhchás Gnó i ndáil leis an togra seo faoi bhráid na Roinne le tamall beag anuas.
<u>Amharclann na Mainistreach</u>	Beidh foirgneamh ardsuntais á chur ar fáil leis an togra seo mar ionad don Amharclann Náisiúnta agus déanfar beart i ndáil leis gnéithe easnamhacha a bhain le fada leis an bhfoirgneamh go dtí seo chomh maith le fónamh don athnuachan ar lár na cathrach/na céanna thuaidh.
<u>Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann</u>	Tháinig an Réamhchás Gnó i ndáil le Músaem Stair an Dúlra faoi bhráid na Roinne. Leagtar amach sa chás gnó roghanna éagsúla maidir leis an obair athfhobhartha. Táthar ag tnúth go dtabharfar chun críche an obair deisiúcháin ar an díon, arna dhéanamh ag Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí, agus athfhobairt Mhúsaem Stair an Dúlra in aon chéim amháin oibre i gcomhar le hOifig na nOibreacha Poiblí. Osclaíodh stór na sráide de Mhúsaem Stair an Dúlra in 2022. Tá an tArd-Mhúsaem ag obair faoi láthair ar Thuarascáil faoi Mheasúnacht Straitéise maidir le Togra an Ard-Mhúsaem ar Shráid Chill Dara.
<u>Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann</u>	Tá Tuarascáil maidir le hAnailís Straitéise curtha faoi bhráid ag Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann maidir le gné amháin den Mhórfhorbairt Caipitil, togra maidir le hlonad Foghlama agus Taighde Uileghabhálach. Bunachar sonraí amháin a bheidh san ionad ina mbeidh teacht ag réimse leathan lucht úsáide ar eolas faoi bhailiúchán agus faoi chartlann Mhúsaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann, agus acmhainní taighde agus foghlama. Tá Tuarascáil maidir le hAnailís Straitéise á ullmhú freisin ag Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann maidir le mórhionscadal tógála/athchóirithe

	agus táthar ag tnúth leis sin a chur faoi bhráid na Roinne i rith R3 2022.

Rinne an Roinn dul chun cinn freisin maidir le tionscnaimh eile faoin dá shraith de bhearta infheistíochta (scéimeanna deontais agus cláir infheistíochta) i rith na bliana 2021. Áirítear ar na príomhscéimeanna cultúir an Scéim Caipítíl Cultúir agus an Scéim Caipítíl Ealaíon agus Cultúir. Bíonn mionsonraí faoi na scéimeanna reatha agus na scéimeanna caipítíl roimhe seo ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin na Roinne.

Na Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir

Leabharlann Chester Beatty

I dtús na bliana 2021, seoladh Plean Straitéisise (2021–2024) Leabharlann Chester Beatty tar éis comhchaidreamh a dhéanamh le geallsealbhóirí seachtracha agus plé a dhéanamh go hinmheánach leis an lucht foirne agus leis an mBord Iontaobhaithe. Is gné thábhachtach den Phlean Straitéisise sin pleán forbartha caipítíl Leabharlann Chester Beatty ós leis sin a chuirfear in acmhainn na hiarsmalainne modhanna spleodracha nua a chruthú maidir leis na bailiúcháin a chur i láthair, ceangal a chothú leis na dreamanna iomadúla sa lucht spéise agus feabhas a chur ar a dtaithíonn an cuairteoir.

I rith na bliana 2021, lean Leabharlann Chester Beatty den bhorradh faoi obair taighde, caomhnúcháin agus digitíúcháin maidir leis na bailiúcháin agus de thionscadail i gcomhar le páirtnéirí ar fud an domhain. Bhí líon ionlán na gcuairteoirí i rith na bliana cothrom le 65% den fhigiúr, roimh aimsir COVID, maidir leis an mbliaín 2019 agus, cé gur fhág srianta taistil gur lú turasóir ón iasachta a d'fhéad cuairt na leabharlainne féin a thabhairt, bhí taitneamh le baint ag líon níos mó daoine ar fud an domhain as na bailiúcháin mar gheall ar bhearta cumarsáide na hiarsmalainne ar na meáin shóisialta agus réimse iléagsúil camchuairteanna, cainteanna agus físeán arna gcur ar fáil ar líne.

Dánlann Crawford

I rith na bliana 2021, ba dhíol iontais an líon daoine a tharraing ar Dhánlann Crawford. Clár na dtaispeántas ba shiocair leis sin, dhá thaispeántas mórchuntas *Rembrandt in Print* ar iasachta ón Ashmolean Museum in Oxford Shasana, a tharraing níos mó ná 140,000 duine, agus '*Remains*', taispeántas ar leith le *Brian Maguire* le pictiúir den tírdhreach le teorainn na Stát Aontaithe agus Mheicseacó agus de chonablaigh an duine. Choimisiúnaigh an Dánlann freisin taispeántas le *Dara McGrath: For Those That Tell No Tales*. D'oibrigh an Dánlann i gcomhar le Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann i rith na bliana freisin d'fhoinn maith a dhéanamh den aisling maidir le Ciste Éadála €1m.

Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann

Rinne Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann ceiliúradh sa bláthain ar 30 bliain ar an bhfód ach cuireadh bac ar an gceiliúradh a bhí beartaithe mar gheall ar shrianta a bhí i bhfeidhm i rith na paindéime. Osclaíodh na dánlanna de réir a chéile i rith na bliana 2021 gur cuireadh aon taispeántas amháin ar siúl le gnéithe faoi théamaí faoi leith i ngach ceann de na réimsí poiblí. Is taispeántas The Narrow Gate of the Here and Now atá bunaithe ar a bhfuil bailithe de shaothair ag an Músaem le himeacht na mblianta. Tionscadal ardaidhme seo a raibh an-rath air agus cuireadh cuid mhór de shaibhreas bhailiúchán Mhúsaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann ar taispeáint. Ba bláthain ghnóthach an bláthain 2021 freisin maidir leis an dara bliain den chlár Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann Amuigh faoin Aer.

D'oibrigh Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann i rith na bliana d'fheann maith a dhéanamh den aisling maidir le Ciste Éadála €1m. Tá réimse 422 saothar ealaíne le 70 ealaíontóir ar fud na tíre roghnaithe trí phróiseas dian dochta chuid Mhúsaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann agus Dhánlann Crawford.

An Ceoláras Náisiúnta

Tar éis tuarascáil neamhspleách maidir le Ceolchoirne RTÉ dar teideal *RTÉ Orchestras Ensuring a Sustainable Future* leis na comhairleoirí Helen Boaden agus Mediatique a fhoilsiú sa bhliain 2018, d'aontaigh an Rialtas i bprionsabail gur cheart gur faoi shainchúram an Cheolárais Náisiúnta a thiocfadh Ceolchoireann Siansa Náisiúnta RTÉ (RTÉ NSO).

I rith na bliana 2021, d'oibrigh an Roinn le Coiste Maoirseachta agus le grúpaí oibre éagsúla d'fheann dul chun cinn a dhéanamh maidir le haistriú na Ceolchoirne Siansa Náisiúnta ó RTÉ go dtí an Ceoláras Náisiúnta. D'aontaigh an Rialtas ar an 19 Eanáir 2022 go dtarlódh aistriú na Ceolchoirne sin, chomh maith le Córanna RTÉ – Cór Fiolarmónach RTÉ, Cór Linn RTÉ agus Cór na nÓg RTÉ, le héifeacht ón 24 Eanáir 2022.

I bhfianaise srianta leanúnacha maidir le COVID-19 i rith na bliana 2021, rinne an Ceoláras Náisiúnta leathnú ar an sruthchraoladh beo, ar an taifeadadh agus ar an gcaolachán, ceolchoirmearcha san áireamh leis an gCeoláras Náisiúnta, Ceolchoireann Siansa Náisiúnta RTÉ agus Ceolchoireann Coirme RTÉ chomh maith le himeachtaí Foghlama & Rannpháirtíochta ar líne.

Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann

Cé gur mhór an dúshlán a bhain le COVID-19, d'oibrigh foireann an Ard-Mhúsaem go diocasach agus go fíorchríochnúil chun a gcuirtear rompu de mhisean a chomhlíonadh, i mbun ábhar na mbailiúchán a bhailiú, a chumhdach agus a bhanistíú agus léirthuiscint a bhaint as an tráth céanna a gcuirtear na bailiúcháin ar fáil ar mhaithe le lón foghlama agus taitnímh ag réimse leathan dreamanna éagsúla.

Leanadh, i mbun na hoibre sin, den chaidreamh a cheangal agus a chothú leis an lucht airdill i rith trí thréimhse srianta sóisialta trí chláir a chur ar fáil ar líne agus ábhar a shruthchraoladh beo ionas gur cinntíodh go mbíonn tábhacht i gcónaí ag daoine leis an Ard-Mhúsaem.

An Chartlann Náisiúnta

Ba thábhachtach an bhliain 2021 ag an gCartlann Náisiúnta agus Clár an Chuimhneacháin á sheoladh faoi chlár Dheich mbliana na gCuimhneachán 2012-2023. D'eagraigh an Chartlann Náisiúnta sraith ócáidí idir mí Meán Fómhair agus mí na Nollag agus ar cheann de na buaicphointí, bhí an taispeántas “An Conradh, 1921: Taifid as an gCartlann” a cuireadh ar siúl i Londain i mí Deireadh Fómhair agus ar ais go Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath i mí na Nollag 2021. Is é suntas a bhí leis na dátaí sin go raibh siad cothrom le céad bliain ó cuireadh túis leis na Cainteanna faoin gConradh i Londain (an 11 Deireadh Fómhair 1921) agus síniú an Chonradh Angla-Éireannach (an 6 Nollaig 1921) trínar cuireadh stát nua na hÉireann ar bun.

I mí na Samhna 2021, bhronn daoine de mhuintir Michíl Uí Choileáin dialanna póca a bhíodh ag Micheál Ó Coileáin i rith na mblianta 1918-1922 ar an gCartlann Náisiúnta. Beidh na dialanna ar iasacht go fadtéarmach ag an gCartlann Náisiúnta. Cuireadh cóir chaomhnúcháin agus chumhdaigh ansin orthu, rinneadh próiseáil chartlannaíochta agus digitúcháin orthu ionas gur féidir iad a chur ar fáil don phobal.

Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann

I rith na bliana 2021, lean an Leabharlann Náisiúnta dá raibh á thaithí ag Éireannaigh i rith phaindéim COVID-19 a chruinniu i bhformáidí digiteacha agus fisiciúla, lena n-áirítear cnuasaigh litreacha, ealaín leanaí, láithreáin gréasáin agus saothar digiteach ealaíne COVID-19 na Roinne Sláinte.

Lean an Leabharlann Náisiúnta freisin den obair leanúnach i mbun éadála ar thaifead foilsitheoirreachta agus staire an náisiúin. D'fhógair an tAire Catherine Martin i mí Meán Fómhair 2021 go raibh éadáil á dhéanamh ag Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann ar Pháipéir Edna O'Brien (2009 - 2021). Tá na páipéisí sin á gcur le bailiúchán a cuid páipéisí maidir le tréimhse na mblianta 2000 - 2009 atá ar coimeád cheana sa Leabharlann Náisiúnta.

Dánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann

Eagraíodh cuid mhór taispeántas spéisiúil sa Dánlann Náisiúnta i rith na bliana 2021. Leanadh le taispeántas Mondrian i dtús na bliana (1 Nollaig 2020-14 Feabhra 2021). Ba é an taispeántas ardsuntais seo an chéad taispeántas de shaothar an ealaíontóra a cuireadh ar siúl in Éirinn agus bhí saothair ar iasacht lena aghaidh ón Kunstmuseum Den Haag san Ísiltír. Rinneadh ceiliúradh le 'Jack B. Yeats: Painting and Memory' ar chothrom 150 bliain ó rugadh duine de na healaíontóirí is iomráití de chuid na tíre seo. Saothair a ndearnadh a n-éadáil le deich mbliana anuas, cuid mhór acu ar taispeáint den chéad uair, a bhí sa taispeántas 'New Perspectives: Acquisitions 2011 – 2021'. Cuireadh bailiúchán iomlán na Dánlainne de phortráidí ó ré Eilise ar taispeáint in éineacht den chéad uair sa taispeántas 'Glamour and Governance'. Sa taispeántas 'George Wallace: Reflections on Life', bhí saothair eitseála, monaprionta, greanadóireachta adhmaid agus línlíochta le George Wallace (1920-2011) a rugadh i mBaile Átha Cliath. **Ba bhuaicphointe i rith na bliana an saothar ríchlúiteach Bachelor's Walk, In Memory le Jack B. Yeats**, duine de na healaíontóirí is iomráití de chuid na hÉireann, a éadáil. Cuireadh críoch leis an mbliain le duais Portráidíochta Zurich agus an Duais Portráidíochta do Dhaoine Óga agus cuireadh na portráidí a bhí ar na gearrliostaí ar taispeáint sa Dánlann.



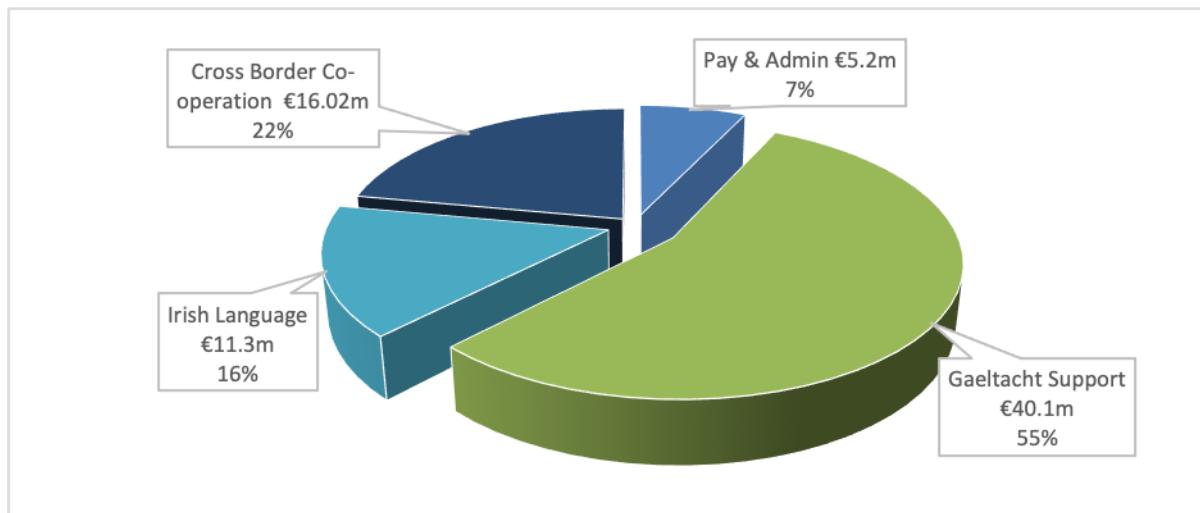
An Ghaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht

Cuspóir C

Treisiú le húsáid na Gaeilge ar fud na hÉireann, san Aontas Eorpach agus ar fud an domhain agus lena húsáid mar ghnáthurlabhra an phobail ag muintir na Gaeltachta.

7. An Ghaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht

Caiteachas €72.6m de réir príomhréimsí caiteachais



Cuspóirí: An Ghaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht

CUSPÓIR: Fónamh d'úsáid na Gaeilge ar fud na hÉireann agus treisiú lena húsáid mar phríomhurlabhra an phobail san Ghaeltacht.

Straitéis 1: Treisiú leis an nGaeilge, sa Ghaeltacht agus taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht, trí Phlean Gníomhaíochta 5 Bhliana a chur i bhfeidhm maidir leis an Straitéis 20 Bliaín don Ghaeilge 2010-2030

Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021

Shníogh Micheál D. Ó hUiginn, Uachtarán na hÉireann Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) ar an 22 Nollaig 2021. Is reachtaíocht nua seo chun treisiú le hAcht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 agus glactar leis go coitianta go ndéanfar tairbhe mhór maidir le caighdeán na seirbhísí i nGaeilge a chuireann comhlachtaí Stáir ar fáil don phobal.

Díritear le hAcht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021 ar dhá phríomhcheist - caighdeán teanga a thabhairt isteach in ionad na scéimeanna teanga agus daoine a bhfuil Gaeilge acu a earcú sa tSeirbhís Phoiblí. Cinnteofar leis na caighdeán nua teanga maidir le hearnálacha éagsúla den rialtas go gcloíonn eagraíochtaí a chuireann seirbhísí ar fáil don phobal leis na caighdeán is airde i ndáil le húsáid na Gaeilge.

Foráiltear faoin Acht freisin do sprioc 20% de na daoine nua a earcaítear chun na seirbhíse poiblí a bheith inniúil ar an nGaeilge a úsáid faoin mbliain 2030, do na seirbhísí poiblí ar fad a chuirtear ar fáil sa Ghaeltacht a bheidh á gcur ar fáil i nGaeilge agus do uile oifig phoiblí sa Ghaeltacht oibriú trí Ghaeilge. Anuas air sin, déanfaidh Coiste Comhairle reachtúil arna cheapadh ag an Aire Plean Náisiúnta maidir le Seirbhísí Poiblí chur ar fáil i nGaeilge a leagan amach.

Áirítear ar na bearta eile chun feabhas:

- Leathnú ar na feidhmeanna monatóireacht a leagtar ar Oifig an Choimisiúnára Teanga.
- Nuair a thugann comhlacht poiblí freagra ar chumarsáid a dhéantar ar na meáin shóisialta, tabharfar an freagra sin sa teanga ina ndearnadh an chumarsáid.
- Eiseoidh comhlachtaí poiblí ábhar margáiochta leis an bpobal i ngach aon cheann den dá theanga oifigiúil.
- Beidh ainm gach comhlachta poiblí nua i nGaeilge.
- Beidh lógó na gcomhlachtaí poiblí i nGaeilge nó i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla.

Ní mór do chomhlachtaí poiblí freisin a chinntí go ndéantar ar a laghad 20 faoin gcéad d'iomlán na fógraíochta i nGaeilge agus ar a laghad 5 faoin gcéad a fhoilsíú ar na meáin chumarsáide Gaeilge.

Leagtar de fhreagracht ar an Roinn comhordú a dhéanamh maidir le tuairiscí blantúla ar an dul chun cinn a chur i bhfeidhm agus a fhoilsíú. Maidir le ***Straitéis 20 Bliaín don Ghaeilge 2010-2030***, agus an Plean Gníomhaíochta maidir leis an nGaeilge 2018-2022 a ghabhann leis sin, tá freagracht maidir leis an gcur i bhfeidhm ar Ranna éagsúla Rialtais, ar chomhlachtaí agus ar eagraíochtaí Gaeilge agus Gaeltachta.

