



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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Tipperary County Council



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An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency



An Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta
agus Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Employment Affairs
and Social Protection



An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthaí Óige
Department of Children
and Youth Affairs



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North Tipperary Development Company is a local development company responsible for the delivery of a range of rural enterprise, social inclusion, and community development initiatives in the Tipperary North County area.

The purpose of NTDC is “to act as a voluntary, non-profit making, private limited company with a mission to promote social inclusion, to promote economic development, increase employment and enterprise opportunities and promote wider participation in voluntary activity for the people of the area”.



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Welcome from Our Chairman



2021 continued to test the resilience of communities in an unprecedented way. It also highlighted the vulnerabilities many people face across North Tipperary and put into perspective, more than ever before, the importance of the work undertaken by NTDC and the community and voluntary groups it supports.

At the heart of every community in North Tipperary, community groups, social enterprises, and volunteers delivered services and supports to the most disadvantaged, marginalised, and isolated members of society in 2021.

They mobilised in the face of mounting social isolation during the most challenging Covid 19 lockdown periods. They delivered these services with limited resources and with many stakeholders to keep happy. Therefore, we must continue supporting these organisations, particularly their leadership, as we look ahead.

As we now move from a period of crisis to recovery and reconnection, we need our communities to be inclusive, resilient, and equipped to deal with the toughest challenges. Volunteering is the key to making this happen. I greatly encourage people to share their time and talent to support their local community group. When those with local knowledge are motivated to deal with local problems, communities thrive. We have more significant influence and achieve a far wider-reaching impact by working together.

The lifeblood of NTDC is the team driving the organisation forward. I wish to pay tribute to CEO Michael Murray, the senior managers, programme coordinators and their respective dedicated teams for ensuring all that we do is driven by a commitment to delivering the highest standards for the communities we support.

I wish to offer sincere thanks to my fellow Board members for their support and guidance, funders, and partners, who work hard to support individuals and communities and positively impact our catchment area in North Tipperary

**Jim Finn,
Chairman**

CEO Statement



NTDC manages 16 publicly funded programmes in partnership with a range of Government Departments and Agencies. The Company is governed by a Board of twelve Directors and employees over 65 staff and 220 participants through employment programmes. Our 2021 End Year Report allows us to highlight and show case the work carried out across all our programmes and the benefits to individuals and communities across North Tipperary.

This report provides a high-level summary of the number of individuals, groups, and organisations that we have worked with and supported during 2021. It also provides the opportunity to highlight special achievements during the past year and the work we carried out as a front-line service during the Covid 19 pandemic. We are delighted to have been part of the journey and achievements of all the individual, families and communities involved and to have facilitated the provision of community responses during the pandemic. A special thanks to the staff of both our childcare services for keeping both facilities open to parents in difficult circumstances during the year.

We would like to thank all the agencies and their respective staff members that support us in our work. These agencies provide the valuable resources that allow our programmes and services operate. We would like to especially thank Tipperary County Council, members of the Tipperary LCDC, DRCD, Tusla, HSE, DSP, TETB, Department of Justice, SEAI, DYCA and other funders for the support in ensuring resources were made available to support the communities of North Tipperary.

I would like to thank all our staff teams for the resilience and commitment during the year and especially in the context of challenges in responding to needs during Covid 19 pandemic. While all our work is of equal importance, a

number of highlights during the year include an upgrade to our Kickham Street Thurles premises to allow us develop community services in the area, the new focus on supporting Men's Sheds and Social Enterprise, the commencement of SMART Village community training, our new role in delivering on the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, support in delivering Meals on Wheels Services, partnership with Tipperary County Council and our Ascend Service with regard to housing provision and the recognition of the Roscrea Youth Union through the NTDC Roscrea Youth Services.

Through a process of board, staff, agency and community involvement and input, we completed our 2021 – 2025 NTDC Strategic Plan. This plan through the eight Goals and their respective Objectives provides a vision and coordinated direction to the companies work during the next number of years. The plan also provides a benchmark to evaluate our work against.

Finally, I would like to thank the NTDC Board of Directors, led by Chairman Jim Finn for their tireless efforts, voluntary time, and commitment in providing support, direction, and governance during the past year.

