

# 25 YEARS OF TADA

We are delighted to have you join us as we mark a significant milestone 25 years of empowering and supporting rural communities across Armagh, Down, and Antrim. Over the past quarter-century, TADA has been at the heart of rural development, working tirelessly to enhance the lives of those in our communities.

Today, we celebrate not just the longevity of our network but the countless achievements and impactful initiatives that have made a real difference. From supporting local communities and fostering community spirit to advocating for the needs of rural residents, our work has been driven by the passion and commitment of individuals like you.

This event is a tribute to everyone who has been part of the TADA journey—our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and the resilient communities we serve. Together, we have faced challenges, embraced opportunities, and created lasting change.

As we look back with pride on all that we have accomplished, we also look forward with optimism to the future. Thank you for being part of this celebration and for your continued support in making our rural communities thrive.

Here's to 25 years of success and many more to come!  
Welcome, and let's celebrate together!





# TADA RURAL SUPPORT NETWORK



## STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-27

### Vision

Enabling rural communities to realise their full potential

### Mission

To advise and support rural community groups to enable them to become, confident, connected inclusive and sustainable

We will cultivate thriving, resilient rural communities where everyone can achieve their full potential. Our vision is to celebrate rural areas for their unique contributions through sustainable development, innovation, and inclusivity. By realising this vision, we will support community groups to become self-sufficient, vibrant and dynamic and welcoming to all that reside within and between their communities. This enables people to live fulfilling lives and contribute meaningfully to society.

## KEY DRIVERS

- 1 Recognising the value of being a rural dweller
- 2 Bringing about positive change
- 3 Breaking down barriers
- 4 Promoting Active Citizenship
- 5 Building connections within and between communities

## OUR VALUES





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## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Enhancing the Feeling of Pride in Place

- We will promote and advocate greener sustainable choices.
- We will support rural community groups to develop a sense of belonging and community spirit.
- We will enhance and support rural community groups to avail of funding opportunities that enhance local facilities.
- We will offer opportunities to address and celebrate difference.
- We will help and support Community groups to nurture and embrace a culture that brings, purpose, fulfilment and positive experiences for members



### Developing & Celebrating Group Success

- We will support rural community groups to develop skills to become sustainable and resilient.
- We will offer opportunities for networking, shared learning and best practice.
- We will provide support to rural community groups to expand their range of activities and offering of new experiences.
- We will support and encourage rural community groups to embrace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



### Funding Support

- We will enhance rural community group's opportunities to avail of funding.
- We will support rural community groups to identify needs, issues and opportunities in their areas through development of appropriate programmes.
- We will support community groups to identify funding for capital programmes.



### Health and Wellbeing

- We will be active in advancement of social inclusion.
- We will listen and support rural community groups to build safe and connected communities.
- We will give our time to make a difference and improve people's lives.
- We will assist rural community groups to help build confidence and capacity to empower rural communities.



### Governance and Participation

- We will encourage transparent and inclusive governance.
- We will support groups partaking in active citizenship, ensuring community members have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.
- We will advise and support Community groups helping them to maximise the potential of their work, for, with and on behalf of their communities.



### Active Promotion of Our Area

- We will develop the capacity of rural community groups to identify and share positive case studies.
- We will give a voice to rural communities.
- We will support rural community groups to promote the benefits of living in their areas.
- We will promote positive news stories and celebrate group successes and achievements.

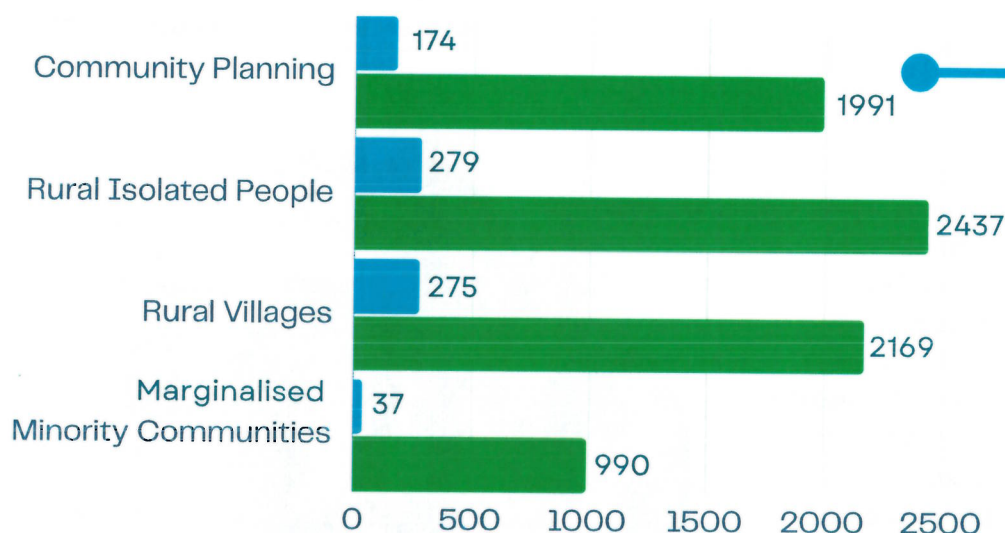
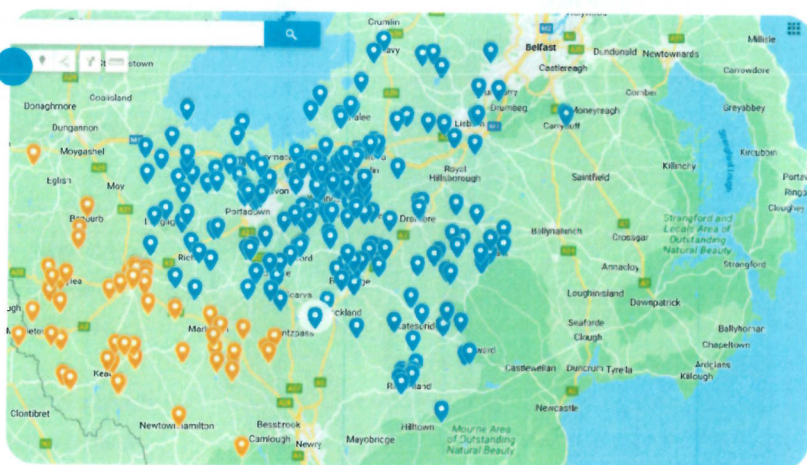