Maidir leis an *Straitéis 20 Bliaín don Ghaeilge 2010-2030* a thabhairt i gcrích, foilsíodh an dara tuairisc ar an dul chun cinn maidir le Plean Gníomhaíochta an Rialtais don Ghaeilge 2018-2022 i mí Deireadh Fómhair 2021, i ndáil le tréimhse 18 mí ón 1 Iúil 2019 go dtí an 31 Nollaig 2020. Tugtar léargas sa tuairisc maidir le 180 gníomh atá le cur i gcrích ag c. 60 geallsealbhóir i rith ré feidhme an phlean cúig bhliana. Ainneoin na ndeacrashta a cruthaíodh mar gheall ar COVID-19 ó thús na bliana 2020, tuairiscítear dul chun cinn suntasach maidir le gníomhartha an phlean a chur i bhfeidhm.

Leagtar amach thíos na príomhbhearta a tugadh i gcrích ar fud naoi Réimse Gníomhaíochta:

- Cuireadh pacáiste de theagasc breise agus de bhearta cúnta eile ar fáil do na scoileanna atá páirteach sa Scéim Aitheantaí Scoileanna Gaeltachta.
- Sa bhliain 2019, rinne Institiúid Oideachais clár nua Baitsiléir san Oideachas (B.Oid.), bunóiliúint ar mhúinteoirí bunscoile trí mheán na Gaeilge.
- Tugadh Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile (CTB) isteach maidir leis na céimeanna uile sna scoileanna uile i mí Meán Fómhair 2019.
- Aontaíodh pleannanna teanga maidir le 6 cinn de Limistéir Pleanála Teanga sa Ghaeltacht, aon Bhaile Seirbhíse Gaeltachta amháin 3 cinn de Lónraí Gaeilge.
- Bhí 19 Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga agus 3 Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga Cúnta fostaithe faoi dheireadh mí na Nollag 2020.
- Eagraíodh 195 ócáid ar líne maidir le lónraí teanga baile nuair a bhí srianta COVID-19 i bhfeidhm.
- Rinneadh soláthar le Cistíocht Caipítíl ar ráta 95% do 8 seirbhís bhlianta luathóige sa Ghaeltacht.
- Fuarhas cead pleanála maidir le hionad Gaeilge agus Cultúir a fhorbairt i gceanncheathrú Chonradh na Gaeilge, Uimh. 6 Sráid Fhearchair, i lár chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Chuir RTÉ Mol na Scoile ag Baile ar bun go líneach agus ar líne d'fhoinsí freastal do riachtanais dhaltaí bunscoile na tíre i rith na paindéime.
- Lean TG4 d'ábhar ardchaighdeáin a choimisiúnú agus a chraoladh do lucht na Gaeilge.
- D'fhoilsigh Foras na Gaeilge *Concise English-Irish Dictionary* i mí Meitheamh 2020.
- Rinneadh an Chéad Sceideal le hAcht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 a athbhreithniú agus a leasú agus tháinig na Rialacháin ina leith sin i bhfeidhm i mí Meitheamh 2020.

- Leanadh de dheiseanna a chur ar fáil do chéimithe le Scéim Intéirneachta an Aontais Eorpaigh ionas go bhfeadfaidís taithí oibre a ghnóthú i mbun aistriúcháin agus profála.
- Crutháodh 7,363 post lánimseartha agus 437 post páirtaimseartha i gcuideachtaí dá dtugann Údarás na Gaeltachta tacaíocht faoi dheireadh na bliana 2020.
- Ceadaíodh €7.4m de chúnamh éigeandála do chuideachtaí is claint de chuid Údarás na Gaeltachta d'fhonn déileáil le cur isteach ó COVID-19 agus an Breatimeacht.
- Cheadaigh Bord Údarás na Gaeltachta infheistíocht Stáit €4.9m i ndeontais fostáochta, in innealra agus i gcláir oiliúna i rith na bliana 2020.
- Ceadaíodh suas le €20.3m de chistí caipítíl maidir le hathchóiriú agus forbairt ar infreastreachtúr gnó na Gaeltachta d'fhonn fónamh do chaomhnú fostáochta agus do thionscadail nua a forbairt.

Cúnamh Caipítíl

Cuireann cistí a chuirtear ar fáil faoi **Chlár Tacaíochta Pobail agus Teanga na Gaeltachta** bonn daingean faoi neartú na Gaeilge mar theanga pobail agus teaghlaigh i gcomhréir le haidhmeanna Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012 agus Straitéis 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge 2010-2030.

Cuireadh leithroinnt iomlán €2.5m ar fáil maidir le tograí caipítíl sa bhliain 2021. Áirítear ar na bearta príomhthábhachta €913,906 a leithdháileadh maidir le 41 tionscadal lenar bhain obair thógála, forfheabhsúcháin agus feistithe maidir le háiseanna teanga agus pobail i gceantair Gaeltachta.

Is féidir le heagraíochtaí pobail atá ag feidhmiú trí Ghaeilge taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht cur isteach ar chistíocht chomh maith faoi **Scéimeanna Tacaíochta Gaeilge** na Roinne i ndáil le cúnamh maidir le costais a bhaineann le hionad Gaeilge a thógáil nó a fhorfheabhsú nó le trealamh d'ionad den sórt sin.



Cúnamh Reatha:

Cuireadh leithroinnt iomlán €7.5m ar fáil maidir le tograí reatha faoi **Chlár Tacaíochta Pobail agus Teanga na Gaeltachta** i rith na bliana 2021. Áirítear ar na bearta príomhthábhachta:

Cuireadh Ciste Cobhsaíochta COVID-19 dar luach suas le €3.9m ar bun maidir le hearnáil na gColáistí Samhraíd Gaeilge trí athúsáid as cistí maidir le Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge nuair a cuireadh cúrsaí ar ceal mar gheall ar COVID-19. D'fhonn an earnáil a chur ar bhonn daingean tar éis a raibh de chur isteach mar gheall ar COVID-19, chuir an Roinn trí cinn de

chistí faoi leith ar fáil ar mhaithe leis an earnáil i rith na bliana 2021 dírithe ar c. 700 teaghlaigh sa Ghaeltacht a chuireann, de ghnáth, lóistín ar fáil do 26,000 dalta agus iad ag freastal ceann de líon is mó ná 40 coláiste samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht.

Cuireadh cúnamh breise ar fáil do Scéim na gCúntóirí Gaeilge i rith na bliana 2021 leis an leithroinnt €3.6m de chistíocht trí bliana a ceadaíodh sa bhliain 2019 chun tairbhe do scoileanna atá páirteach i mBeartas na Roinne Oideachais maidir le hOideachas Gaeltachta 2017-2022. Cé go raibh toradh chun dochair ag COVID-19 ar obair na gcúntóirí Gaeilge tráth a raibh na scoileanna dúnta i rith na bliana 2021, coinníodh ag fónamh den chúram trí fhíseáin a chur ar fáil agus caidreamh a choinneáil ar bun leis na daltaí le deiseanna físchomhdhála.

Cuireadh cúnamh breise ar fáil - le leithroinnt breise 3 bliana dar luach €3m a ceadaíodh sa bhliain 2021 - d'Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge maidir le cursaí tríú leibhéal a chur ar fáil i dtír cinn d'ionaid sa Ghaeltacht, i nGaoth Dobhair, i gCarna agus ar an gCeathrú Rua. Cuireadh deacrachaí oibriúcháin roimh Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge mar gheall ar phaindéim COVID-19 agus rinneadh an chuid is mó de teagasc ar bhonn ciancheangail.

- Rinneadh €240,217 a leithdháileadh i rith na bliana 2021 faoi Scéim na gCampaí Samhraidh d'fhoinsí treisiú le deiseanna ag daoine óga as ceantair Ghaeltachta an teanga a fhoghlaím agus a shaibhriú. Bhí leas ag 4,800 ógánach as 145 campa a eagraíodh i rith na bliana 2021. Bhí teorainn le líon na ndaoine ag gach campa mar gheall ar shrianta i ndáil le Covid-19.
- Cuireadh cistíocht ar fáil faoin scéim freisin do 10 eagraíochta eile atá ionnaithe sa Ghaeltacht agus a chuireann bearta tacaíochta i ndáil leis an teanga ar fáil. Lean na heagraíochtaí sin ag fónamh don chúram i rith phaindéim COVID-19 trí fhíseáin a chur ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin, trí na meáin shóisialta a shaothrú agus trí ranganna a eagrú ar bhonn físchomhdhála.

An Próiseas Pleanála Teanga:

Cuireadh leithroinnt iomlán €5m ar fáil maidir leis an bPróiseas Pleanála Teanga a chur chun cinn i rith na bliana 2021. Áirítear ar na bearta príomhthábhachta:

- 7 bplean teanga breise a aontú ionas go raibh líon iomlán na bpleananna aontaithe cothrom le 32. Maidir leis na 7 bplean a aontaíodh, bhain 5 cinn le Limistéar Pleanála Teanga agus péire le Bailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta;
- 19 Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga agus ceathrar Oifigeach Cúnta a bhí fostaithe i Limistéir Pleanála Teanga sa Ghaeltacht faoi dheireadh na bliana 2021 chun pleananna aontaithe teanga a chur i bhfeidhm;
- Leanadh, d'fhoinsí treisiú leis an bPróiseas Pleanála Teanga sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, den chúniamh tacaíochta maidir leis an teanga i rith bhlianta na luathóige, leis an teaghlaigh agus le healaín thraigisiúnta de chineálacha atá bunaithe ar an teanga. Cuireadh cistíocht ar fáil do Thuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta agus do Chomhar Naónraí na Gaeltachta i ndáil leis an teaghlaigh agus le blianta na luathóige faoi seach. Aontaíodh clár maoinithe trí bliana le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta i mí na Samhna 2021.
- Leanadh le hobair Ealaín na Gaeltachta, i gcomhar leis an gclár Éire Ildánach, ag cur seirbhísí ar fáil, bearta ar líne agus clár oideachais san áireamh.

Sraíteáis 2: Treisiú le forbairt inbhuanaithe na Gaeltachta agus phobail na n-oileán go háirithe trí postanna a chruthú agus an fhostaíochta atá ann a choinneáil

B'ionann an leithdháileadh foriomlán ón Státhiste d'Údarás na Gaeltachta sa bhliain 2021 agus €34m. Ainneoin ar bhain de dhúshlán le paindéim COVID-19, tá leibhéal maith cobhsaíochta á léiriú ag cuideachtaí sa Ghaeltacht agus chonacthas téarnamh áirithe ó thaobh fostaíochta sa réigiún mar gheall ar nuálaíocht na gcuideachtaí agus an forás suntasach ar earnáil na ngaireas liachta agus na dtáirgí leighis. Faoi dheireadh na bliana, b'ionann líon na bhfostaithe i gcliantchuideachtaí de chuid an Údarás agus 8,294, 7,809 post lánimseartha agus 485 post páirtaimseartha. Ar chiorrú poist a thabhairt san áireamh, tharla ardú glan 6% (446) maidir leis an bhfostaíocht go forghinearálta – an t-ardú bliantúil glan is mó ón mbliaín 1996.

I gContae na Gaillimhe agus i gContae Dhún na nGall a cruthaíodh mórchuid na bpostanna sin. Tá an leibhéal fostaíochta i gcliantchuideachtaí Údarás na Gaeltachta i gceantair Gaeltachta na Gaillimhe, Chorcaí agus Phort Láirge chomh hard agus a bhí tráth ar bith ó cuireadh an eagraíocht ar bun. Tháinig ardú 9.5% maidir leis an bhfostaíocht i nGaeltacht Mhaigh Eo agus níor tharla íslíú in aon cheantar ach amháin i nGaeltacht na Mí. Is sna hearnálacha maidir le gairis liachta, nideoga déantúsaíochta agus ábhar closamhairc a tharla na harduithe ba mhó maidir leis an bhfostaíocht i rith na bliana agus is i gcuideachtaí a bhaineann le hearnálacha an bhia agus na ndeochnanna, na réimsí traidisiúnta déantúsaíochta agus na seirbhísí a tharla an chuid is mó den íslíú fostaíochta . D'fhan an fhostaíocht cothrom i 70% de na cuideachtaí , agus is i 16% de na cliantchuideachtaí a tharla ardú fostaíochta i rith na bliana. Is i dtionscail na seirbhísí (35%), na déantúsaíochta (27%) agus an bhia agus na ndeochnanna (15%) atá na cuideachtaí is mó a fhostaíonn daoine i measc na gcuideachtaí sin dá dtugann Údarás na Gaeltachta cúnamh.

Cheadaigh Bord Údarás na Gaeltachta infheistíocht Stáit dar luach €8.07m maidir le deontais fostaíochta, innealra, oiliúna agus oideachais i rith na bliana 2021. Suas le €13.75m de chistí caipítí a ceadaíodh i rith na bliana maidir le hinfreastruchtúr gnó na Gaeltachta a athchóiriú agus a fhorbairt ar mhaithe le tionscnaimh nua agus le cur chun cinn na fostaíochta.

Leithroinnt €85.6m de chistíocht maidir le hearnáil na Gealtacha agus na Gaeilge a luaitear i mBuiséad 2022 – ardú €7m maidir le leithroinnt na bliana 2021. Luaitear cistíocht iomlán €33.3m maidir le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta, €1.5m breise san áireamh mar chúnamh breise don Údarás i mbun fhorbairt na fiontraíochta i gceantair Ghaeltachta agus i mbun straitéis 5 bhliana na heagraíochta a chur i bhfeidhm. Cuireadh €1m breise ar fáil freisin maidir le forbairt pobail agus le hearnáil turasóireachta na Gaeltacht atá buailte go dona a thabhairt chun cinn i rith na bliana 2022, ag cur arís eile le harduithe i ngach Buiséad le trí cinn anuas.

Sraíteáis 3: Leanúint den obair le páirtnéirí san AE d'fhonn deireadh a chur leis an maolú maidir le húsáid na Gaeilge san AE faoin mbliaín 2022

Tá stádas mar theanga oifigiúil agus teanga oibre ag an nGaeilge san AE ón 1 Eanáir 2007. Dá ainneoin sin, cuireadh socrú maolúcháin ar bun mar gheall ar ghanntanas lucht aistriúcháin a d'fhág srian leis an méid ábhair a d'aistreofaí go Gaeilge. Ón mbliaín 2015 i leith, thug rialtas na hÉireann, i gcomhar le hinstiúidí an AE isteach sraith de bhearta éagsúla thíos ar a chinntí go mbíonn dóthain daoine le Gaeilge ar fáil chun folúntais sna hinstiúidí a líonadh.

Tháinig deireadh leis an maolú maidir le stádas na Gaeilge in institiúidí an Aontais Eorpach ag an meán oíche an 31 Nollaig 2021 agus tá stádas na Gaeilge anois ar aon dul go díreach le teangacha oifigiúla eile an AE. Cialláonn stádas mar theanga oifigiúil san Aontas Eorpach go mbeidh deiseanna nua fostaíochta in Éirinn agus san Eoraip ag lucht na Gaeilge.

Áirítear ar na tionscnamh a chuir an Roinn chun cinn i rith na bliana 2021 chun deireadh a chur leis an maolú:

- Scéim a cuireadh ar bun sa bhliain 2018 maidir le hintéirnigh a chur chuig institiúidí an AE go ceann tréimhsí 10 mí.
- Comórtas aistriúcháin do scoileanna dara leibhéal lán-Ghaeilge, ó thuaidh agus ó dheas, i gcomhar le hArd-Stiúrthóireacht Aistriúcháin an Choimisiúin Eorpaigh, d'fhoill daltaí a spreagadh chun deiseanna slí gairme san AE ag daoine le Gaeilge a thapú.
- Cistíocht do Thaispeántas Taistil Chonradh na Gaeilge, a eagraíonn níos mó ná 120 ceardlann i rith na bliana ar fud na hÉireann. Ceardlanna idirghníomhaíochta iad seo trína gcuirtear daoine óga ar an eolas faoi chearta teanga, faoi sheirbhísí teanga agus faoi dheiseanna fostaiochta.
- Leanúint den Tionscnamh Ard-Scileanna Gaeilge faoi stiúir an Ionaid Sárfheabhair maidir le Slite Gairme leis an nGaeilge san AE.
- Lean an Coiste Téarmaíochta LEX/IATE den obair thábhachtach ar líne le lón comhairle ó gheall sealbhóirí éagsúla ar fud institiúidí na hEorpa agus ón Roinn.



Tugann an tAire Chambers cuairt ar Na Gaeil Óga

Cuireann an Roinn cistíocht ar fáil d'Fhondúireacht Ollscoile Éireann Cheanada, do Choimisiún Fulbright agus d'ollscoileanna san Eoraip faoin scéim 'Oideachais Tríú Leibhéal Thar Lear'. Cuireadh cistí ar fáil faoin scéim maidir le teagasc na Gaeilge in 43 ollscoil thar lear i rith na bliana 2021. Tá d'aidhm leis an gciste dea-thoil i leith na Gaeilge a chothú agus a chur chun cinn thar lear agus soláthar d'ardán trínar féidir an Ghaeilge a thapú agus seasamh lena haitheantas don Ghaeilge mar theanga idirnáisiúnta.