Michael Murray,
CEO

Detailed Income Account

For the financial year 31 December 2021

Income	2021 €
Community Employment Scheme	366,820
Youth Diversion Project 12-17 years	107,836
Youth Diversion Project 8-11 years	43,641
Healthy Ireland	20,875
Tusla – Ascend (Section 56)	199,403
Tusla – Family Support (Section 56)	85,080
HSE – Mental Health (Section 39)	18,918
HSE – Traveller Health	149,720
Jobs Club	106,065
Rural Development Programme 2014-2020	207,040
Rural Development Programme – Promotor	11,881
Rural Social Scheme	35,043
Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme	588,595
Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme – other	15,760
UBU Your Place, Your Space	82,306
UBU Your Place, Your Space Capital Grant	21,176
Tús Community Work Placement Initiative	139,948
Victims of Crime	18,460
Youth Counselling	24,279
ECTC Energy Project	36,509
Energy Project (SEAI/TEA)	265,632
Other Income	2,601
Childcare	802,341
Health Funding – Ascend (Section 56)	873
Tusla CYPSC	14,906
RRDF	37,012
Mid-West Regional Drugs Force	1,000
Safe Ireland	8,396
ILDN SERP Grant	17,063
Survivor Fund Ascend	5,623
HSE Play Therapy Ascend	1,800
Community Foundation Ascend	3,400

Board & Membership

North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) strives to meet the best governance standards driven by the principles of transparency, openness, and accountability. NTDC is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. The Board of Directors are the ultimate decision-making body within the organisation. The Board includes representatives from the community and voluntary sector, public representatives, social partners, and statutory agencies to devise and implement solutions to social exclusion and local development needs in North Tipperary.

In addition to an annual independent financial audit, NTDC is subject to internal audits by each funder. The Board is committed to adopting the Principals of the Charities Governance Code. Prior to the Charity Regulator Governance Code, NTDC complied with the voluntary code of governance for community, voluntary and charitable organisations.

The Board met 10 times in 2021. It performs its functions both directly and through the operation of specific sub committees in accordance with their approved terms of reference. Sub Committees include Finance, Audit, Executive, Project, Nomination and Governance/Compliance. During the year, the Board carried out a skills audit report that will help inform future Board recruitment. The Board currently comprises of 12 members and outlined in the table below.

Director	Sector Represented
Jim Finn (Chairman)	Community & Voluntary
Nancy White (Company Secretary)	Community & Voluntary
Maura Carey	Community & Voluntary
Sean McLoughlin	Community & Voluntary
Patrick Barry	National Social Partner
Michael White	Statutory -Teagasc
Cllr. Michael Smith	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Michael O'Meara	Tipperary County Council
Seamus Mullaney	Roscrea Lions Club
Michael Ryan	National Social Partner – IFA
Con Ryan (Company Treasurer)	Co-Option
Geraldine O'Brien	Tipperary Education & Training Board

Overview of NTDC

‘NTDC Developing Individuals, Communities and Opportunities in North Tipperary and Beyond’

North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) is a not for profit, community focused local development organisation, providing a wide range of services in North Tipperary. NTDC assists individuals and communities to enhance their quality of life through a range of supports including rural enterprise, social inclusion, economic development, employment, energy and community development.

The company operates within the Nenagh and Thurles Municipal District Areas. It came into operation on 1st January 2009 as North Tipperary LEADER Partnership Company (NTLP). NTLP was an amalgamation of the programmes and activities of Roscrea 2000 Ltd, Nenagh Community Network, Tipperary LEADER Group and Thurles Action Community Development, which was called for at the time by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (DCRGA). In 2018, through a rebranding process the company was renamed North Tipperary Development Company to reflect its overall work as a development company.

The unique approach of NTDC is bottom-up, community-led, close to the point of delivery and above all, developmental. It is in full harmony with the key aspects of the 12 programmes which it implements

NTDC’s Mission Statement

Using participatory methods and working in partnership with others, North Tipperary Development Company provides financial, social, organisational and personal support to communities, enterprises and individuals in rural and urban North Tipperary to assist them in maximising their sustainable potential and in order to enhance the quality of life of all who live and work in the area it serves

NTDC has two visions; one is its vision for itself as an organisation and the other is its vision for society as a whole towards the achievement of which it plans to contribute.

NTDC’s vision for itself as an organisation is

That North Tipperary Development Company will be recognised as a leading and responsive provider of effective support to individuals, communities and enterprises in North Tipperary and thereby contribute to the achievement of socially inclusive and sustainable communities while being a great place in which to work

NTDC's vision for society is –

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That North Tipperary will be an area in which each of its residents and communities is valued and in which a high-quality, sustainable way of living can be attained by all.