## April 2022–March 2023

## MEMBER GROUPS

**Between April 1st 2022 and March 31st 2023, TADA gained 26 new members groups which brings the total to**

429



## TADA PROGRAMMES

**TADA has benefitted 765 people directly through the ABC and LCC areas.**

**With a total of 7587  
beneficiaries across our 4  
funded programmes**

■ Direct Support  
■ Total Beneficiaries

## WORKSHOPS & TRAINING



65

**PARTICIPATED IN ARTS & CRAFTS  
WORKSHOPS SUCH AS CERAMICS AND  
QUILTING**



126

**PARTICIPATED IN CAPACITY TRAINING  
INCLUDING GOOD GOVERNANCE,  
SAFEGUARDING, CHARITY REGISTRATION,  
FOOD HYGIENE AND FIRST AID**



# PARTNERSHIPS

## POP-UP COMMUNITY HUB



TADA and DART (Down Armagh Rural Transport Partnership) were pleased to hold our first 'Creating Sustainable Communities' program held the first of their pop-up hub. We endeavoured to re-connect with community groups, encouraging them to resume participation and involvement. The event included stalls from PCSP, Action Mental Health, Little House of Calm aromatherapies, Healthy Kidz fitness demonstrations and Farm Family Health Checks. The event took place on Wednesday 18th May 2022 and was attended by **73 individuals** from different community groups and towns.

## MULTI-CULTURAL DAY

TADA successfully hosted our Annual Multi-Cultural Day, funded by the Community Relations Council, was held at Millennium Court on October 1st 2022. This was a day of embracing diversity, learning from one another and fostering understanding, tolerance, and unity. We had over. We had over **200 attendees** and it was a great way to see something new and showcased some great acts courtesy of Artsekta.



## FIRE SAFETY: WARM HUB EVENT

TADA secured funding from Electrical Safety First to enable us to host a Warm Hub event for our member groups and the local community. The hub was held in Brownlow Community Hub on January 25th 2023. This was a chance to meet up, have a cup of tea and get information from local organisations on how to stay safe and warm for the rest of winter. We also gave out heaters, electric blankets and rechargeable hot water bottles to over 30 groups to give to the vulnerable in their community. There was a total of **160 households** who benefited from the items alone.



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Safety Fund**



## DAERA RMCGS

IN 2022/23, WE HELPED GUIDE 121 GROUPS THROUGH THE DAERA MICRO-GRANT PROCESS. THIS OFFERS GROUPS GRANTS TO TACKLE VITAL ISSUES OF LOCAL POVERTY AND / OR SOCIAL ISOLATION WHICH IS RARELY TARGETED BY OTHER GRANTS. IN TOTAL OUR GROUPS SECURED A TOTAL OF:

# £144,684.07



# 120

PARTICIPATED IN GOOD PRACTICE VISITS. 10 GROUPS COMING TOGETHER WITH 2 GROUPS PER VISIT. THIS IS A CHANCE TO SHOWCASE THE WORK GROUPS DO AND SHARE INFORMATION ON WAYS THAT WORKED WELL AND GIVE INSPIRATION



# 185

PARTICIPATED IN HEALTHY KIDZ FITNESS PROGRAMME. THESE WERE A SERIES OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR BOTH YOUNG AND OLD.



# 10 GROUPS

PARTICIPATED IN TADA'S 5 STEPS TO WELLBEING VIDEOS (NOW AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE). THESE WERE DONE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROTECT LIFE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY.