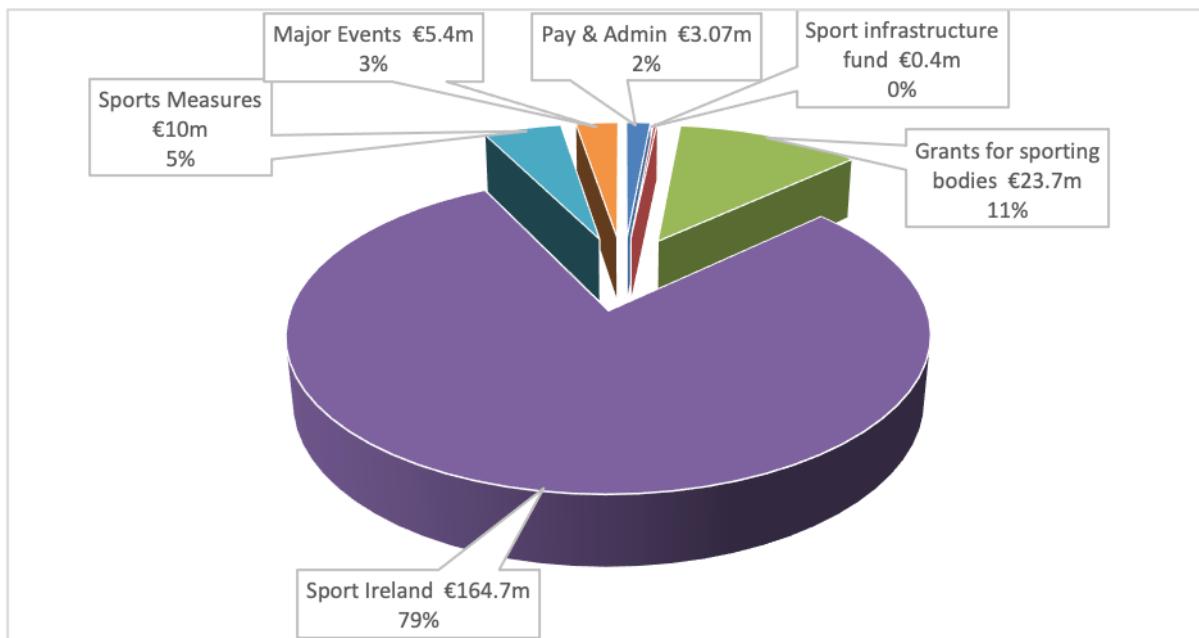
Spórt

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Rannpháirtíocht níos mó i gcúrsaí spóirt ag an uile dhuine a chur chun cinn le béim faoi leith ar rannpháirtíocht na mban agus ar an iléagsúlacht an tráth céanna a leantar den infheistíocht in áiseanna nua spóirt, i lúthchleasaithe ardfheidhmíochta agus in eagrú mórimeachtaí spóirt.

8. Spórt

Caiteachas €207.4m de réir príomhréimsí caiteachais



Forléargas

Choimisiúnaigh Cónaidhm Spóirt na hÉireann saothar taighde ó Investec Economic Research sa bhliain 2019 maidir leis an Tairbhe Eacnamaíochta ón Spórt in Éirinn agus luaitear i dtoradh an tsaothair sin go meastar €2.7bn de chaiteachas teaghlaigh in aghaidh na bliana á chruthú mar gheall ar spóirt in Éirinn.

Tharla cur isteach mór le teacht COVID-19 chun cinn ar chúrsaí Spóirt, ar an uile leibhéal, ó chaitheamh aimsire an duine aonair go dtí na sárleibhéal gairmiúlachta. Ba iad na comhartha ba shoiléire ina leith sin na himeachtaí ar fad a cuireadh ar ceal nó ar athló agus an deis ar áiseanna oiliúna agus cleachtaidh a bheith á séanadh ar dhaoine. I mí Bealtaine 2020, chuir an Rialtas Grúpa Saineolais maidir le Filleadh ar an Spórt ar bun d'fhoinn comhairle a chur ar na comhlacthaí spóirt in Éirinn faoin ullmhúchán maidir le filleadh de réir a chéile ar an spórt a chleachtadh, ag teacht le Treophlean an Rialtais maidir le hAthoscailt an Ghnó agus na Sochaí. Tionóladh 28 cruinniú de chuid an Ghrúpa Saineolais, faoi chathaoirleacht na Roinne, i rith na bliana 2021 ionas go raibh níos mó ná 50 cruinniú ó thráth a bhunaithe i gceist faoi dheireadh na bliana sin. Lean an Grúpa Saineolais den chaidreamh leis na húdarás sláinte i rith na paindéime d'fhoinn a chinntí go mbeadh bonn sábháilteachta inbhuanaithe faoin ngné bhuntábhachtach seo de shaol na hÉireann tráth na hathoscailte. Ag teacht le scaoileadh na srianta maidir le COVID-19, cuireadh deireadh leis an ngrúpa i mí na Nollag 2021.

Ar mhaithe le caidreamh leanúnach macánta a choinneáil ar bun agus comhairle a dhéanamh go tráthúil, stuama, cuimsitheach le hearnáil an spóirt faoi chúrsaí bainistíochta i ndáil leis na deacrachtaí a d'eascair ó phaindéim COVID-19, cuireadh Grúpa Monatóireachta Spóirt COVID-19, faoi chathaoirleacht an Aire Stáit Chambers, ar bun luath sa bhliain 2020. Rinne an grúpa sin soláthar do phlé rifhiúntach ar na nithe ba mhó a bhí le sárú ag na Comhlacthaí Rialachais Náisiúnta éagsúla. 13

cruinníú den ghrúpa sin a tionóladh ar fad, ceithre cinn acu sin i rith na bliana 2021. Tá deireadh curtha leis an ngrúpa anois agus deireadh curtha le srianta COVID-19.

Chomh maith le réimse leathan de bhearta cúnta mar gheall ar an bpaindéim, lean an Roinn agus na páirtnéirí sna comhlachtaí Spóirt i rith na bliana den dul chun cinn maidir le haidhmeanna beartais.

An Beartas Náisiúnta Spóirt

Luaitear trí cinn de Chuspóirí Ardleibhéal sa Bheartas Náisiúnta Spóirt 2018-2027 a seoladh i mí Iúil 2018:

- Breis rannpháirtíochta sa spórt de gach cinéal in Éirinn (ardú ó 43% go 50% faoin mbliain 2027, agus ardaítear an sprioc sin go dtí 60% ó shin i gClár an Rialtais).
- Sárfheabhas breise ó thaobh cúrsaí rialachais chomh maith le réimse na hardfheidhmíochta sa spórt iomaíochta.
- Acmhainneacht breise ionas gur féidir le breis daoine páirt a ghlacadh sa spórt agus gur féidir leo siúd a chleachtann spórt cheana féin a gcuid caighdeán a fheabhsú.

I rith na bliana 2021, leanadh d'obair an Ghrúpa Ceannaireachta Spóirt, a cuireadh ar bun chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh maidir leis an mBeartas Náisiúnta Spóirt agus cúrsaí forfheidhmiúcháin a bhrú chun cinn, agus foilsíodh dá thoradh sin an Plean Gníomhaíochta Spóirt 2021-2023. Tá de chuspóir leis an bplean gníomhaíochta sin, a leagtar amach de réir ord tábhactha, toradh na gcuspóirí ardleibhéal a shonraítear faoin mBeartas Náisiúnta Spóirt a thabhairt i gcrích gan mhoill.



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Sports Action Plan

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Maoiniú d'imreoirí idirchontae i mbun Chluichí Gaelacha na mBan:

Tugadh beart suntasach isteach i rith na bliana d'fhonn cothromáiocht cistíochta a bhaint amach d'imreoirí idirchontae i mbun Chluichí Gaelacha na mBan i gcomórtas le himreoirí idirchontae i gcluichí na bhfear. Cuireadh €1.7m de chistí breise ar fáil chun an chabhair deontais d'imreoirí chluichí Gaelacha na mBan a ardú go dtí €2.4m, sa chaoi is go ndéantar soláthar cothrom lena ndéantar maidir le cluichí na bhfear. D'fhonn bonn a chur faoin bpróiseas, bhunaigh Spórt Éireann Grúpa Stiúrtha maidir leis na Cluichí Gaelacha Idirchontae. Tá ionadaithe ar an nGrúpa sin de chuid Spórt Éireann, de chuid an Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Chumann Pheil na mBan, Chumann na Camógafochta agus Chumann Imreoirí Gael. Tá maoirseacht á dhéanamh ag an nGrúpa sin ar an athrú go dtí aon chóras idirchaidrimh amháin idir lucht na gCluichí Gaelacha agus Spórt Éireann maidir le maoiniú na scéimeanna deontais idirchontae ar fad ón mbliaín 2022 amach.

Spórt Éireann

Ciinníonn an Roinn bonn treise faoi bheartaíocht Spórt Éireann maidir le monatóireacht ar fhorbairt, ar mhaoiniú agus ar chur i bhfeidhm na gclár oibre i gcomhréir le coinníollacha agus polasaithe an Rialtais maidir le cúrsaí airgid. B'ionann buiséad iomlán Spórt Éireann don chaiteachas reatha i rith na bliana 2021 agus €156.6m. Tugtar san áireamh leis sin cistí a bhaineann le COVID-19 dar luach iomlán €73.6m.

Tá Ráiteas Straitéis 2018-2022 Spórt Éireann bunaithe ar ceithre cinn de phríomhcholúin mar seo a leanas:

- Rannpháirtíocht (Spórt Feadh Saoil agus Spórt Ionchuimsitheach);
- Cúrsaí Feidhmíochta (Imirt agus iomaíocht ar leibhéal atá ag teacht leis an leibhéal cumais);
- Cúrsaí Ardfheidhmíochta (A mbeifí ina acmhainn a bhaint amach ar na leibhéil is airde iomaíochta); agus
- Rialachas maidir le Spórt Éireann (Forbairt ar earnáil sháréifeachtúil spóirt a chur chun cinn d'fhonn dul i bhfeidhm go mór ar fud na tíre ar fad).

Tugtar cuntas achoimre thíos faoin dul chun cinn i rith na bliana **2021** i ndáil le gach réimse príomhthábhachta –

1. Rannpháirtíocht

Ar cheann de na cuspóirí a bhaineann le straitéis Spórt Éireann, tá leathnú le cláir measúnachta agus taighde d'fhonn cur leis an rannpháirtíocht. D'fhonn fónamh don chuspóir sin a thabhairt i gcrích, cuireadh Straitéis Taighde i dtoll a chéile agus d'aontaigh an Bord sin i mí Deireadh Fómhair 2021.

Is léir ón *Irish Sports Monitor (ISM)* 2019, arna fhoilsiú sa mhí 2021, go gcleachtann 1.7m duine (46% den daonra) spórt go rialta, ardú 150,000 ón mbliaín 2017 (43% den daonra). Luaitear san ISM freisin gur tharla cúngú arís eile ar an éagothroime ó thaobh inscne maidir leis an rannpháirtíocht go dtí an leibhéal is íse fós, 3.4% sa bhliain 2019 ó 4.5% ag deireadh na bliana 2017.

Is léir ó Thuarascáil Lár na Blíana 2021 an ISM gur chuir COVID-19 isteach ar rannpháirtíocht i gcúrsaí spóirt agus i mbearta lúith agus láthair. B'ionann na rátaí rannpháirtíochta i gcúrsaí spóirt agus 35% i rith R1, 41% i rith R2. Cé go dtagann ardú ar na rátaí rannpháirtíochta, tá siad níos íse ná na rátaí roimh an bpaindéim, 46% an figiúr a léiríodh i dTuarascáil Lár na Blíana 2019 ón ISM. Is léir ón Tuarascáil freisin gur tharla ardú níos géire maidir le cleachtadh spóirt i measc na bhfear i rith R2 agus gur leathnaíodh arís dá réir sin an éagothroime idir an dá inscne. Tá Spórt Éireann tugtha i gcónaí do thús áite maidir le hinfheistíocht a thabhairt do cheantair atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste, le béim faoi leith ar leanaí agus ar dhaoine fásta níos aosta a d'fhulaing go mór mar gheall ar an bpaindéim chomh

maith le cur i bhfeidhm leanúnach an Phlean Rannpháirtíochta, an bheartais maidir le Spórt na mBan, caitheamh aimsire faoin aer agus daoine faoi mhíchumas.

Cúnamh do na Comhpháirtíochtaí Áitiúla Spóirt (CÁS)

I rith na bliana 2021, lean an 29 CÁS den chur i bhfeidhm maidir le cláir agus seirbhísí rannpháirtíochta sa spórt ar fud na tíre ar fad. Rinne Spórt Éireann infheistíocht €18.5m san 29 CÁS trí chroíchistíocht, trí Chiste na gCuntas Díomhaoin agus trí chistíocht COVID-19. Mar gheall ar chistíocht Spórt Éireann, tá ar a laghad ceathrar ball lárnach foirne ag gach CÁS, comhordaitheoir, riarthóir, oifigeach ionchuimsitheachta maidir le daoine faoi mhíchumas i gcúrsaí spóirt agus oifigeach forbartha maidir le spórt pobail. I rith na bliana 2021, chuir Spórt Éireann €1.295m ar fáil don 29 CÁS maidir le hacmhainní daonna breise a fhostú sa lónra CÁS, ag cur leis an acmhainn maidir le Spórt agus bearta lúith agus láthair a thabhairt chun cinn go háitiúil.

Sa bhliain 2021, rinne Spórt Éireann an infheistíocht sa chlár CÁS a ardú 54% go dtí €1.34m d'fhoinscnaimh bunaithe ar fhianaise agus dírithe ar chomharsanachaí atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste a fhorbairt, a leathnú agus a chur ar siúl. Rinne straitéis Spórt Éireann cur leis an infheistíocht i gcláir CÁS fónamh d'fhilleadh ar dheiseanna sábhalte rannpháirtíochta chomh maith le cur arís leis na deiseanna ciancheangail a tugadh chun cinn ó thus na paindéime. Lean na CÁS ag cinntíú go mbíonn deis ag an uile dhuine páirt a ghlacadh sa taitneamh, chomh maith leis an tairbhe do shláinte na colainne agus na meabhrach, atá le baint as an spórt agus as bearta lúith agus láthair i ré na géarchéime. Ghlac 272,086 duine páirt i gcláir arna rith ag CÁS i rith na bliana 2021. Ghlac 18,485 bean nó cailín páirt i 212 clár arna eagrú ag CÁS d'fhoinscnaimh cur go sonrach le rannpháirtíochta na mban agus na gcailíní.

Cúnamh taca COVID-19 do chlubanna agus do ghrúpaí pobail

Mar bheart i ndáil le paindéim COVID-19, rinne Spórt Éireann freisin €2.1m breise a infheistiú i lónra CÁS d'fhoinscnaimh fónamh do thus a chur in athuair le bearta spóirt agus le bearta lúith agus láthair. Rinneadh €1.6m a leithdháileadh ar Chomhpháirtíochtaí Áitiúla Spóirt ionas go bhféadfaidís scéim a obriú faoina mbeadh deontais bheaga le fáil ag clubanna agus ag grúpaí pobail.

Anuas air sin, cuireadh €0.6m eile ar fáil do Chomhpháirtíochtaí Áitiúla Spóirt (€0.5m) agus do Aois agus Deis (€0.1m) faoi Chiste Chlár na nGnáthdhaoine d'fhoinscnaimh díriú go sonrach ar spórt don ghnáthdhuijne agus ar dhreamanna beagairde. Bhí gríosadh faoi leith á thabhairt do thionscnaimh lena bhfónfaí d'fhilleadh ar an obair dheonach.

Feachtais agus Tionscnaimh

- Eagraíodh feachtas cumarsáide *Let's Get Back* d'fhoinscnaimh pobal na hÉireann a spreagadh i mbun spóirt agus bearta lúith agus láthair in athuair. Chuidigh craobhchórás náisiúnta Spórt Éireann de Chomhpháirtíochtaí Áitiúla Spóirt agus de Chomhlachtaí Rialachais Náisiúnta Spóirt leis an bhfeachtas.
- Eagraíodh seachtain *HER Outdoors* idir 9- 15 Lúnasa 2021 agus gríosaíodh mná agus cailíní an acmhainn eachtraíochta atá iontu a fhéachaint agus blaiseadh den tairbhe atá as bearta lúith agus láthair a chleachtadh amuigh faoin aer.
- D'fhoinscnaimh *Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan* a cheiliúradh, d'eagraigh Spórt Éireann Seachtain Spórt na mBan idir 8-12 Márta. D'eagraigh cuid mhór Comhlachtaí Rialachais Náisiúnta Spóirt seimineáir gréasáin, ócáidíaclaíochta ar líne agus síordh aird ar chóitseálaíthe, oifigigh agus ceannairí mná ina réimse spóirt féin i rith na seachtaine.

Rannpháirtíocht níos forleithne sa Spórt

Ag teacht le *Beartas Spórt na mBan*, arna fhoilsíú ag Spórt Éireann sa bhliain 2019, lean Spórt Éireann ag treisiú le rannpháirtíocht fadtráthach na mban sa spórt, i mbun cóitseála agus saorálaíochta, ina

mbaill de chlubanna, ina lúthchleasaithe, ina n-abhcóidí, ina gceannródaithe agus ina rannpháirtithe, ó leibhéal an phobail go leibhéal na craibhe. Cuireadh €265,000 de chistí *Spórt na mBan* ar fáil do líonra CÁS sa bhliain 2021. I mí lúil 2021, d'fhógair Spórt Éireann infheistíocht €4m i rith an dá bhliain 2021 agus 2022 sa chlár *Spórt na mBan*. Cuireadh freisin leis an gcistíocht faoi Chiste na gCuntas Díomhaoin agus faoi na croíchistí chomh maith le breis deiseanna rannpháirtíochta a chruthú le cistíocht breise COVID-19 don earnáil.

Cuireadh freisin cistíocht €607,605 ar fáil don Chlár *Go for Life* trína bhféachtar le cúnamh a thabhairt do chlubanna agus d'eagraíochtaí cur leis na deiseanna ag baill níos aosta a bheith gníomhach i mbun páirt a ghlacadh i spórt don chaitheamh aimsire agus i mbearta lúth agus láthair go ginearálta. D'eagraigh Spórt Éireann agus an líonra CÁS tionscnamh iomadúla, mar shampla *BeActive Day*, tionscnamh trína spreagadh óg agus aosta chun na treoirlínte maidir le bearta lúth a shásamh an lá sin ar bhealach spráúil.

Gríosaíodh mná agus cailíní i rith na seachtaine *HER Outdoors* an acmhainn eachtraíochta atá iontu a fhéachaint agus blaiseadh den tairbhe atá as bearta lúth agus láthair a chleachtadh amuigh faoin aer.

Sonraítear go sainráite faoin [Straitéis maidir le Comhtháthú na nimirceach](#) an bhuntáiste a bhíonn le gnóthaí spóirt maidir le comhtháthú na n-imirceach trí rannpháirtíochta, saoráíocht agus páirt i gcúrsaí rialachais a spreagadh. Tá ionadaíocht ag Spórt Éireann ar an bhFocchoiste maidir le Saoránacht Ghníomhach faoin gCoiste Monatóireachta agus Comhordaithe i ndáil leis an Straitéis maidir le Comhtháthú na nimirceach. D'fhoínn fónamh don bheart seo agus bearta eile a bhaineann le hábhar faoin mBeartas Náisiúnta Spóirt a thabhairt i gcrích, chuir Spórt Éireann tú le polasaí Iléagsúlachta agus ionchuimsitheachta a leagan amach ar mhaithe le fairsingíú ar a dtagann faoi scáth an tsainchúraim maidir le hiléagsúlacht agus ionchuimsitheacht.