Both of these visions are consistent and, together with its mission statement, provide a concise statement of its unique role and purpose. In essence 'NTDC will meet you where you are and help you get to where you want to go'

Strategic Goals

The strategic goals of the organisation are aimed at fulfilling the mission, achieving the vision, capitalising on the strengths and opportunities and guarding against the risks and weaknesses.

The following are the strategic goals of NTDC –

- To contribute to the creation of communities which are connected and sustainable
- To become a leader in the area of the green economy and sustainable communities in a local development context
- To continue to be a partner of choice for major funded programmes
- To raise the profile and enhance the recognition of NTDC as a leading organisation in the area of local development
- To identify and engage in new self-funding activities using the skills and capacity of the organisation
- To put in place a system of governance, management and staff development which will enhance the organisation's capacity and meet the requirements of all funders
- To proactively engage with potential partner organisations in order to achieve the objectives of NTDC as well as the partner organisations
- To work with children, youth, and families to help them realise their full potential

NTDC works across five key themes that reflect its vital contribution to social and community development in the county. These themes are; Community Development, Families and Individuals, Environment & Energy, Enterprise & Employment and Developing Opportunities.

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

**SUPPORTING
FAMILIES &
INDIVIDUALS**

**ENVIRONMENT
& ENERGY**

**ENTERPRISE &
EMPLOYMENT**

**DEVELOPING
OPPORTUNITIES**

Under each theme area, services are provided through a broad range of programmes as follows:

- [ASCEND Domestic Abuse Service – Tusla](#)
- [Community Childcare – DCYA](#)
- [Community Employment – DSP](#)
- [Family Support Programmes – Tusla](#)
- [Jobs Club – DEASP](#)
- [Project Ireland 2040](#)
- [Rural Development Programme \(LEADER\) 2014-2020 – DRCD](#)
- [Rural Social Scheme – DSP](#)
- [Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme \(SICAP\) 2018-2022 – DRCD](#)
- [Traveller Programme – HSE](#)
- [Tús Programme – DSP](#)
- [Youth Diversion Programme – Department of Justice & Equality](#)
- [UBU – DCYA](#)
- [Youth Counselling \(Pilot\) – DRCD](#)
- [Better Energy Communities/ Sustainable Energy Communities – SEAI](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation Walks Scheme \(ORIS\) – DRCD](#)

Our Community Development pillar encapsulates the work we do with private enterprise, community groups and individuals, and those marginalized and excluded from society. Communities and Individuals are encouraged to participate in actions and programmes to change their situation and to tackle the problems they face in their community. Such programmes of support include our Rural Development Programme (LEADER), Social Inclusion and Community Activation (SICAP), Rural Social Scheme, Traveller Programme and Youth Programmes.

Our Supports to Individuals & Families pillar is committed to providing services and supports to children, youth and families in the community at the earliest opportunity, working closely with families in areas of disadvantage.

Environment & Energy pillar supports projects generated by community groups, social enterprise or private enterprise under the Rural Environment Theme of our Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. This theme is a key focus for national government and NTDC are concentrated on backing promoters interested in availing of funding for projects centred on protecting Water Resources and Local Biodiversity or developing renewable energy projects.

Our Enterprise & Employment pillar supports those wishing to start or expand a business and also supports clients to prepare for and find employment.

Our Developing Opportunities pillar will see NTDC developing new opportunities for the county to meet emerging challenges and trends. The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and other funding streams will be targeted for much-needed project funding and the organisation will engage with emerging statutory frameworks such as the National Social Enterprise Strategy and the Community Development Strategy and the EU Smart Villages initiative.

Our Results

10,264

youth, advocacy, family, education,
training, employment and business
supports to individuals

2,354

individuals
receiving a service

195

groups/projects
supported

19

individuals
into self
employment

229

individuals
on labour market
programmes

158

individuals
supported into
employment

20

enterprises
supported

108

courses
delivered

SICAP 2021 in Numbers

1411 total number of interventions to individuals

546

number of SICAP registered individuals

232

number of individuals supported living in disadvantaged areas

410

individuals that completed Life Long Learning supports

51

number of Local Community Groups (LCG) supported

465

number of people participating on SICAP funded courses

46

individuals progressed into employment

18

individuals progressed into self employment as a new start up

10

number of Social Enterprises (SE) supported

83

number of courses delivered

59

total number of children supported from disadvantaged areas



Rural Development Programme (LEADER)

RDP 2016-2020

€3,598,255.34

across 120 enterprise, environment and community projects in North Tipperary.

