

## Minutes

Meeting Consultative Group

Date-Time-Location Thursday 13 March 2025 / Online via Microsoft Teams

Members present Collette Burns (**CB**) TU Dublin; Jenny Donohoe (**JD**) GDA; Helena Fitzgerald (**HF**) TU Dublin; Jessica Gallagher (**JG**); Janet Horner (**JH**) Public Rep; Reshma Katuchalil (**RK**); Eugene Kelly (**EK**); Róisín O'Neill (**RON**); Liam Sharkey (**LS**); Seáneen Sullivan (**SS**); Nigel Thompson (**NT**) GDA; Andrea Valova (**AV**)

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		
<b>1.1.</b>	JD welcomed everyone to the meeting		
<b>1.2.</b>	The minutes of the last meeting were approved.		
<b>2.</b>	<b>TU Dublin Presentation &amp; Updates</b>		
<b>2.1.</b>	<b>CB</b> presented an update on activities in TU Dublin which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New TU Dublin President: Deirdre Lillis officially appointed as President in January. She has a background in computing science and previously worked at DFHERIS. She has been meeting staff across TU campuses.</li><li>TEDxTU Dublin: Student-led TEDx event to take place in East Quad on Friday, 21st March. Tickets available on Eventbrite.</li><li>TU Dublin Open Days: Grangegorman Campus open day scheduled for 5th April from 10am to 1pm. Temporary signage will be erected to assist attendees.</li><li>Bohemian FC Partnership: Continued collaboration focused on community skills training in areas such as bike mechanics and solar energy. Courses run until end of April.</li><li>RTE Nationwide Feature: Recent RTE Nationwide programme showcased Grangegorman's history and future plans. Positive reception. Link to be shared post-meeting.</li></ul>		

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### 3. GDA Project Updates

- 3.1. JD presented an update on GDA projects which included:
- **Academic Hub Library:** Hoarding removed. Targeted opening in August/September 2025.
  - **Demolition at Area D:** Completed. Archaeological works by IAC to commence soon.
  - **Planning & Traffic:**
    - Works at Rathdown Road, Grangegorman Upper, and Broadstone area under way.
    - Traffic survey planned for 24th March by PCE and Traffinomics. Resident notice distribution in progress.
  - **West Quad:** Planning granted by DCC. Procurement shortlist for property exchange established.
  - **HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood:** Still progressing. Tender expected later this year or early 2026.

### 4. Cultural Activities

- 4.1. JD presented an update on cultural activities, including:
- **Architecture Exhibition:** Held in the Church of Ireland in January. Venue available for student/community bookings.
  - **Grangegorman Histories Walking Tours:** Run monthly, last Wednesday of every month at 3pm. Over 30 attendees at recent tour.
  - **Flighty Creatures Podcast Launch:** Event at East Quad Black Box Theatre in February, featuring author Sylvia Cullen.
  - **Broadstone Plaza:** Weekly lunchtime market launching soon (Wednesdays and Saturdays). DCC-led activation initiative.
  - **Golden Bandstand Sculpture:** Available for exhibitions and events. Contact [communications@ggda.ie](mailto:communications@ggda.ie) to book.

### 5. Community Queries and Feedback

- 5.1.
- Telecoms Equipment (EK): Visual impact on Central Quad noted. Update to be shared once available. Brian Gormley to advise.
  - Playground (EK): Surface damage filled in unofficially. Tender process under way for proper resurfacing.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library Paths (<b>EK</b>): Height difference of 600mm noted. Cathal Rigney to oversee mitigation works. Temporary fencing not viable long-term.</li> <li>"Elephant Paths" (<b>EK</b>): Informal walkways causing mess and wear. Temporary surfacing suggested. To be reviewed.</li> <li>Pollinator Plan (<b>SS</b>): Request for on-site signage supporting All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. To be discussed further with Brian.</li> <li>Sustainable Energy Communities (<b>SS</b>): Interest in presenting pilot project outcomes to wider community. Possible presentation in future.</li> <li>Church of Ireland (<b>LS</b>): Suggestion to install viewing windows for archaeology works. Concern about antisocial behaviour at plaza.</li> <li>Campus Security (<b>JR</b>): Reports of bike thefts and car park safety. Fire safety concerns. TU Dublin to address building security; GDA will address public realm issues.</li> <li>Engineered Timber Buildings (<b>JR</b>): Query re feasibility. CB: Not currently viable due to building height/fire regulations.</li> <li>Geothermal Project (<b>HF</b>): GEMINI project roadmap and plans for on-site exhibition. HF to share details.</li> </ul>		

## 6. Any Other Business

- 6.1.
- Vibrant Community Fund: Deadline for applications is 24th March. Encourage local sharing.
  - Academic Hub Tour: To be arranged for group.
  - Market Promotion: **JD** to share details and liaise with DCC comms.
  - Student Timber Structure Publications: **JR** to share publications with group.