Spórt Machaire don Óige

Cuireadh cistí €10.4m ar fáil faoin gceannteideal seo i rith na bliana 2021. Áirítear leis sin leithroinnt €2.4m don Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus €2.25m do Chumann Rugbaí na hÉireann d'fhoínn fónamh dá gcuid oibre maidir le spórt á chleachtadh ag daoine óga. I gcomhréir leis an Meamram Comhthuisceana idir an Rialtas agus Cumann Peile na hÉireann, rinne Spórt Éireann €5.8m a leithdháileadh ar Chumann Peile na hÉireann i rith na hÉireann 2021 maidir le cláir don ghnáthdhuine agus gnéithe eile den Chumann a forbairt.

Spórt Éireann - Amuigh faoin Aer

Lean Spórt Éireann de na slite caitheamh aimsire ar fad a forbraíodh in Éirinn a chur chun cinn ar Chlár na Slite Náisiúnta. I rith na bliana 2021, rinne Spórt Éireann Critéir leasaithe maidir le Slite Marcaíochta agus Critéir maidir le Slite Uisce in Éirinn a leagan amach agus a fhoilsíú d'fhoínn a chinntí go dtugtar forbairt ar ardchaighdeán ar shlite caitheamh aimsire in Éirinn.

Chuir Spórt Éireann tú le céim cur i bhfeidhm, a leanfaidh 18 mí, maidir le bonnchlár agus bunachar sonráí digiteach d'áiseanna spóirt agus caitheamh aimsire le cabhair airgid ó Chiste Éire na Sláinte. Tá comhchaidreamh leitheadach le geallsealbhóirí, aimsiú sonráí, brandáil, forbairt theicniúil, córas meastóireachta a thabhairt chun cinn agus plean cumarsáide ag baint le céim an chur i bhfeidhm. Táthar ag coinneáil an chúrsa maidir leis an tráthchlár agus tnúth an bunachar sonráí a sheoladh i rith na bliana 2023.

Mar chuid den chomhar páirtnéireachta le Spórt Éireann, chuir CARA ceardlanna éagsúla ar fáil ar líne i rith na bliana 2021 dírithe ar cheisteanna maidir le háisiúlacht don uile dhuine amuigh faoin aer. Cuireadh eolas praiticiúil, chomh maith le lón comhairle agus treorach, ar fáil faoi bhealaí ionas gur áisiúla is féidir réimsí amuigh faoin aer a thaobhú.

Seachtain Eorpach an Spóirt 2021

Ceiliúradh ar an spórt d'fhonn gach uile dhuine a spreagadh chun páirt a ghlacadh i mbeartaíocht spóirt de chineál amháin nó de chineál eile a bhí i gceist le Seachtain Eorpach an Spóirt. Rinne Ambasadóirí na Seachtaine, David Gillick, Kenneth Egan agus Eimear Lambe, bolscaireacht maidir leis an tseachtain sular eagraíodh an seoladh. Sa bhliain 2021, d'eagraigh deich gcinn de chomhlachtaí maoinithe ócáidí móershuntais ar fud na tíre, ina measc Féile Spóirt Teaghlaigh Champas Spórt Éireann a eagraíodh ar an gCampas Náisiúnta Spóirt. D'eagraigh cúig cinn de na CÁS ócáidí móershuntais #BeActive Night ar fud na tíre tráthóna Dé Sathairn, an 25 Meán Fómhair. Anuas ar an méid sin, cláraíodh níos mó ná 160 ócáid ar leathanach gréasáin Spórt Éireann d'eolaire imeachtaí na Seachtaine.

Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoin 2021

Ceadaitear leithroinnt €10m i ndáil le bearta spóirt sa Phlean Gníomhaíochta maidir le Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoin, arna ullmhú ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail sa bhliain 2021. Cuirtear bonn leis an gcistíocht sin faoi chláir agus faoi thograí a chuidíonn le:

- forbairt phearsanta agus shóisialta dhaoine atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste eacnamaíochta nó shóisialta
- forbairt oideachais dhaoine atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste oideachais nó
- daoine faoi mhíchumas

Figiúirí Cistíochta

CRN Spóirt maidir le Tionscadail Pobail agus Spórt do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas.	€1.10m
Moil maidir le Spórt Pobail agus Beartaíocht Lúith agus Láthair i gcomharsanachtaí faoi mhíbhuntáiste	€1.78m
Cúnamh Taca maidir le hObair Dheonach	€0.51m
Cláir Ceannaireacht Óige	€0.40m
Tionscnaimh maidir le hEachtraíocht i gCeantair Uirbeacha	€0.49m
Tionscadail maidir le hIonchuimsitheacht i gCúrsaí Spóirt	€1.0m
An Creat Oiliúna Spóirt do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas CARA	€0.21m

Mar chuid de chlár oibre na bliana 2021, chuir Spórt Éireann Clár ar bun maidir *le Cailíní a Spreagadh chun Aclaíochta*. Tá d'aidhm leis an gciste sin treisiú le Beartas Spórt Éireann maidir le Spórt na mBan a chur i bhfeidhm. Cuireadh cistí €12,500 ar fáil do ceithre cinn de Chomhpháirtíochtaí Áitiúla Spóirt i ndáil le cláir agus tionscnaimh nua, a tháinig chun cinn mar gheall ar "Hackathon" maidir le *Cailíní a Spreagadh chun Aclaíochta* i mí Aibreán 2021, a fhorbairt, a reáchtáil ar bhonn píolótach agus a thástáil.



2. Cúrsáí Feidhmíochta (Imirt agus iomaíocht ar leibhéal atá ag teacht leis an leibhéal cumais)

Bhain deacrachtaí faoi leith leis na blianta 2020 agus 2021 maidir le spórt eagraithe. Tharla, mar gheall ar COVID-19, cuid mhór dá n-eagraíonn na Comhlachtaí Rialachais Náisiúnta (CRN) Spóirt, traenáil, comórtais, cóitseáil agus imeachtaí ollpháirtíochta a chiorrú, a chur ar atráth nó a chur ar ceal ar fad.

Cuireadh cistíocht €73.6m mar gheall ar COVID-19 ar fáil i rith na bliana 2021 d'fhoinn cuidiú leis an earnáil deacrachtaí na paindéime a shárú. Féachadh leis an mbagairt láithreach do na Comhlachtaí Rialachais Náisiúnta Spóirt agus dá gcuid clubanna a mhaolú leis an gcistíocht seo.

Coinníodh an chroíchistíocht ar siúl i rith na bliana 2021 maidir le mórchuid na gcomhlachtaí CRN iomaíochta agus leis na heagrais eile a mhaoinítear. Bhí de chuspóir leis na cistí seo, arna gcur in éineacht leis an Scéim Buanseasmhachta in aghaidh COVID-19, cobhsaíocht agus cinnteacht a chruthú do na comhlachtaí CRN agus iad i mbun pleánala do na blianta atá romhainn. Rinneadh €13.3m a leithroinnt ar 59 Comhlacht Rialachais Náisiúnta Spóirt. Tagann faoi scáth an deontais sin pleannanna straitéise agus cláir rannpháirtíochta a chur i bhfeidhm, cóitseálaithe a thabhairt chun cinn, lucht foirne gairmiúil a fhostú agus na costais riarracháin a ghabhann le forbairt an spóirt agus é a chur ar siúl. Anuas ar an méid sin, rinne Spórt Éireann sainsonrú freisin maidir le €541,000 i ndáil le tionscadail forbartha agus ócайдí arna rith ag comhlachtaí áirithe CRN.

Cé gur tháinig íslíú ar líon foriomlán bhaill na gcomhlachtaí CRN i rith na bliana 2021, ba cheart go bhforálfadh athoscailt iomlán an spóirt eagraithe, go háirithe spórt faoi dhíon, do na figiúirí roimh ré na paindéime a bhaint amach in athuair de réir fianaise ó shonraí Irish Sports Monitor. Dúshlán

suntasach a bheidh sa dúshlán seo agus aird á tabhairt ar an laghdú 6% ar rannpháirtíocht go 40% ag deireadh 2021 i gcomparáid leis an leibhéal réamhphaindéimeach.

Tháinig ardú ar an gcroíchistíocht maidir le Lúthchleasaíocht, Snámh & Rothaíocht, ar a n-áireamh in éineacht, ó €2m sa bhliain 2018 go dtí €2.3m sa bhliain 2021. Fuair Snámh Éireann 2021 €30,000 freisin maidir le tionscadail speisialta d'fhonn cuidiú le Stiúrthóir Rannpháirtíochta a earcú. Ar an gcuma chéanna, d'fhogair Cumann Lúthchleasaíocha na hÉireann i mí na Samhna 2021 go raibh Stiúrthóir Rannpháirtíochta nua le ceapadh.

3. Cúrsaí Ardfheidhmíochta (A mbeifí ina acmhainn a bhaint amach ar na leibhéis is airde iomaíochta)

Seoladh Straitéis Ardfheidhmíochta Spórt Éireann 2021-2032 i mí Meitheamh 2021. Leagtar amach sa phlean fadtéarmach seo maidir le córas ardfheidhmíochta na hÉireann spriocanna lena mbaineann dúshlán, ach spriocanna atá intugtha i gcrích, chomh maith le bearta soiléire atá le déanamh ar fud seacht gcinn de réimsí straitéise. Cuireadh plean forfheidhmiúcháin atá mionsonraithe i dtoll a chéile agus cuireadh túis lena chur i bhfeidhm i rith na bliana 2021. Tugadh torthaí príomhthábhachta i gcrích faoin Straitéis Ardfheidhmíochta i rith na bliana 2021, ar a n-áirítear:

- Ról an Cheannasaí maidir le Cótseáil Ardfheidhmíochta a leagan amach agus ceapachán a dhéanamh
- Leasú ar Scéim na gCartaí Idirnáisiúnta ionas gur fearr an cúnamh a thugtar do na lúthchleasaithe
- Creat nua cistíochta a thabhairt chun cinn maidir le cláir ardfheidhmíochta

Infheistíocht na Blíana 2021

Rinne Spórt Éireann €17.89m a infheistiú i spórtaí ardfheidhmíochta i rith na bliana 2021. Tugtar san áireamh €2.74m de dheontais do lúthchleasaithe sárleibhéal na hÉireann faoi Scéim na gCártáí Idirnáisiúnta Spórt Éireann; €8.5m do CRN Spóirt maidir le cláir ardfheidhmíochta dá gcuid a chur i gcrích; agus €820,000 de chistí ardfheidhmíochta do Chónaидhm Chluichí Oilimpeacha na hÉireann agus do Chumann Parailimpeach na hÉireann. Anuas air sin, chuir Spórt Éireann cistíocht €2.48m ar fáil i ndáil le tionscadail faoi leith ag ullmhú do na Cluichí Oilimpeacha agus Parailimpeacha i Tóiceo. Cuireadh €3.34m breise ar fáil d'Fhoras Spórt Éireann maidir le seirbhísí taca don ardfheidhmíochta spóirt. D'fhág an infheistíocht iomlán €17.89m ardú €2.2m i gcomórtas leis an mbliaín 2020.

Toradh Feidhmíochta na Blíana 2021

Bhuaigh Éire 62 bonn ag comórtais mórchuntais ar leibhéal na hEorpa agus an domhain faoi scáth CRN spóirt a fhraigheann cúnamh trí Chistí Chlár Ardfheidhmíochta Spórt Éireann go díreach agus iad i mbun iomaíochta i gcineálacha éagsúla spóirt a bhaineann leis na Cluichí Oilimpeacha agus na Cluichí Parailimpeacha.

Buadh ceithre cinn de bhoinn ag na Cluichí Oilimpeacha i Tóiceo; dhá Bhonn Óir - Kellie Harrington (Éadrom-mheáchan, Dornálaíocht) agus Paul O'Donovan/Fintan McCarthy (Céaslaire Beirte Éadrom-mheáchain, lomramh); agus dhá Bhonn Cré-Umha - Aifric Keogh, Eimear Lambe, Fiona Murtagh agus Emily Hegarty (Ceathrar, lomramh) agus Aidan Walsh (Marcmheáchan, Dornálaíocht).

Buadh seacht gcinn de bhoinn ag na Cluichí Parailimpeacha i Tóiceo; ceithre cinn de Bhoinn Óir - Ellen Keane (SB8 100m Snámh brollaigh, Snámh), Jason Smyth (T13 100m, Lúthchleasaíocht), Katie-George Dunlevy agus Eve McCrystal (Triail Ama Bóthair Tandam B agus Rás Bóthair, Tandam B, Rothaíocht); dhá Bhonn Airgid - Nicole Turner (S6 50m Snámh Féileacáin, Snámh), agus Katie-George Dunlevy agus Eve McCrystal (Rás Tóraíochta Aonair, Tandam B, Rothaíocht), agus aon Bhonn Cré-Umha amháin - Gary O'Reilly (H5 Triail Ama, Rothaíocht).

4. Rialachas maidir le Spórt Éireann - Forbairt ar earnáil sháréifeachtúil spóirt a chur chun cinn d'fhonn dul i bhfeidhm go mór ar fud na tíre ar fad.

I rith na bliana 2021, lean Spórt Éireann ag fónamh d'eagrais faoi Chlár Tacaíochta maidir le Cúrsáí Rialachais (ar a dtugtar "Gov-Enhance") agus eagraíodh 28 ócaid mar gheall air sin i rith na bliana. Faoin mBeartas Náisiúnta Spóirt 2018-2027 (Gníomh 31), dlitear ar na comhlachtaí ar fad dá dtugtar cistí aontú leis an gCód Rialachais Spóirt (an Cód) faoin 31 Nollaig 2021. Tá dearbhaithe go dtí seo ag 86 (as 100 eagras in earnáil an spóirt) go bhfuil glactha acu leis an gCód agus tá cháipéisíocht curtha faoi bhráid Spórt Éireann lena bhreithniú ag ceithre eagras eile. Tá fuílreach 10 n-eagras i mbun an chúraim go fóill agus Spórt Éireann ag fanacht go gcuirtear an páipéarachas faoi bhráid tráth is faide ann.

Cuspóir: fónamh d'fhorbairt Champas Spórt Éireann agus maoirseacht ina leith sin.

Campas Spórt Éireann

Leanadh den obair i rith na bliana maidir le Máistirphlean nua a leagan amach don Champas. Tá aisling aguscreat oibre á gcur chun cinn sa mháistirphlean maidir le forás ar Champas Spórt Éireann agus forbairt fhadtéarmach ar áiseanna spóirt i ndáil leis sin as seo go ceann 15-20 bliain.

Cuireadh túis leis an obair ar thionscadail éagsúla ar an gCampas i rith na bliana 2021 ina measc

- Síneadh leis an bPailliún
- Fairsingí ar an gcarrchól ag an Láthair Náisiúnta Faoi Dhón
- Cóiríocht Oifige sa Scioból Fada

Cuideachta Gníomhaíochta Ainmnithe Áiseanna Spórt Éireann

Fochuideachta de chuid Spórt Éireann, CGA Áiseanna Spórt Éireann, atá freagrach as an ngnáthobair bainistíochta maidir le háiseanna Campas Spórt Éireann agus as oibriú na n-áiseanna sin ó lá go lá. Bhí cur isteach mór ó COVID-19 ar oibriú an Champais i rith na bliana 2021 agus, dá thoradh sin, is lú go mór na cuairteanna a tugadh ar an gCampas ná líon na mblianta roimhe sin. 259,030 cuairt a tugadh ar an Ionad Náisiúnta Uisce, 111,000 ar an Láthair Náisiúnta Faoi Dhón agus 69,000 ar na páirceanna sintéiseacha. Is laghdú suntasach na huimhreacha sin i gcomórtas leis an mbliain 2019 nuair a tugadh isteach is amach le 1.6m cuairt ar an láthair.

Cuspóir: a leagtar de fhreagracht ar Éirinn i ndáil le cúrsaí spóirt ar leibhéal an AE agus ar an leibhéal idirnáisiúnta a shásamh.

Frithdhópáil

Spórt Éireann a obríonn Córás Frithdhópála Spóirt na hÉireann agus leantar den dul chun cinn i réimsí éagsúla, tástáil, oideachas agus taighde. Is páirt sin de chóras idirnáisiúnta ar a bhfuil dea-chlú ó thaobh sártheabhair go náisiúnta agus go hidirnáisiúnta agus tá tábhacht leis sin don spórt agus do lúthchleasaithe na hÉireann agus iad i mbun iomaíochta ar na leibhéal is airde, in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain.

Tá an tAonad Frithdhópála ag obair i gcónaí de réir na gcaighdeán is airde faoi mar is léir ón gcreidiúnú ISO a choinneáil tar éis dul faoi iniúchadh faireacháin i mí Deireadh Fómhair 2021 agus déantar ceannródaíocht d'fhonn tionchar a imirt ar chruinnithe NADO agus WADA maidir leis an gcóir agus cothrom na Féinne i gcúrsaí spóirt. I rith na bliana 2021, rinne 8,300 duine an cursa r-fhoghlama ar líne maidir le cúrsaí frithdhópála do lúthchleasaithe agus do lucht tacaíochta lúthchleasaithe. Lean Spórt Éireann ag fónamh do Ghrúpa Monatóireacht Chomhairle na hEorpa maidir leis an gCoinbhinsiún Frithdhópála agus do Ghrúpaí Comhairle Chomhairle na hEorpa maidir le hOideachas agus Eolaíochta. Eagraíodh cuid mhór seisiúin oideachais maidir le cúrsaí frithdhópála roimh na Cluichí Oilimpeacha i dTóiceo.

D'fhreastail an tAonad Frithdhópála, trí chiancheangal, cruinnithe éagsúla de chuid CAHAMA Chomhairle na hEorpa freisin i rith na bliana. Chuir Spórt Éireann freisin lón comhairle agus eolais ar fáil do WADA maidir le litreacha teicniúla agus cáipéisí teicniúla éagsúla agus i ndáil le Liosta Ábhar Toirmeascha 2022.

Cuspóir: Freastal d'fhorbairt áiseanna spóirt ar an leibhéal náisiúnta, réigiúnach agus logánta agus a chinntí go gcuirtear an cúnamh ar fáil ar bhealach atá cothrom maidir leis na réigiún agus atá dírithe ar cheantair faoi mhíbhuntáiste

An Clár Caipitil agus Trealmh Spóirt



Trealamh i gCampas Náisiúnta Spóirt Spórt Éireann

Is é an Clár Caipitil agus Trealmh Spóirt (SCEP) an príomhbhealach ina gcuirtear cúnamh Rialtais ar fáil maidir le háiseanna spóirt agus caitheamh aimsire a fhorbairt agus trealamh spóirt neamhphearsanta a cheannach ar fud na tíre. Tá rath déanta maidir le cistí caipitil spóirt do líon is mó ná 13,000 togra ón mbliain 1998 i leith agus luach iomlán is airde ná €1.1 billiún leis na cistí a cuireadh ar fáil. Tugtar gealltanás i gClár an Rialtais leanúint leis an gClár agus túis áite a thabhairt d'infheistíocht i gceantair atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste.

