



Strategic Priority 2

Influencing Lifelong Learning Policy and Practice

This is about bringing together the knowledge and expertise of the individual partners in Learning Limerick and using it to influence learning-related policy and practice at local, national and international levels.

Our Key Objectives are to:

- 2.1** Support Limerick City and County Council in its efforts to integrate lifelong learning with the implementation of all aspects of the *Limerick Economic and Community Plan: 2016 – 2021*.
- 2.2** Share information, knowledge and lessons learned in the various sectors and use it to inform on-going development of learning provision in the Limerick region.
- 2.3** Gather relevant local data and statistical information that can be used to influence education and skills priorities, policies and budget allocations, at local and national levels.
- 2.4** Promote a paradigm shift in thinking about education and learning: from teaching to learning, from time-bound to lifelong, from formal to non-formal and from types of learning provision to types of learners.
- 2.5** Capture and share examples of good practice in learning and innovation that is happening in the Limerick region.
- 2.6** Work with the UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning and UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) to explore best practice at international level and use this to inform developments at local and national levels.
- 2.7** Work through official communication channels, fora and policy-shapers to advocate on behalf of learners in Limerick, particularly those who are most excluded; for example, low-skilled adults, migrants, people with disabilities, long-term unemployed and unemployed youth.