

TAMNAMORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2024

ACTIVITIES

All activities that have been undertaken have done so in line adhering to all our Policy guidelines and procedures.

Key activities over the past year have included:

- Weekly art club
- Weekly patchwork group
- Ceramic Classes
- Mosaic workshops
- Ceramic Wall Art
- Education Talks
- Crochet & knitwear donation to Salvation Army - Christmas
- Kids movie night
- Youth Club for 4-11 year olds, 6 month programme
- Drive Thru Christmas Tree Switch on
- Christmas festivities
- Table Quiz events
- Bus Trips
- Walking Group
- Green fingers group – planting flowers
- Publication of bi-monthly Community News Sheet and distribution of 500 copies
- Maintenance and interaction of Community FACEBOOK page & Instagram
- Child Protection training (May 2024 for Committee, Community Leaders)
- Continual update of activities in Tyrone Courier notes
- Book library
- Food Safety Training – May 2024
- Recognition of Volunteers Week (3rd – 7th June)
- BBQ & Car Treasure Hunt
- Main collection point for K C Counts Charity with DAERA green bin
- Rental of premises to IncredABLES & Soroptimists (Dungannon branch), Ramblers Club.
- "ME Time" project, wide programme of activities for carers in the community
- Crochet ,Knit, & Knatter Group (Tuesday morning)
- Consultations and network meetings on the reduction of community grant support in line with Government Budgets.
- Consultation on the Charity Commission regulations.

- Ireland Men's Group – health literature for men
- Suicide Bereavement training PHA/CLEAR

Successful application of various grants

Mid Ulster & District Council (Christmas Grant Aid Arts; Grant Aid for Capital revenue)

NIHE Community Grant for Youth Group

ASDA Grant for Youth Group

Fibrus/CFNI Grant for ICT equipment. & Me Time Group

ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Annual Report for 2024 reflects how Tamnamore Community Development Association continues to expand and our yearly programme reflects the needs of the community. The Centre is now in use five days per week and at the weekends. Our monitoring has noticed a wide increase of people from across the MUDC area and we welcome everyone at the activities. This has been a challenging year due to food and fuel poverty and it affects the running of a Community Centre – but participants have continued to attend and enjoying their social activities.

Fibrus and CFNI came out to visit the centre and those participants at the “Me Time Group”, they were highly impressed with the impact both grants had on Tamnamore area.

Our main grant from The National Lottery Community Fund finishes in June this year with worker in attendance until end of August to ensure all reports are concluded.

Monitoring & evaluating our activities and events has helped to determine the most effective and popular activities. The user groups and participants have had input into future programme design and events.

Alongside our successful news edition, the Community group continues to operate a hugely popular social media presence via our FACEBOOK page and Instagram, Kylie (current secretary) must be congratulated on the marketing, promotion and constant updating. It certainly looks now more professional and attractive. The page following continues to grow, and interaction with the community and local businesses has seen our presence in the local community and wider neighbourhood increase. In fact, funders have also followed the page and have seen how their grant aid is used, and it also has helped us to acknowledge them as well. This page is managed and monitored closely to ensure that our community is promoted in a positive manner and to date it has become an integral part of highlighting our activities and events.

Social enterprise namely the IncredABLES use our facilities each Friday to produce and pack chocolate lollies have reporting increasing numbers over this past 12 months and enjoy the Tamnamore facilities.

Monthly and ad hoc rental of our premises is also given to Dungannon Ramblers, Soroptimists (Dungannon branch).

We continue to keep in regular contact with our local Councillors and PSNI which have met and helped TCDA as needed. We remain in regular contact and network tirelessly with our neighbouring Community groups. This past year we have had more network events with CLEAR, Health Trust, PHA, CFNI.

We continue to have representation with a member on the local COSTA Board and are also represented on Dungannon area Supporting Communities committee – which is a platform for local groups to voice their views on the areas they live in and how the NIHE in conjunction with other statutory bodies can improve and deal with issues.

This year has seen the second phase of our Youth Club with a Summer Scheme, but we require more youth club volunteers to assist and deliver the programme into the Winter of 2024.

We have been nominated for the Kings Award and we are awaiting an outcome in latter part of this year.

During the beginning of the year, we lost a member of our Committee Mr Gordon Rodgers who died, even during his health conditions he continued to attend and support the Committee.

In conclusion, as Chairperson of Tamnamore Community Development Assoc. I would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to each of the committee members as without your valuable experience, support shown to me and dedication our community group could not continue to flourish, grow and embrace the many opportunities being made available.

It is unfortunately Jennifers last year with us as her contract finishes at end of August 2024. Jennifer has been a very hard working and enthusiastic worker for TDCA. She has worked tirelessly for us with many unpaid hours of voluntary work and tutoring of the Me Time Group along with all her other duties. Jenny will be greatly missed by our group, but we hope she can still provide us with some advice if needed.

All I can say is Thank you from TCDA and wish you and Stephen a Very Happy Retirement.