Ar an 1 Márta 2021 a bhí an dáta deiridh maidir le hiarratais faoi bhabhta 2020 den Chláir. 3,106 iarratas a cuireadh faoi bhráid faoin dáta sin, an líon is airde riamh.

Tograí maidir le 'trealamh', agus sin amháin, a bhí i gceist le isteach is amach le aon mhíle de na hiarratais a tháinig. Rinneadh na hiarratais sin a mheas ar dtús agus fógraíodh deontais dar luach foriomlán €16.6m ar an 6 Lúnasa 2021. Rinneadh na hiarratais ar chistí caipitil a mheas ina dhiaidh sin agus fógraíodh 1,865 deontas faoi leith dar luach foriomlán breis agus €143.8m Dé hAoine, an 11 Feabhra 2022.

I mí na Nollag 2021, cheadaigh na hAirí €5.3m de dheontais "trealmh" a dháileadh ar Chomhlachtaí Rialachais Náisiúnta Spóirt [CRN] agus ar Chompháirtíochtaí Áitiúla Spóirt [CÁS]. Bunaithe ar mhol Spórt Éireann a rinneadh leithdháileadh na ndeontas ar na heagrás éagsúla. Bhí iarrtha ar Spórt Éireann tograí a lorg agus a mholadh trína gcuirfí Beartas Náisiúnta Spóirt an Rialtais chun cinn le béim ar réimsí rannpháirtíochta, ionchuimsitheacht, rannpháirtíocht na mban i gcúrsaí spóirt & cur le haclú na colainne faoin aer. Cuireadh sraith iarratais faoi leith san áireamh freisin d'fhoinn Straitéis Ardfheidhmíocha Spórt Éireann 2021-2032 a thabhairt i gcrích. Bhí an ciste ar fáil ag gach

CRN Spóirt atá aitheanta ag Spórt Éireann agus ag na comhlachtaí a mhaoinítear. Áirítear leithroinnt mar seo a leanas ar thorthaí na beartaíochta:

- €3.387m chun fónamh do dheiseanna breise rannpháirtíochta á gcur chun cinn ag 26 CRN Spóirt
- €0.482m ar 15 Comhpháirtíocht Áitiúil Spóirt d'fhoínn an rannpháirtíochta a chur chun cinn ar leibhéal an phobail
- €1.454m d'fhoínn fónamh do 15 CRN Spóirt ag cur Straitéis Ardfheidhmíochta Spórt Éireann chun cinn

Ciste Ghnéithe Mórscála Infrastruchtúir Spóirt

Déantar foráil faoin mBeartas Náisiúnta Spóirt do Chiste nua maidir le *Gnéithe Mórscála Infrastruchtúir i réimse an Spóirt* agus do €100m ar a laghad a chur ar fáil amach go dtí an bhliain 2027. Bhí béim leis an gciste ar dtús ar riachtanais agus ar phleananna forbartha na gComhlachtaí Rialachais Náisiúnta maidir le cineálacha éagsúla spóirt agus na n-údarás áitiúil. Tar éis próiseas mion measúnóireachta, fógraíodh leithroinnt shealadach €82.4m ar 32 iarratasóir i mí Eanáir 2020. Rinneadh €3.991m breise a leithroinnt go sealadach ina dhiaidh sin maidir le stáid a fhorbairt i nDún na nGall. Rinneadh iocaíochtaí faoin gciste den chéad uair i rith na bliana 2021, i ndáil le dhá thionscadal, agus rinneadh cuid mhór de na tionscadail eile a thabhairt chun cinn i rocht is gurbh fhéidir comhaontú cistíochta a shocrú go críochnúil ina leith. Cuireadh túis freisin i rith na bliana 2021 le hathbhreithniú mion ar an gCiste, an comhchaidreamh le lucht na ndeontas san áireamh.

Clár Linnte Snáma na nÚdarás Áitiúil

Faoi *Chlár Linnte Snáma na nÚdarás Áitiúil*, cuirtear cabhair deontais ar fáil maidir le costas caipitil linnte nua snáma nó costas athchóiriúchán ar linnte snáma. Tá an obair ar 52 linn snáma tugtha chun críche go dtí seo agus rinneadh dul chun cinn suntasach i rith na bliana 2021 maidir le linn snáma nua i Leamhcán, Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath. San am atá romhainn, is faoin gCiste do Ghnéithe Mórscála Infrastruchtúir Spóirt (LSSIF) a bhreithneofar tionscadail maidir le linnte snáma.

Aonad na Mórimeachtaí Spóirt

Cuireadh Aonad na Mórimeachtaí Spóirt ar bun sa bhliain 2019 d'fhoínn comhordú a dhéanamh maidir le cúnamh an Rialtais do mhórimeachtaí spóirt agus beartas agus straitéis i ndáil le mórimpeachtaí idirnáisiúnta spóirt a thabhairt chun cinn. Go hachomair, is féidir an ról atá leis an aonad a leagan amach mar seo a leanas:

- Meastóireacht – an bonn eacnamaíochta, spóirt agus sóisialta i bhfabhar tairiscint a chur isteach maidir le Mórimeachtaí Spóirt a eagrú a bhreithniú
- Tairiscint – cúnamh taca a chur ar fáil maidir le tairiscintí i ndáil le Mórimeachtaí Spóirt, go háirthe i ndáil le hurra ráthaíochta Rialtais, cúnamh taca na seirbhísí poiblí agus, más gá, cistíochta maidir leis an tairiscint.
- Cur i gcrích – cúnamh taca i ndáil le heagrú agus cur i gcrích, de réir mar is cuí sin.

Bhí baint ag an aonad go dtí seo le scrúdú ar imeachtaí éagsúla agus le cúnamh taca i leith imeachtaí áirithe faoi mar a leagtar amach thíos chomh maith le maoirseacht a dhéanamh i ndáil le filleadh an lucht féachana ar imeachtaí spóirt i rith phainindéim COVID-19.

Beartas maidir le Mórimeachtaí Spóirt

Luaitear i gClár an Rialtais gealltanais Straitéis a leagan amach maidir le Mórimeachtaí Spóirt a mhealladh go hÉirinn. Bheadh de rún stiúir a chur leis sin faoi chúnamh an Stáit maidir le mórimpeachtaí idirnáisiúnta Stáit, an t-ord tábhachta a leagan amach maidir le cúnamh taca chomh maith leis an

toradh a mbeadh tnúth leis ó imeachtaí den sórt sin. I rith na bliana 2021, tugadh faoi chuid mhór taighde i ndáil leis an mbeartas d'fhoinn maith a dhéanamh den ghealltanás sin trí bheartas agus straitéis a thabhairt chun cinn, cé gur chuir obair ar thograí eile moill ar an dul chun cinn.

UEFA EURO 2020

Is é Craobhchomórtas UEFA an príomhchomórtas ag foirne náisiúnta sacair san Eoraip agus bhí comórtas EURO 2020 le réachtáil i mí Meitheamh 2020 ar fud 12 cathair as Baile Átha Cliath go Baku. Bhí leagtha amach go mbeadh ceithre cinn de chluichí in Éirinn, trí chluiche grúpa i mbabhta a haon agus aon chluiche amháin i mbabhta a dó. De réir beart taighde eacnamaíochta roimh ré, bhí i ndán go dtiocfad 96,000 turasóir dá bharr sin óna n-eascródh toradh eacnamaíochta €126m, toradh measta €26m maidir le cáin don Státhiste san áireamh. Chuir UEFA an comórtas ar atráth go dtí mí Meitheamh 2021. Ina ainneoin sin, mar gheall ar chúrsaí sláinte poiblí, níorbh fhéidir a ghealladh go ligfi lucht féachana isteach agus, dá thoradh sin, shocraigh UEFA cluichí Bhaile Átha Cliath a athrú go Cathair Pheadair agus go Londain.

Corn Ryder 2027

Tar éis plé a dhéanamh le Cumann Gailf Gairmiúil (PGA) Chamchuairt na hEorpa, d'aontaigh an Rialtas i mí Iúil 2019 pacáiste cúnamh airgid maidir le Corn Ryder 2026 a eagrú in Áth Dara, Co. Luimnígh. Tá grúpa stiúrtha curtha ar bun maidir le hullmhú don chomórtas a bheidh ar siúl anois sa bhliain 2027 mar gheall ar chomórtas na bliana 2020 a chur ar ceal.

Corn an Domhain FIFA 2030

Ó mhí Deireadh Fómhair 2018 i leith, chuaigh údaráis rialtais agus geallsealbhóirí sacair in Éirinn agus sa Ríocht Aontaithe i mbun staidéar féidearthachta d'fhoinn socrú an leanfaí ar aghaidh le tairiscint ó chúig chumann maidir le Corn an Domhain FIFA 2030. Leanadh den obair sin i rith na bliana 2021.

I ndeireadh báire, shocraigh na húdaráis sacair i dtús na bliana 2022 síniú ar thairiscint i gcomhar maidir le comórtas EURO 2028 a eagrú. D'aontaigh an Rialtas, i mí Márta 2022, seasamh le Léiriú Spéise Chumann Peile na hÉireann i ndáil leis an gcomórtas sin.

ICC T20 Cricket World Cup 2030

Ar an 16 Samhain 2021, d'fhogair an Chomhairle Idirnáisiúnta Cruicéid (ICC) go bhfuil Éire agus an Ríocht Aontaithe roghnaithe maidir le Corn an Domhain i gComórtas Cruicéid T20 na bhFear 2030 a eagrú. Bhí litir seolta ag an Aire Stáit Jack Chambers roimhe sin chuig an gComhairle Idirnáisiúnta ag seasamh go ginearálta leis an tairiscint i gcomhar ó Bhord Cruicéid Shasana, Cruicéad na hAlban agus Cruicéad na hÉireann.

Cé go bhfuil na sonrái is mine le deimhniú go fóill, is mó an leas a bheadh as gnéithe den chomórtas a chur ar siúl sa tir seo don chrucéad in Éirinn nuair atá lucht féachana ollmhór i gceist ar fud an domhain agus líon mhór turasóireachta i gceist maidir le lucht féachana tráth na hócáide féin.

Aer Lingus College Football Classic

Sraith cúig cinn de chluichí atá i gceist leis an Aer Lingus College Football Classic a bhfuil an rath air maidir leis an gcomhar poiblí príobháideach agus eile. I rith na bliana 2021, deimhníodh dhá ócáid sa tsraith cúig chluiche agus tosaíodh ar dhíolachán ticéad. Rinneadh dul chun cinn freisin le hobair bhreise maidir le leas a bhaint as ionaid thábhachtacha eile i mBaile Átha Cliath i ndáil le himeachtaí coimhdeacha thart ar an tráth céanna leis na hócáidí seo a mbeidh an chéad cheann acu ar siúl i rith mí Lúnasa 2022.

An 37ú America's Cup

I mí Aibreán 2021, rinne an Roinn measúnú eacnamaíochta maidir le corn an 37^ú America's Cup a eagrú. Tar éis diananailís a dhéanamh, scála an chostais, an tairbhe ionchais agus deacrachtaí maidir leis an gcur i gcrích a thabhairt san áireamh, tharraing Éire siar, i mí Márta 2022, ón bpróiseas maidir le hionad eagair a roghnú.

Filleadh an lucht féachana go sábhálite ar ionaid spóirt

D'fhág srianta maidir le COVID-19 nach raibh cead ar feadh tréimhsí fada i rith na mblianta 2020 agus 2021 lucht féachana a ligean isteach chuig ócáidí spóirt. Ó mhí Deireadh Fómhair 2020 amach, d'oibrigh an Roinn le comharghrúpa oibre de chuid Chumann Peile na hÉireann, Chumann Rugbaí na hÉireann, Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus Spórt Éireann d'fhoínn fónamh do theacht i láthair an lucht féachana in athuair ar bhealach sábhálte. Foilsíodh treoirlínte an ghrúpa oibre, arna n-ullmhú le cabhair ó shaineolaithe i gcúrsaí sláinte agus sábhálteachta, i mí Meitheamh 2021. Leagtar amach iontu modhanna sábhálte maidir le freastal do lucht féachana ag ócáidí spóirt agus cóirítéar an lón comhairle maidir lena úsáid ag lucht eagraithe na n-imeachtaí. Baineadh leas as bearta píolótacha ag ócáidí áirithe le fonn baol COVID-19 a mhaolú, srianta ar líon na ndaoine, cumarsáid chúramach leis an lucht féachana, scaradh sóisialta, mascann a chaitheamh, bainistíocht ghéar ar theacht agus ar imeacht an lucht féachana agus glanadh lámh. Ní thuairiscítear cás ar bith inar tharla COVID-19 a thógáil i rith aon cheann de na hócáidí spóirt atá i gceist.

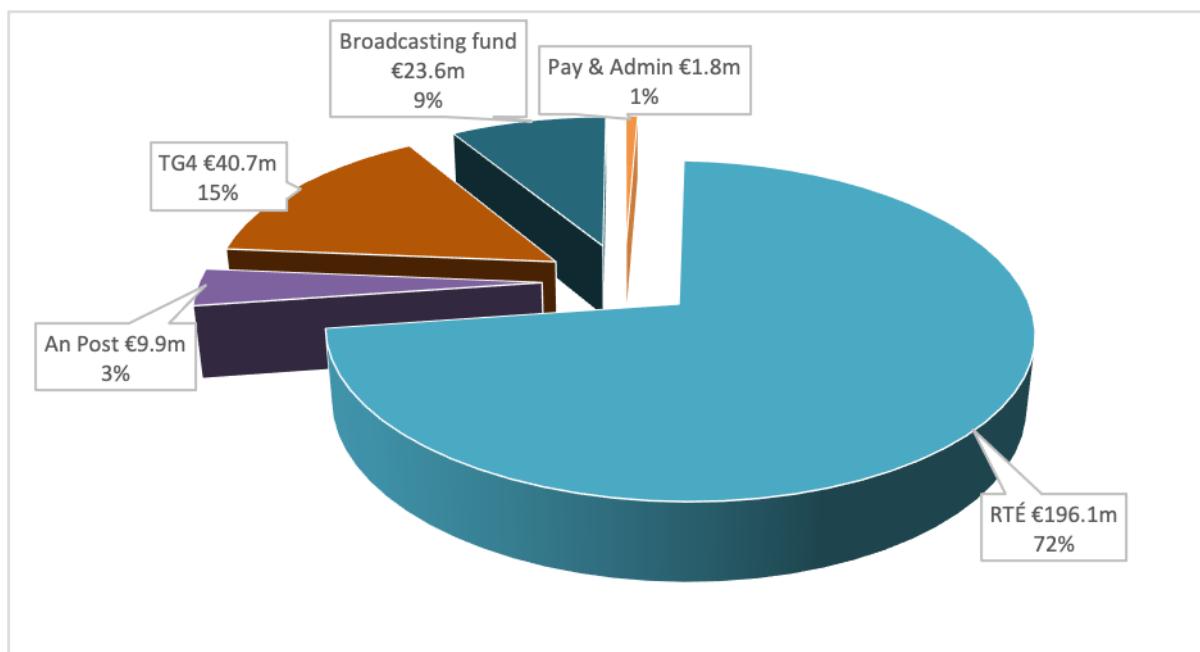
Na Meáin Chumarsáide

Cuspóir E

Bonn a choinneáil faoi mheáin chumarsáide tráchtála, pobail agus seirbhíse poiblí a chur ar fáil lena sásaitear riachtanais lucht féachana agus éisteachta na hÉireann agus réimeas rialúcháin a chur ar fáil lena soirbhítear don tsábhálteachta ar líne agus d'earnáil meán cumarsáide in Éirinn lena mbaineann an tsaoirse, an ilghnéitheacht agus an iléagsúlacht.

9. Na Meáin Chumarsáide

Caiteachas €272.1m de réir príomhréimsí caiteachais



Bhí ról tábhachtach le hEarnáil an Chraolacháin agus na Meán Cumarsáide maidir le teachtaireachtaí sláinte poiblí a chur i láthair agus go ginearálta maidir le bonn a choinneáil faoi shaol an phobail, treisí le dea-bhail meabhrach an duine agus le hearnáil na cruthaitheachta agus an chultúir i rith na bliana 2021. Rinneadh dul chun cinn maidir le tionscnamh thábhachtacha beartais agus reachtaíochta i rith na bliana.

An Bille um Rialáil Sábháilteachta ar Líne agus na Meán

Rinneadh dul chun cinn suntasach maidir leis an mBille um Rialáil Sábháilteachta ar Líne agus na Meán (OSMR) faoina ndéanfar, i measc nithe eile, Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann a fhoirceannadh, Coimisiún na Meán, comhlacht rialála ilrialtóra le Coimisinéir Sábháilteachta ar Líne ina measc, a chur ar bun, creat rialála a chur ar bun maidir le sábháilteachta ar líne, an creat rialála maidir le seirbhísí meán closamhairc a leasú, agus an Treoir leasaithe maidir le Seirbhísí Meán Closamhairc (Treoir 2018/1808/AE) a thrasú i ndlí na hÉireann. Leagfar de fhreagracht ar an gCoimisiún maoirseacht a dhéanamh maidir le rialacháin leasaithe i ndáil le seirbhísí craolacháin agus seirbhísí físeáin ar a n-éileamh chomh maith le creat rialála nua maidir le sábháilteachta ar líne.

An 8 Nollaig 2020, d'aontaigh an Rialtas leagan críochnúil na Scéime Ginearálta agus cuireadh Scéim Ghinearálta an Bhille faoi bhráid Oifig an Ard-Aighne ionas go bhféadfaí leanúint san Oifig sin le miondréachtadh an Bhille. Cuireadh an leagan críochnúil den Scéim Ghinearálta faoi bhráid an Chomhchoiste Oireachtasí cuí freisin maidir le scrúdú réamhreachtaíochta. D'aontaigh an Rialtas an 18 Bealtaine an Bille Craolacháin (Leasú) 2019 a shlánchóiriú leis an mBille um Rialáil Sábháilteachta ar Líne agus na Meán agus trí Cheannteideal Bille breise a thabhairt chun cinn.

Foilsíodh tuarascáil an Chomhchoiste Oireachtas maidir le cúrsáí Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaón, Spórt agus Meán Cumarsáide faoin Scrúdú Réamhreachtaíochta ar Scéim Ghinearálta an Bhille an 2 Samhain 2021 agus rinneadh 33 moladh ar fud na réimsí uile lena mbaineann an reachtaíocht, forálacha faoi leith san áireamh a bhaineann leis an tobhach ábhair beartaithe a chur ar bun agus a

fheidhmiú, bearta maidir le gearáin faoi leith, rialáil maidir le hábhar mídhleathach agus ábhar díobhálach, caighdeán fógraíochta, feidhmeanna Choimisiún na Meán agus an Choimisinéara Sábháilteachta ar Líne.



An tAire Martin ag seoladh na Tuarascála Náisiúnta maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Líne

Coimisiún Thodhchaí na Meán

I bhfianaise a thábhachtaí atá earnáil meán cumarsáide de chuid na hÉireann atá inbhuanaithe, rinneadh leathnú i gClár an Rialtais ar an réimse sainchúram a leagfaí ar an gCoimisiún Craolacháin Seirbhís Poiblí mar a bhí beartaithe go gcruthófaí grúpa saineolais faoin teideal Coimisiún Thodhchaí na Meán. Leagadh de chúram ar an gcoimisiún sin a mbeadh i ndán do na meáin chlóite, do na meáin craolacháin agus do na meáin ar líne a bhreithniú gan ró-aird ar ardáin.

D'eagraigh an Coimisiún próiseas comhairliúcháin poiblí agus tháinig níos mó ná 800 aighneacht faoi bhráid ina leith. Eagraíodh mar chuid den phróiseas sin, sé cinn de sheisiúin agallaimh ar théamaí éagsúla ar ghlac na scórtha saineolaithe páirt, agus níos mó ná 1,000 duine den phobal. Cheangail an Coimisiún caidreamh freisin le saineolaithe éagsúla agus le geallsealbhóirí príomhthábhachta agus eagraíodh surbhéanna maidir le tuairimí an phobail mar lón eolais do phlé an Choimisiúin féin. Foilsíodh Tuarascáil an Choimisiúin um Thodhchaí na Meán i mí Iúil 2022.

Thug an Coimisiún an obair chun críche i mí Iúil 2021 agus cuireadh tuarascáil mhionsonraithe faoi bhráid an Taoisigh agus an Aire Catherine Martin i mí Meán Fómhair 2021 ina leagtar amach moltaí maidir le réimse leathan nithe atá le sárú ag earnáil na meán cumarsáide. Chuir an Taoiseach agus an tAire Catherine Martin, chomh maith le comhaltaí eile de chuid an Rialtais, túis le breithniú mhionchúiseach ar an tuarascáil agus réimse ceisteanna eile idircheangailte á dtabhairt san áireamh ar bhfuil an Rialtas ag díriú orthu maidir le cúrsaí meán cumarsáide agus digiteachta níos ginearálta. Áirítear ar na réimsí sin an Straitéis Náisiúnta Dhigiteach agus cur chuig na hÉireann maidir leis an Acht um Sheirbhísí Digiteacha a chur i bhfeidhm; an Bille um Rialáil Sábháilteachta ar Líne agus na Meán, agus go háirithe, Coimisiún na Meán, rialtóir nua maidir leis na meáin chumarsáide a chur ar bun.

RTÉ

Déantar RTÉ a mhaoliniú le fáltais ó tháille an Cheadúnas Teilifíse agus ó ioncam tráchtála in éineacht. B'ionann an fáltas iomlán ón gceadúnas teilifíse i rith na bliana 2021 agus €220.73m agus fuair RTÉ de sin €196.086m. Éilitear ar RTÉ, faoi fhorálacha an Acharta Craolacháin 2009, suim íosta reachtúil a chaitheamh ar chláracha arna léiriú ag earnáil na léiritheoirí neamhspleácha teilifíse agus raidió. B'ionann caiteachas iomlán na bliana 2021 agus €43.5m, lena n-áirítear an caiteachas íosta reachtúil cothrom le €39.8m, maille le €3.7m arna thabhairt anall ón mbliain roimhe sin (ní dá ndéantar foráil faoin reachtaíocht). Mar gheall ar shrianta COVID-19 a tharla tearc-chaiteachas sa bhliain 2020 nuair a bhí bac ar obair scannánaíochta agus ar léiriú ábhair.

Toradh Saothair

#	Táscaire	% i gcrích faoi dheireadh 2021
1	Céatadán na ndaoine fásta 18+ a dtarraingíonn seirbhísí RTÉ a n-aird	92%
2	Sciar den lucht éisteachta raidió ar feadh an lae (daoine fásta 15+)	29.5%
3	Sciar den lucht féachana teilifíse ar feadh an lae (daoine fásta 15+)	27.2%
4	Uaireanta a chloig d'ábhar arna léiriú in Éirinn ar RTÉ One & RTÉ 2	6,101
5	Caiteachas RTÉ ar chláracha teilifíse agus raidió ó léiritheoirí neamhspleácha	€43.5m
6	Meánlíon uaireanta a chloig de chláracha Gaeilge a craoladh in aghaidh an lae	13.19

Tionchar

#	Táscaire	2021	2020	2019
1	Lón na gcláracha nua teilifíse agus raidió agus na dtionscadal nua lena bhforáilfear le réimse cuimsitheach cláracha nua raidió pobail agus áitiúil dár taígíodh cistíocht faoi scéim Fís & Fuaim an Chiste Craolacháin	221	235	241
2	Meánlíon uaireanta a chloig d'ábhar cláracha teilifíse arna léiriú in Éirinn (RTÉ)	6,101	6,030	5,687

TG4

Maoiniú ón Státhchiste is mó atá i gceist le TG4 agus ioncam íseal tráchtála. Cuireadh €40.733m ar fáil sa bhliain 2021 (€36.733m de chistí Reatha agus €4m de chistí Caipitil), i ndáil le riachtanais cláracha, cláracha san áireamh arna léiriú ag earnáil na léiritheoirí neamhspleácha. Rinne TG4 13.19 uair a chloig de chláracha Gaeilge a chraoladh in aghaidh an lae ar an meán.



Ceanncheathrú TG4

An Ciste Craolacháin

B'ionann an maoiniú iomlán do ÚCÉ sa bhliain 2021 tríd an gCiste Craolacháin agus €22.759m (€14.759m ó fháltais tháille an cheadúnais teilifíse agus €8m trí mhaoliniú breise ón státhiste). Cuireadh cabhair airgid ar fáil leis sin i rith na bliana 2021 maidir le 221 tionscadal raidió agus teilifíse ar ardchaigdeán bunaithe ar chultúr agus ar oidhreacht na hÉireann faoin scéim Fís & Fuaim 4. Anuas air sin, cuireadh suim €0.839m ar fáil d'fhonn an costas ar an Údarás Craolacháin a chuíteamh a bhain le díolúine a thabhairt maidir leis an Tobhach Craolacháin i rith R1 agus R2 na bliana 2020, díolúine a tugadh do na craoltóir ar mhaithe leis an íslíú ioncaim mar gheall ar COVID-19 a mhaolú.

Comhoibriú Thuaidh-Theas

Cuspóir F

Comhoibriú Thuaidh-Theas a chur chun
cinn i gcomhthéacs Thionscnamh an
Rialtais maidir le hOileán na Comhréime
agus i gcomhthéacs obair an Fhorais
Teanga agus Thurasóireacht Éireann go
háirithe.

10. Comhoibriú Thuaidh-Theas

Cuspóir F: **Comhoibriú Thuaidh-Theas a chur chun cinn, go háirithe maidir leis an bhForas Teanga**

Tugtar cistíocht don Fhoras Teanga chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i ngach gné den saol ar fud an oiléain agus chun aird agus tuiscint níos fearr a chothú ar theanga agus ar chultúr na hUltaise.

Straitéis 1: Comhchaidreamh leis na Ranna comhchistíochta i dTuaisceart Éireann chun treisiú le hobair na bhForas Forfheidhmiúcháin Thuaidh/Theas

Leanadh i rith na bliana 2021 den chaidreamh leis an Roinn comhchistíochta i dTuaisceart Éireann d'fhonn bonn a chur faoi obair an Chomhlacht Forfheidhmiúcháin Thuaidh/Theas, an Foras Teanga.

Tá an Roinn tugtha do chomhchistíocht agus do chúnámh taca don Fhoras Teanga (ina gcuimsítear Foras na Gaeilge agus Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch) agus do chuidiú leis an gComhlacht Forfheidhmiúcháin Thuaidh/Theas sin a leagtar d'fheidhmeanna air a chomhlíonadh i gcomhthéacs Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta agus Chomhaontú Chill Rímhinn. Leis an gComhairle Aireachta Thuaidh Theas (NSMC) agus le hAirí na Ranna a dtagtar faoina gcoimirce a dhéanann an Foras Teanga tuairiscithe².

- Foras na Gaeilge a chomhlíonann na cúramí sonraithe ar fad i ndáil leis an nGaeilge, ar a n-áirítear freastal d'fhorbairt na Gaeilge i réimsí poiblí agus i réimsí príobháideacha agus sin a chur chun cinn.
- Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch atá freagrach as forbairt na hUltaise, lena n-áirítear tuiscint níos forleithne faoin teanga agus faoi chúrsaí cultúir na hUltaise a chur chun cinn agus úsáid na teanga a chothú.

Tá bord faoi leith dá gcuid féin ag Foras na Gaeilge agus ag Tha Boord o Ulstèr Scotch faoi seach agus is ionann comhaltaí an dá bhord sin in éineacht agus bord an Fhorais Teanga.

Tionóladh ceithre cinn de chruinnithe monatóireachta i ndáil leis an bhForas Teanga i rith na bliana 2021. Bhain caidreamh rialta leanúnach leis an Roinn ó Thuaidh agus leis na Gníomhaireachtaí freisin leis an gcreat maoirseachta agus rialachais forghinearálta.

Chuir an Roinn cistíocht iomlán €14.642m ar fáil don Fhoras Teanga i rith na bliana 2021 (cistíocht sainsonraithe san áireamh). Chomh maith le buiséid na Comhairle Aireachta Thuaidh Theas, arna maoiniú ag an Roinn agus an Roinn Pobal (DfC), cuireadh cistíocht breise ar fáil maidir le gnóthaí sainsonraithe, lena n-áirítear €1.036m maidir le Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge (fónamh do thionscnaimh léitheoireachta, scríbhneoireachta agus foilsitheoiréachta Gaeilge), agus €0.119m maidir le Colmcille (tionscnamh trí pháirtí maidir leis an nGaeilge agus Gaeilge na hAlban a chur chun cinn).

Foras na Gaeilge

In earnáil na Gaeilge, bhain deacrachtaí le paindéim COVID-19 maidir le pobal na Gaeilge, cúrsá oideachais, gnó agus ealaíne. Cé gur chuir COVID-19 isteach ar ualach oibre gach duine d'fhoireann Fhoras na Gaeilge agus na ndaoine/eagras a raibh deontais ceadaithe dóibh, cinntíodh trí chomhoibriú i measc na ngeallsealbhóirí socruithe a chur ar bun chun dul in oiriúint do na deacrachtaí a tháinig chun cinn.

² An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán (R/TCEGSM) agus an Roinn Pobal (DfC) i dTuaisceart Éireann

Seo a leanas roinnt de na buaicphointí maidir le hobair na bliana 2021:

- Chuidigh Foras na Gaeilge le €9m d'infheistíocht pobail trí na 6 phríomheagras Gaeilge, scéimeanna pobail agus scéimeanna óige, oideachais, ealaíne agus scoláireachtaí spóirt.
- Cuireadh cistí ar fáil freisin faoin gCiste Infheistíochta maidir le Naíscoil na Seolta – an chéad naíscoil Gaeilge slánchóirithe in Oirthear Bhéal Feirste.
- Fostaíodh 28 oifigeach pobail maidir le forbairt na Gaeilge faoin Scéim Forbartha Lónraí Gaeilge.
- Ghlac 261 scoil páirt i nGaelbhratach, lena dtacaíonn Foras na Gaeilge trí Ghael Linn.
- Ghnóthaigh 22 aistritheoir nua creidiúnú faoi phróiseas an tséala.
- Tháinig ardú 19% ar lucht úsáide teanglann.ie.
- Chuir Foras na Gaeilge comórtas aistí faoin bhfoclóireacht ar bun do mhic léinn tríu leibhéal - Comórtas Aistí Néill Uí Dhónaill.
- Cuireadh 3,500 téarma nua le Bunachar Náisiúnta Téarmeolaíochta na Gaeilge, téarma.ie.
- Foilsíodh 84 leabhar faoi Scéim na bhFoileachán 2021.
- D'oibrigh 19 scríbhneoir agus 18 meantóir faoin Scéim Meantóireachta 2021.
- D'fhoilsigh An Gúm, brainse foilsitheoireachta Fhoras na Gaeilge, *Gairdín Mháire na mBláth agus Ó Bhó, na Beachá!*
- Tháinig ardú 17% ar líon an lucht leanta ar fud ardáin na meán sóisialta ag Foras na Gaeilge.
- Chuir Foras na Gaeilge cistíocht ar fáil maidir le 68 campa samhraidh.
- 65 grúpa faoi Scéim na hÓige 2021-22.
- 46 gnólacht beag agus meánmhéide faoi scéimeanna tacaíochta gnó.
- €400,000 do 18 ionad Gaeilge.
- Cuireadh cistíocht ar fáil do 14 complacht drámaíochta.
- Cuireadh cistíocht ar fáil do 47 féile agus 7 mórocáid ealaíne.
- Eagraíodh Colmcille 1500 i rith na bliana 2021, clár comórtha 1500 bliain tar éis bhreith an naoimh ar ceangal dlúth atá ann idir Éirinn agus Albain. Coimisiúnaíodh 6 cinn de shaothair ealaíne faoi Cholmcille 1500.
- Le cabhair airgid ó Fhoras na Gaeilge, bhronn Gaelchultúr teastas inniúlachta sa Ghaeilge i gcomhthéacsanna gairme ar 573 fostáí de chuid na seirbhíse poiblí.

Rinne an Chomhairle Aireachta Thuaidh Theas ceapacháin mar seo a leanas ar Bhord Fhoras na Gaeilge i rith na bliana 2021:

- Regina Uí Chollatáin - Cathaoirleach ; Conor McGuinness – Leas-Chathaoirleach; Maighréad Ní Chonghaile – Comhalta Boird; Ian Ó Dochartaigh – Comhalta Boird; agus Freda Nic Giolla Chatháin – Comhalta Boird.

D'éirigh na Comhaltaí Boird seo a leanas as oifig i rith na bliana 2021:

- Barra Ó Muirí – Leas-Chathaoirleach; Niall Ó Gallochobhair – Comhalta Boird; Máire Ní Neachtain – Comhalta Boird; agus Sorcha Ní Chéidigh – Comhalta Boird.

Gníomhaireacht na hUltaise

Lean Gníomhaireacht na hUltaise i rith na bliana 2021 den obair maidir le cláir a thabhairt i gcrích agus pobal na hUltaise á chothú ar fud Chúige Uladh ionas go mbeadh misneach dul i mbun gnóthaí cultúir in athuair. Áirítear ar na príomhbhearta a cuireadh i gcrích:

- Cúnamh do 257 dalta scoile ar fud Chúige Uladh cáilíochtaí aitheanta i gcúrsaí ceoil agus damhsa a ghnóthú.
- Réimse acmhainní foghlama ar líne a fhorbairt, lena n-áirítear 40 turas scáilchuairteanna lena ndírítear aird ar áiteanna spéisiúla maidir le lucht na hUltaise a rinneadh a fhoilsiú ar líne.
- Chuir an Ghníomhaireacht clár maidir le hlmeachtaí Beagscála ar siúl i rith na bliana 2021. Bhí suas le £1,000 ar fáil ag Grúpaí a chuideodh leo ócáid Ultaise a eagrú. Tugadh cistíocht dar luach iomlán £95,029 faoin gclár maidir le 107 tionscadal. Bhí an clár ar siúl idir mí Lúnasa agus mí na Nollag 2021.
- Chuir an Ghníomhaireacht túis le clár faoi leith do ghrúpaí sna contaetha cois teorann. Ceadaíodh deontais suas le €2,300 do 42 grúpa i gContae Dhún na nGall, i Contae an Chabháin, i gContae Muineacháin agus i gContae Liatroma. Bhí fáilte ag cuid mhór grúpaí roimh an gclár seo nach raibh aon chúnamh airgid eile ar fáil dóibh agus a bhí i mbaol dul i léig.
- I rith na bliana 2021 foilsíodh an tsraith ‘Get to Grips’, leabhair teagaisc ceoil maidir leis an bpíb mhór, an sreangdhruma, an druma doird/teanóir agus an banna fífeanna agus drumaí. Tá beagnach 100 físeán teagaisc ag gabháil leis na leabhair agus rinneadh iad sin a fhoilsiú ar líne.

Straitéis 2: Tacú le comhoibriú Thuaidh-Theas méadaithe sa turasóireacht

Tourism Ireland

Cúnamh taca do pháirtneáirí an tionscail ag ócáidí bolscaireachta thar lear

Mar chuid den straitéis cuidiú le gnólachtaí turasóireachta ar fud oiléan na hÉireann filleadh ar an margadh idirnáisiúnta, ghlac Turasóireacht Éireann, agus os cionn 800 páirtnéir de chuid an tionscail, páirt in os cionn 60 margadh trádála ciancheangail idir mí Eanáir agus mí Deireadh Fómhair 2021 – i mbun caidrimh, agus gnó, le líon ba mhó ná 15,000 duine a bhfuil tábhacht leo i ngnó na turasóireachta.

Nuar a tosaíodh arís ar thaisteal go hidirnáisiúnta, bhí clár d'ócáidí beo ar an láthair, ócáidí ciancheangail agus ócáidí cumaisc ar siúl idir mí Deireadh Fómhair agus mí na Nollag; áirítear orthu sin an cheardlann bhliantúil Flavours of Ireland, an World Travel Market, agus an International Luxury Travel Market.

Bhí an tAire Martin i láthair le Turasóireacht Éireann ag an World Travel Market i mí na Samhna. Is é an margadh sin an ceann is mó ceannaitheoir le ceannaitheoir i rith na bliana. Bhí tuairim is 75 comhlacht turasóireachta as oiléan na hÉireann páirteach ann.



Áirítear ar roinnt de na buaicphointí a ghabh le hobair Thurasóireacht Éireann i rith na bliana 2021:

- Feachtas #FillYourHeartWithIreland ar na meáin shóisialta
- Feachtas Lá Fhéile Pádraig 2021
- Feachtas 'Let's Get Back to Ireland'
- Feachtas 'Green Button'
- Feachtas #IrelandHomeOfHalloween



Gnóthaí Corparáide

11. Gnóthaí Corparáide

Tionscadal Éireann 2040 – Plean Infheistíochta Caipítíl

Leagtar réimse leathan sainchúraimí ar an Roinn agus tugtar infheistíocht chaipítíl i gcrích ar fud cuid mhór réimsí clár, ina measc Turasóireacht, Cultúr, Teanga agus Spórt. Ligeann na pleananna infheistíochta caipítíl faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta don Roinn smaointeoireacht straitéise a dhéanamh maidir leis na réimsí éagsúla ionas go gcuirtear gnéithe infreastruchtúir ar fáil trínar féidir:

- fónamh d'fheidhmiú eacnamaíochta na n-earnálacha agus sin a bhrostú;
- forfheabhsú a thabhairt ar dhea-bhail an duine agus ar dhea-bhail an phobail; agus,
- timpeallacht, cultúr agus teanga na tíre a chaomhnú agus a chothú.

Lean an Roinn den chomhar tréan páirtíochta a chothú maidir le gnéithe forfheidhmiúchán den chlár caipítíl, ag obair go dlúth le páirtnéirí sna Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir, in Oifig na nOibreachá Poiblí, san earnáil spóirt, san earnáil turasóireachta, agus i Ranna eile Rialtais.

Leanadh i rith na bliana 2021 den dul chun cinn maidir le clár infheistíochta na Roinne sna Forais Náisiúnta Cultúir, agus is féidir teacht ar shonraí ar leathanach 28 den tuarascáil seo.

Anuas air sin, i gcomhthéacs an bheartais maidir le hearnálacha faoi leith na turasóireachta, an chultúir agus an spóirt, chomh maith le beartais náisiúnta agus tras-rialtais, leanann an Roinn den obair chun a chinntíú go dtugtar toradh fónta i gcrích le cláir na Roinne maidir leis an téarnamh eacnamaíochta, buanseasmhacht na n-earnálacha agus dea-bhail an duine agus an phobail agus go gcuirtear clár oibre ar mhaithe le hinmharthanach shóisialta, eacnamaíochta agus timpeallacht chun tosaigh. Bunghné lárnoch de sin an dúthracht maidir le caomhnú oidhreacht shainiúil cultúir, teanga agus spóirt na tíre a chothú agus a chur chun cinn don phobal agus do chuairteoirí araon.

Cuireadh príomhbhearta na Roinne maidir leis an infheistíocht caipítíl i dtreis freisin i rith na bliana 2021, tríd an bhforbairt ar ghnéithe infreastruchtúir Cultúir agus Spóirt a thabhairt chun cinn ar fud na tíre faoi scéimeanna éagsúla caipítíl, ar a n-áirítear; *an Scéim Tacaíochta maidir le Feabhsúchán Caipítíl Ealaíon agus Cultúir (ACCESSII)* agus *an Clár Caipítíl Ealaíne agus Cultúir, Ciste Ghnéithe Mórscaíla Infreastruchtúir Spóirt*, agus *an Clár Caipítíl agus Trealmh Spóirt*. Bhí ról tábhachtach ag an Roinn freisin maidir le cúrsaí eacnamaíochta a spreagadh agus a chothú go háitiúil le cúnamh taca ó Údarás na Gaeltachta don fhorbairt fiontraíochta, infheistíocht in earnáil an chlosamhairc trí Fhís Éireann agus forbairt ar thionscal na Turasóireachta trí scéimeanna infheistíochta Fháilte Éireann.

Aonad Tacaíochta COVID-19

Lean cur isteach mór ó phaindéim COVID-19 ar na hearnálacha a thagann faoi mhaoirseacht na Roinne i rith na bliana 2021 agus ar obair na Roinne féin dá réir.

Ba chuid mhór d'obair an Aonaid Tacaíochta COVID-19 i rith na bliana 2021 comhordú a dhéanamh leis an Roinn Sláinte agus le Roinn an Taoisigh. Ar na tortaí saothair ba thábhachtáí, bhí maoirseacht agus comhordú ar lón tuairimíochta maidir le lón mór dréachtanna de rialacháin COVID-19 arna gcur faoi bhráid an Aire ag an Aire Sláinte. B'iondúil tábhacht mhór leis na rialacháin sin i ndáil le hearnál na turasóireachta, earnáil na healaíne agus an chultúir agus earnáil an spóirt go háirithe. Bhí caidreamh rialta ar bun ag an Aonad freisin le Roinn an Taoisigh maidir le ceisteanna faoi na rialacháin agus faoi phleanáil an Rialtais i ndáil leis an athoscailt. D'fhreastail an Rúnaí Cúnta Grúpa na nOifigeach Sinsearach maidir le COVID.

D'fhearr freastal don chúram, chothaigh an tAonad COVID-19 caidreamh le haonaid beartais na Roinne trí ghrúpaí áirithe, ina measc:

- An Grúpa Bainistíochta COVID - faoi chathaoirleacht an Ard-Rúnaí le baill fairne sinsearacha ó earnálacha le baint mhór leis an mbeartaíocht i leith na paindéime;
- An Grúpa Comhchaidrimh COVID - tháinig an grúpa seo le chéile gach seachtain d'fheann an scéal is deireanaí a scaipeadh ar rannóga uile na Roinne faoi chúrsaí COVID-19 agus eolas ón nGrúpa Bainistíochta COVID-19 a chur ar aghaidh;
- An Grúpa Oibre maidir le Treoir d'Earnálacha – tháinig an grúpa seo le chéile d'fheann athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an treoir maidir le hearnálacha éagsúla d'fheann sárfeabhas agus comhleanúnachas a chinntiú.

Taobh amuigh de na cruinnithe fairmeálta, ba chuid thábhachtach den obair an caidreamh leanúnach rialta leis na réimsí beartais a raibh cur isteach ar na hearnálacha a bhaineann leo ag na srianta sláinte poiblí. Tháinig i gceist leis sin soiléiriú a chur ar fáil maidir leis na srianta a bhí i bhfeidhm agus breis ábhair a iarraigí ar Roinn an Taoisigh agus ar an Roinn Sláinte de réir mar ba chuí sin.

Tríd is tríd, bhí deacrachtaí móra á gcur roimh an Roinn ar feadh na bliana 2021 mar gheall ar an bpaindéim leanúnach. Ina ainneoin sin, d'fhág an obair a rinne na haonaid beartais, go háirithe maidir le comhchaidreamh le geallsealbhóirí agus scéimeanna tacaíochta a shonrú, chomh maith leis na struchtúir a cuireadh ar bun taobh istigh den Roinn, gurbh fhéidir leis na hearnálacha a thagann faoi chúram na Roinne leas a bhaint as timpeallacht diantacaíochta a chuidigh lena chinntiú go raibh fiontair agus postanna go leor i riocht teacht slán ón bpaindéim.

Acmhainní Daonna

B'ionann líon bhaill na fairne sa Roinn ag deireadh na bliana 2021 agus 375, iad lonnaithe i mBaile Átha Cliath, i gCiarraí, i nGaillimh agus i nDún na nGall. I rith na bliana 85, tháinig 95 ball nua ar fhoireann na Roinne. Lean an Roinn de bhaill fairne nua a earcú tríd an tSeirbhís um Cheapacháin Phoiblí, Scéim Gluaisteachta na Státseirbhíse agus eagraíodh 12 comórtas earcaíochta, ina measc comórtas oscailte maidir le Príomh-Oifigeach Cúnta (Gaeilge) gur earcaíodh 95 ball nua ar fhoireann na Roinne i rith na bliana.

D'oibrigh baill fairne na Roinne go díograiseach chun réimse fairsing de thionscnaimh agus de chláir a leagan amach agus a chur i bhfeidhm a mhaolódh an cur isteach ó phaindéim COVID-19 ar fud an phobail.

Tosaíodh ar shocruithe measctha oibre a chur i bhfeidhm i mí Meán Fómhair 2021 agus leagadh amach Polasaí Eatramhach na Roinne maidir le Modhanna Éagsúla Oibre d'fheann freastal do shocruithe eatramhacha ina leith sin. Lean an Roinn de threoir agus den chomhairle ba nua a chur ar fáil do na fostaithe maidir le socruithe oibre cumaiscthe.

Athnuachan na Státseirbhíse (CSR)

I rith na bliana 2021, chuir an fheidhm CSR leis an aird agus leis an tuiscint ar fud na Roinne ar an Straitéis 10 mblíana maidir le hAthnuachan na Státseirbhíse agus na trí cinn de phríomhchuspóirí straitéise *Beartas agus Seirbhísí bunaithe ar Fhianaise, Digiteach ón Tús agus Nuálaíocht*, agus *An Lucht Saothair, an tIonad Oibre agus Eagras na Linne atá romhainn*. Chuir an mheitheal CSR freisin leis an tuiscint agus leis an aird ag foireann na Roinne ar Phlean Gníomhaíochta 2024 maidir le hAthnuachan na Státseirbhíse.

Rinneadh fógraíocht faoi imeachtaí eile maidir le hAthnuachan na Státseirbhíse agus spreagadh ceangal leis na Seimineáir Gréasáin.

D'eagraigh an t-aonad Seisiúin Eolais don Lucht Foirne agus cuireadh ag aonaid gnó ar fud na Roinne cur i láthair a dhéanamh maidir lena gcuid oibre os comhair an lucht foirne agus an lucht bainistíochta.

Lean an Roinn de thionscnamh bharrthábhachta maidir le hAthnuachan na Státseirbhíse a chur i gcrích, Gradaim Sárfheabhas agus Nuálaíochta na Státseirbhíse san áireamh. Cuireadh dhá thionscadal faoi bhráid na Roinne maidir lena meas i leith ghradaim na bliana 2021, agus cuireadh thionscadal amháin acu sin, “Claochlú ar an gClár Caipitil Spóir” ar an ngearrliosta don chatagóir ‘Sárfheabhas i mbun Nuálaíochta’.

Sláinte agus Folláine

Tráth ar lean COVID-19 ar feadh cuid mhór den bhliain 2021, agus srianta de leibhéal éagsúla i bhfeidhm ar feadh na bliana, bhí cianobair i bhfeidhm maidir le mórchuid lucht na fairne. Dá réir sin, is ar mhodhanna ar líne a cuireadh tionscnamh maidir le sláinte agus dea-bhail an lucht fairne i gcrích.

Eagraíodh tástáil phíolótach maidir le filleadh ar an oifig idir mí Meán Fómhair agus mí na Samhna, tráth a dtagadh an ball fairne i láthair san oifig lá amháin den tseachtain le hiomlán na ngnás agus na bprótacal maidir le COVID-19 i bhfeidhm. Sular cuireadh túis leis an scéim phíolótach, d'eagraigh an Roinn seisiún éagsúla maidir le filleadh ar an ionad oibre d'fhoinn a chinntíú go raibh baill na fairne ar an eolas agus d'fhoinn aon ábhar buartha nó imní a mhaolú a bheadh ar lucht na fairne. Rinneadh sin an tráth céanna a raibh cur i láthair á dhéanamh ar líne ag an tSeirbhís Cúnaimh d'Fhostaithe na Státseirbhíse maidir le “Athruithe agus Filleadh ar an Ionad Oibre”.

Foilsíodh Creat Sláinte agus Folláine na Státseirbhíse i mí Meán Fómhair 2021. Bhí an Roinn ar cheann de 12 eagraíochta, i gcomhar leis an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe agus an tSeirbhís Cúnaimh d'Fhostaithe na Státseirbhíse, a d'oibrigh ar an gCreat a chur i dtoll a chéile. Cáipéis treorach atá sa Chreat ina leagtar amach an tábhacht atá le hlonad Oibre Sláintiúil maidir le Sláinte agus Folláine fhostaithe na Státseirbhíse a chumhdach.

Áirítéar ar na tionscnamh a tugadh i gcrích:

- Bearta taca agus acmhainní atá ar fáil tríd an tSeirbhís Cúnaimh d'Fhostaithe na Státseirbhíse;
- Seimineáir gréasáin agus treoir maidir le foinsí eolais faoi shláinte agus leas an lucht fairne, lena n-áirítéar an tsláinte meabhrach, imní, buanseasmhacht, aird ar strus agus ar fhéinchúram, shláinte agus acmhainn na colainne (5 nójmeád gluaiseachta), cothú agus aird agus tuiscint ar chúrsaí míchumais (WAMineáir de chuid AHEAD);
- Ábhar tacaíochta do thuismitheoirí;
- Feachtas Náisiúnta Bailiú Airgid de leithéid “Darkness into Light” (Pieta House) agus “Daffodil Day” (Cumann Ailse na hÉireann) a chur chun cinn;
- Béim a leagan ar laethanta/seachtainí airde, ina measc an Lá Náisiúnta Séanadh Tobac, Seachtain Airde maidir le Deonú Orgáin, an Lá Náisiúnta Teacht Amach, an Lá Domhanda Sláinte Meabhrach, an Lá Domhanda maidir le Meanapás, an Lá Domhanda maidir le Féinmharú a Chosc, Mí Airde maidir le hAilse Brollaigh, Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan, Lá Idirnáisiúnta na bhFear, agus Lá Idirnáisiúnta Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas.
- Sláinte an lucht fairne trína taigíodh vacsaín in aghaidh fliú agus Seimineáir Gréasáin faoi Shláinte na bhFear agus na mBan (Aird ar Ailse Brollaigh, Ábhar Plé: Meanapás ag an Obair, Aird ar Ailse Cnis, sraith de chuid FSS faoi Shláinte na bhFear, sraith de chuid an Tascfhórsa maidir le Sláinte na mBan);
- Seimineáir Gréasáin ar mhaithe le dea-bhail airgeadais ó MABS agus ón Údarás Árachais Sláinte (HIA); agus
- Fógraí roimh ré maidir le himeachtaí cultúir agus sóisialta.

Foghlaim agus Forbairt

Bhí teacht ag an lucht fairne i rith na bliana 2021 ar réimse de bhearta foghlama agus forbartha, lena n-áirítear cursaí foirmeálta oiliúna agus cláir forbartha cumais. Cé gur raibh srianta maidir le COVID-19 ina mbac maidir leis an bhformáid ina bhféadfaí cursaí agus ócайдí foghlama chur ar fáil, leagadh béim go leanúnach ar a gcur ar fáil ar líne. Lean an Roinn de leas a bhaint as na hacmhainní oiliúna atá ar fáil trí OneLearning, an tseirbhís i gcomhar maidir le foghlaim agus forbairt sa Státseirbhís, agus rinneadh fónamh freisin maidir le deis ar oiliúint fhoirmeálta faoi ghnéithe nach dtagann faoi OneLearning agus ar an scéim maidir le hAisíoc Táillí Oideachais.

Aonad Theicneolaíochta an Eolais agus na Cumarsáide (TFC)

Bíonn d'aidhm ag Aonad Theicneolaíochta an Eolais agus na Cumarsáide (TFC) forbairt leanúnach a thabhairt ar na seirbhísí ionas go sásaitear an custaiméir agus go sáraítear an leibhéal a mbíonn tnúth leis d'fheann fónamh don rath ar obair na Roinne trí chúnamh TE ar ardchaighdeán a chur ar fáil go tráthúil agus go gairmiúil gach tráth a n-iarrann custaiméir sin agus bonn a chur ar an gcaoi sin faoi phlean straitéise TF na Roinne. Oibríonn an tAonad TFC le rannóga uile na Roinne d'fheann a chinntíú go mbíonn na córais gnó agus na feidhmchlár taca sásúil maidir le riachtanais na rannóige agus riachtanais chustaiméirí na rannóige.

I rith na bliana 2021, tar éis atheagar maidir le réimsí cúram na Roinne, chuir Aonad TFC na Roinne tionscadal trom oibre i gcrích chun gnóthaí TFC maidir leis an Rannóg Oidhreachta a aistriú go dtí an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta. Thug an tAonad TFC freisin Straitéis TFC cúig bhliana a leagan amach don Roinn agus leanadh de bhonn daingean a chur agus choinneáil faoin acmhainn cianoibre i bhfianaise Phaindéim COVID-19.

An tAonad Airgeadais

Is é ról atá leis an Rannóg Airgeadais cuidiú lena chinntíú go mbíonn na hacmhainní airgid ar fáil ag an Roinn chun na cuspóirí a thabhairt i gcrích agus monatóireacht agus rialáil a dhéanamh maidir leis na hacmhainní sin.

Cuidíonn an tAonad Airgeadais leis na Rannóga ar bhealach oiriúnach éifeachtach i mbun na ngnáthbhearta airgeadais ionas go gcinntítear go mbíonn córas éifeachtúil maidir le rialáil inmheánach ar bun agus á choinneáil i bhfeidhm ag an Roinn. Tá de chúram ar an Aonad Airgeadais freisin Meastacháin a ullmhú agus comhordú a dhéanamh maidir le Vóta na Roinne le haird ar an ord tábhactha maidir le leithroinnt acmhainní. Tagann san áireamh leis sin an bhainistíocht airgeadais ar chaiteachas agus ar fháiltais na Roinne chomh maith le tuairisciú tráthrialta, go hinmheánach agus go seachtrach. Déanann an tAonad Airgeadais an Cuntas Leithreasa bliantúil a ullmhú chomh maith le hábhar mionteagaisc nuair a bhítear ag teacht os comhair an Oireachtais. Déanann an tAonad Airgeadais freisin feidhm maoirseachta maidir le cúrsaí Soláthair a chur ar fáil sa Roinn.

Lean an tAonad Airgeadais i rith na bliana 2021 den obair le comhghleacaithe sa Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe i ndáil leis na hacmhainní airgid a chur ar fáil a chuidíonn le cuspóirí na Roinne a thabhairt i gcrích, le haird faoi leith ar na deacrachtaí a d'eascair ó phaindéim COVID-19.

An tAonad um Boird Stáit

I rith na bliana 2021, chuir an Roinn aonad maidir le Rialachas Bord Stáit ar bun d'fheann comhleanúnachas a chinntíú agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh i ndáil le Rialachas Corparáide na gComhlachtaí Stáit a thagann faoi choimirce na Roinne an tráth céanna a leagtar an fhreagracht maidir le rialachas chomhlachtaí den sórt sin i gcónaí ar an Rannóg faoi leith lena mbaineann.

Cumarsáid

Tá an tAonad Cumarsáide tugtha do fhaisnéis chruinn thráthúil a chur ar fáil don saoránach thar ceann na nAirí agus na Roinne. Tá sin ag teacht lecreat an Rialtais maidir le forbairt agus nuálaíochta i seirbhís phoiblí na hÉireann, An tSeirbhís Phoiblí 2020, agus an pobal i gcroílár na beartaíochta.

Tá fónamh do chumarsáid éifeachtúil leis an lucht fairne, le hoifigigh, geallsealbhóirí, comhairleoirí agus le Ranna eile ar cheann de phríomhfheidhmeanna an aonaid chomh maith.

An Phreasóifig agus Cúrsaí Digiteacha

Eisíodh 148 preasráiteas, tugadh freagra ar 715 fiosrúchán ó lucht na meán cumarsáide agus eagraíodh 16 preasócáid i rith na bliana. Rinneadh 88% de na Preasráitis a eisiúint go comhuaineach i nGaeilge agus i mbÉarla.

Cainéal mórrhábhachtach a bhí sna meáin shóisialta i rith na bliana 2021 maidir le cumarsáid shoiléir leis an bpobal i gcoitinne agus le geallsealbhóirí a raibh srianta le linn na paindéime ina chur isteach orthu. Dhírig an Roinn go tréan ar chumarsáid fhiúntach spéisiúil a dhéanamh ar na meán shóisialta agus tháinig borradh láidir dá bharr faoi líon an lucht leanúna go raibh líon iomlán 46,874 duine ar fad i gceist. Tháinig ardú 19.5% go dtí 15,519 duine ar líon an lucht leanúna ar [Twitter](#), ardú 65% go dtí 15,089 duine ar líon an lucht leanúna ar [Facebook](#) agus ardú 46.6% go dtí 11,150 duine ar líon an lucht leanúna ar [Instagram](#) i rith na bliana 2021. Ar LinkedIn, tháinig ardú 148.4% go dtí 4,273 duine ar lucht leanúnach chuntas na Roinne.

B'ionann líon iomlán na n-uaireanta ar féachadh físeáin ar na hardáin sin go léir agus 544,904 agus tharla aird a thabhairt 9.1m uair ar ábhar a postáladh.

Chomh maith leis sin, rinneadh scéimeanna agus cláir a dtugann an Roinn cúnamh ina leith agus a ndéantar sruthchraoladh digiteach ina leith, mar shampla Gradaim Markievicz, Other Voices agus Cruinníu na n-Óg, a chur i láthair an phobail ar chainéil mheáin shóisialta na Roinne.

Cumarsáid Inmheánach

Bhí tábhacht faoi leith le Cumarsáid Inmheánach i rith na bliana 2021. Lean an lucht fairne ag obair ón mbaile, ag teacht le polasaí an Rialtais, agus athraíodh go dtí córas déchíneálach i rith an tsamhraidh maidir le hoibriú ón mbaile agus san oifig. Baineadh leas as córais físchomhdhála chun dlúthchaidreamh le comhghleacaithe a choinneáil ar bun. Tugadh athdhearradh ar "Nuacht", nuachtlitir inmheánach na Roinne, agus rinneadh a scaipeadh ar na baill fairne uair sa choicís i rith na bliana.

Monatóireacht maidir leis an Soláthar Poiblí Glas

Tá an Roinn tugtha do chúrsaí timpeallachta a thabhairt san áireamh maidir le hearraí agus seirbhísí a sholáthar nuair is cuí sin i gcomhréir le Beart Uimh.148 sa Phlean Gníomhaíochta maidir leis an Aeráid 2019 agus Cioclán 20/2019: Aird ar Chúrsaí Timpeallachta agus Sóisialta a chur chun cinn maidir leis an Soláthar Poiblí.

Ón m bliain 2020 i leith, tá ceangailte ar an Roinn tuairisc a thabhairt gach bliain don Ghníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil ar na bearta soláthair lenar tugadh forálacha agus cúrsaí glasbheartaíochta san áireamh. Ceapadh cúig chonradh ar luach €374,000 lena n-áirítear Soláthar Poiblí Glas chun trealamh TF a cheannach.

Leanfaidh an Brainse Monatóireachta Comhlíontais ag cothú tuiscint níos fearr ar an Soláthar Poiblí Glas d'fhoinn cur le lín na bhforálacha glasbheartaíochta sna conarthaí uilig. Tabharfar san áireamh le gnáis soláthair inmheánacha na Roinne rún critéir glasbheartaíochta a thabhairt san áireamh, de réir mar is cuí, i ndáil le comórtais tairisceana san am atá romhainn agus le cláir oiliúna i réimse na glasbheartaíochta a chur ar fáil don lucht fairne. Aon chonradh amháin atá i bhfeidhm ag an Roinn faoi láthair lena mbaineann cúrsaí glasbheartaíochta.

An tAonad Rialachais agus Seirbhísí Corparáide

Rinne Aonad na Seirbhísí Oifige, ar a leagtar cúram maidir le cúrsaí cóiríochta agus cúrsaí sláinte agus sábháilteachta, déileáil leis na deacrachtaí leanúnacha a tharraing paindéim COVID-19. Rinne an t-aonad ceannródaíocht maidir le Trealamh Cosanta Pearsanta (TCP) a chur ar fáil, lena n-áirítear díghalráin agus ceirtlíní, chomh maith le comharthaí a chrochadh i ndáil leis an bpaindéim.

D'oirbrigh an t-aonad in éineacht le AD agus le TFC ag fónamh don lucht fairne ag oibriú ón mbaile, measúnacht san áireamh maidir leis an timpeallacht oibre. Rinneadh ceannródaíocht freisin maidir le filleadh de réir a chéile ar an láthair oibre, an córas áirithinte maidir le deascanna ar fud na Roinne ó mhí Meán Fómhair ar aghaidh san áireamh.

Saoráil Faisnéise agus Teacht ar Fhaisnéis maidir leis an Timpeallacht

Tháinig 170 iarratas faoi bhráid na Roinne i rith na bliana 2021 faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 2014. Aontaíodh gach ar iarraighe san iarratas a chur ar fáil i gcás 35 iarratas, aontaíodh páirt dár iarradh a chur ar fáil i gcás 66 iarratas agus diúltáíodh 33 de na hiarratais. Tharla 30 iarratas a tharraingt siar, a aistriú nó a láimhseáil taobh amuigh den Acht. Bhíothas fós ag déileáil le 6 cinn de na hiarratais ag deireadh na bliana.

Tháinig 5 cinn d'iarratais chuig an Róinn faoi na Rialacháin um Rochtain ar Fhaisnéis faoin gComhshaol i rith na bliana 2021. Aontaíodh i bpáirt le 3 cinn de na hiarratais agus diúltáíodh an 2 iarratas eile.

Cosaint Sonraí

Cóinnítear an phróiseáil a dhéanann an Róinn ar shonraí pearsanta faoi athbhreithniú seasta d'fhoinn comhlíonadh leanúnach na reachtaíochta maidir le cosaint sonraí a chinntiú. Le feachtas éagsúla agus modúil oiliúna agus le beartaíocht comhairliúcháin leanúnach le hAonad Cosaint Sonraí na Roinne, tá ardleibhéal tuisceana ag lucht na fairne, ar gach grád, ar na bunphrionsabail maidir le sonraí a chosaint agus ar na gnáis maidir le sonraí pearsanta a choinneáil slán. Is teist air sin an líon an-íseal cásanna inar tharla noctadadh neamhúdaraithe ar shonraí pearsanta i rith na bliana 2021.

Iarratais ó Dhuine is Ábhar do na Sonraí

Tháinig 3 cinn d'iarratais chuig an Róinn i rith na bliana 2021 ó dhuine is ábhar do na sonraí. Glacadh go hiomlán le 1 de na hiarratais sin agus diúltáíodh an 2 iarratas eile ar an mbunús nach raibh taifead ar bith ar coimeád a bhain leis na hiarratais.

Sárú Rialacha maidir le Sonraí Pearsanta

Tharla 5 huairé gur noctadadh sonraí pearsanta gan údarás chuige sin (sárú ar na rialacha) sa Róinn i rith na bliana 2021. Tugadh de bhreith ina leith ar fad nach raibh aon bhaol ag rith leo, nó gur bheag an baol a bhí ag gabháil leo, agus nár ghá dá réir sin tuairisc ina leith a chur faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin um Chosaint Sonraí.

Aguisín 1: Comhlachtaí a thagann faoi Choimirce na Roinne

An Ceoláras Náisiúnta
Dánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann
Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann
Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann
Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann
Leabharlann Chester Beatty
Dánlann Crawford
Turasóireacht Éireann
Fáilte Ireland
An Chomhairle Ealaíon
Fís Éireann
Foras na Gaeilge
Tha Boord o Ulster Scotch
Údarás na Gaeltachta
Spórt Éireann
Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann
RTÉ
TG4

Aguisín 2: Caiteachas 2021

FO-CHEANNT EIDEAL	TEIDEAL	TORADH
	Riarachán	€'000
i	Tuarastal, Pá agus Liúntais	19,504
ii	Taisteal agus Cothabháil	109
iii	Oiliúint agus Forbairt agus Costais Theagmhasacha	815
iv	Seirbhísí Poist agus Teileachumarsáide	183
v	Trealamh Oifige agus Seirbhísí Seachtracha TF	1,230
vi	Costais Áitribh Oifige	327
vii	Seirbhísí Comhairleoireachta agus Athbhreithniú ar Luach an Airgid agus ar Bheartas	-
IOMLÁN		22,168
Seirbhísí Turasóireachta		
A.1	Riarachán - pá	1,765
A.2	Riarachán - neamhphá	256
A.3	Fáilte Ireland	121,886
A.4	Turasóireacht Éireann Teoranta	17,003
A.5	An Ciste Margaíochta Turasóireachta	46,823
A.6	Forbairt Táirgí Turasóireachta	33,800
IOMLÁN		221,533
Ealaín agus Cultúr		
B.1	Riarachán - pá	9,065
B.2	Riarachán - neamhphá	1,041
B.3	Íocaíochtaí maidir le hacmhainní arna gceapadh ag an gCartlann Náisiúnta a mheaitseáil	35
B.4	Costais ghinearálta na Cartlainne Náisiúnta agus Chomhairle na Cartlainne Náisiúnta	1,396
B.5	Costais ghinearálta Mhúsaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann, Leabharlann Chester Beatty, an Cheolárais Náisiúnta agus Dhánlann Crawford	15,596
B.6	Iarsmalanna, dánlanna, ionaid chultúir agus tionscadail réigiúnacha	70,063
B.7	Bonneagar agus forbairt cultúir	22,616
B.8	Cultúr Éireann	2,905
B.9	An Chomhairle Ealaíon (le páirtmhaoiniú ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta)	130,046
B.10	Costais ghinearálta Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann	15,178
B.11	Costais ghinearálta Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann	8,383
B.12	Fís Éireann	30,093
B.13	Costais ghinearálta Dhánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann	11,381
B.14	Príomhchathair Chultúir na hEorpa	-
B.15	Deich mbliana an Chuimhneacháin 1912 – 1922	4,002
IOMLÁN		321,800

	An Ghaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht	
C.1	Riarachán - pá	4,403
C.2	Riarachán - neamhphá	773
C.3	Scéimeanna Tacaíochta Gaeltachta	8,338
C.4	Scéimeanna Tacaíochta Gaeilge (le páirtmhaoiniú ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta)	6,359
C.5	An Coimisinéir Teanga	881
C.6	Údarás na Gaeltachta – riarachán	13,041
C.7	Údarás na Gaeltachta – caiteachas faoin gclár reatha	4,750
C.8	Údarás na Gaeltachta – deontais do thograí agus caiteachas caipitil ar áitribh	13,980
C.9	Comhoibriú Trasteorann	16,017
C.10	Straitéis 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge 2010 – 2030	4,099
IOMLÁN		72,641
	Seirbhísí Spóirt agus Áineasa	
D.1	Riarachán - pá	2,807
D.2	Riarachán - neamhphá	267
D.3	Deontais do chomhlacthaí spóirt agus maidir le háiseanna spóirt agus áineasa a chur ar fáil (le páirtmhaoiniú ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta)	23,735
D.4	Deontais maidir le linnte snámha a chur ar fáil agus a athchóiriú	-
D.5	Spórt Éireann (le páirtmhaoiniú ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta)	164,745
D.6	Maoiniú as Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoin maidir le bearta spóirt	10,000
D.7	Ciste Ghnéithe Mórscála Infraestruchtúir Spóirt	417
D.8	Mórimeachtaí	5,399
IOMLÁN		207,370
	Craolachán	
E.1	Riarachán - pá	1,464
E.2	Riarachán - neamhphá	327
E.3	Deontas do Raidió Telefís Éireann i ndáil leis an táille ceadúnais craolacháin	196,087
E.4	Íocaíocht le An Post maidir le táillí ceadúnais craolacháin a bhailiú	9,885
E.5	Deontas i leith Theilifís na Gaeilge	40,733
E.6	Ciste Craolacháin	23,598
E.7	Speictream RTÉ	-
IOMLÁN		272,094
Iomlán Ollchaiteachais		1,095,438
Leithroinnt i gCabhair		234,822
Iomlán Glanchaiteachais		860,616

Caiteachas caipitil na bliana 2021

Clár	Réimse an Chláir	Caiteachas
Turasóireacht		€41.890m
	Fáilte Ireland	€ 1.050m
	An Ciste Margaíochta Turasóireachta	€ 7.040m
	Forbairt Táirgí Turasóireachta	€33.800m
Ealaín & Cultúr		€54.706m
	Clár FNC	€ 3.845m
	Fís Éireann	€ 26.200m
	Infraestruchtúr agus Forbairt Cultúir	€ 22.616m
	An Chomhairle Ealaón	€ 2.045m
	Gaillimh - Príomhchathair Chultúir na hEorpa	€ 0.0m
Gaeltacht/Gaeilge		€15.019m
	Scéimeanna Tacaíochta Gaeltachta	€ 0.914m
	Scéimeanna Tacaíochta Gaeilge	€ 0.125m
	Údarás na Gaeltachta	€13.980m
Spórt		€33.851m
	Clár Caipitil Spóirt	€23.735m
	Campus Spórt Éireann	€ 8.114m
	Bearta eile Spóirt	€ 1.585m
	Ciste Ghnéithe Mórscála Infraestructúir Spóirt	€0.417m
Na Meáin Chumarsáide		€ 4.000m
	TG4	€ 4.000m
	Speictream RTÉ	€ 0.0m
Riarachán		€ 0.219m
	Trealamh Oifige	€ 0.219m
	Iomlán	€149.685m

Aguisín 3: Ráiteas maidir le Cothromaíocht Inscne ar Bhoird Stáit

Tá aon Bhord Stáit agus fiche a tháinig faoi choimirce na Roinne Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán i rith na bliana 2021 faoi mar a leagtar amach thíos.

Boird Stáit	
1	An Chomhairle Ealaíon
2	Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann (ÚCÉ)
3	Coiste Comhlíontais ÚCÉ
4	Coiste Dáfa Conarthaí ÚCÉ
5	Dánlann Crawford
6	Fáilte Ireland (An tÚdarás Náisiúnta Forbartha Turasóireachta)
7	Foras na Gaeilge
8	Coimisiún Lámhscríbhinní na hÉireann
9	Músaem Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann (IMMA)
10	An Chomhairle um an gCartlann Náisiúnta
11	An Ceoláras Náisiúnta
12	Dánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann
13	Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann
14	Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann
15	Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ)
16	Fís Éireann
17	Spórt Éireann
18	Teilifís na Gaeilge (TG4)
19	Tha Boord o Ulster Scotch
20	Turasóireacht Éireann
21	Údarás na Gaeltachta

43 ceapachán a rinneadh i rith na bliana 2021; mná 51% agus fir 49%. Ar an 31 Nollaig 2021, bhí cothromaíocht inscne fir 50% agus mná 50% ar an meán i gceist le comhaltaí reatha na mBord Stáit. Tríd agus tríd, bhí sprioc an Rialtais, ionadaíocht 40% den dá inscne maidir le comhaltaí reatha gach ceann de na Boird Stáit, á shásamh nó á shárú i ndáil le 16 nó 76% de na Boird.

Leagtar béim sna gnáis inmheánacha maidir le ceapacháin ar Bhoird Stáit ar chúrsaí comhionannais, iléagsúlachta agus ionchuimsitheachta, cothromaíocht inscne san áireamh, mar bhearta priomhthábhachta le cur san áireamh ag Rannóga agus ag Boird Stáit tráth a mbíonn folúntais le plé.

Comhaltaí ar Bhoird Stáit an 31 Nollaig 2021

An Bord Stáit	Líon na gComhaltaí	Mná	Fir	lomlán	Mná %	Fir %	Folúntais Reatha
An Chomhairle Ealaíon	13	5	7	12	42%	58%	-1
Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann	9	5	3	8	63%	37%	-1
Coiste Comhlíontais ÚCÉ ¹	8	4	3	7	57%	43%	-1
Coiste Dáfa Conarthaí ÚCÉ ²	8	4	2	6	67%	33%	-2
Dánlann Crawford	12	8	4	12	67%	33%	0
Fáilte Ireland ¹	13	3	7	10	30%	70%	-3
Foras na Gaeilge ³	16	7	8	15	47%	53%	-1
Coimisiún Lámhscríbhinní na hÉireann ¹	20	7	7	14	50%	50%	-6
Áras Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann ¹	12	6	5	11	55%	45%	-1
An Chomhairle um an gCartlann Náisiúnta	12	5	7	12	42%	58%	0
An Ceoláras Náisiúnta ¹	9	4	4	8	50%	50%	-1
Dánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann ¹	17	9	7	16	56%	44%	-1
Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann ¹	12	4	2	6	67%	33%	-6
Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann	16	10	6	16	63%	38%	0
RTÉ ⁴	12	4	4	8	50%	50%	-4
Fís Éireann ¹	7	4	0	4	100%	0%	-3
Spórt Éireann ¹	13	3	7	10	30%	70%	-3
TG4	12	6	6	12	50%	50%	0
Turasóireacht Éireann	13	5	8	13	38%	62%	0
Údarás na Gaeltachta	12	4	8	12	33%	67%	0
Gníomhaireacht na hUltais ³	8	1	3	4	25%	75%	-4
lomlán	254	109	111	220	50%	50%	-38

5. Tús curtha/le cur le próiseas PAS d'fhoinn folúntais a líonadh
6. Ceapachán le déanamh tar éis próiseas PAS a chríochnú
7. Ceapacháin Thuaidh Theas le déanamh
8. Ainmniúcháin JOC le déanamh