€296,955.76

approved across 7 projects under the RDP LEADER Food Initiative.

€200,000

awarded to LunchBag project, which operates nationally and is based in Nenagh.

The table below is for contracts issued for the period of the current RDP LEADER Transitional Programme 2021-22 (commencing 9/4/2021 to the present, but finishing on 31/12/2022)

RDP Sub-Theme	Grant Expenditure €	Number of Projects
Rural Tourism	236,408.96	4
Enterprise Development	222,492.75	3
Rural Towns	43,610.34	1
Basic Services	264,562.33	6
Rural Youth	33,656.89	2
Water Resources	7,300.00	1
Biodiversity	37,936.12	1
Renewable Energy	134,531.25	2
Cooperation	257,783.50	3
LEADER Food	33,916.58	2

There are 10 Enterprise and 15 Community projects.



Cloughjordan House, Cloughjordan



Cais Na Tíre, Ballinderry, Nenagh



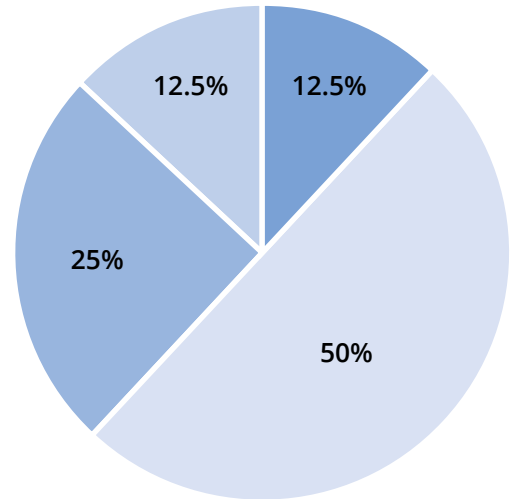
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CE Scheme

Community Employment Report 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

In the timeframe from January 2021 to December 2021 a total of 33 people participated on the NTDC CE scheme. Some leavers in this time.

NTDC Facilities	
NTDC Office Nenagh	
Administration roles	4 participants
Cleaner	1 participant
NTDC Office Roscrea	
Administration Roles	4 participants
Building Maintenance	1 participant
NTDC Office Thurles	
Administration roles	2 participants
Little Learners NTDC Community Creche	
Cooks	2 participants
Cleaner	1 participant
Building Maintenance	1 participant
First Steps NTDC Afterschool's Service	
Afterschool assistants	3 participants
NTDC youth services	
Youth worker/ assistant	1 participant
Host Sub Sponsors	
Autism Awareness Roscrea	
Administrator/Play facilitator	1 participant
Age Friendly Roscrea	
Administrator	1 participant
Meals on Wheels coordinator	1 participant
Building Maintenance/Driver	1 participant
CTC Nenagh	
Cook	1 participant
Total Participants	25



This has resulted in

- 50% progression rate into full employment.
- 25% progression into parttime employment
- 12.5% returning to social welfare
- 12.5% retiring.

A total of 8 participants exited the scheme in this time frame. 6 participants secured jobs

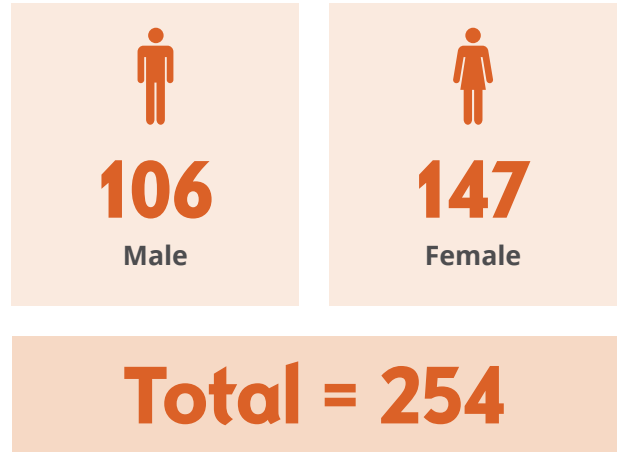
Jobs Club

Our Jobs Club is a free and confidential service which provides advice, support and assistance on employment and training opportunities.

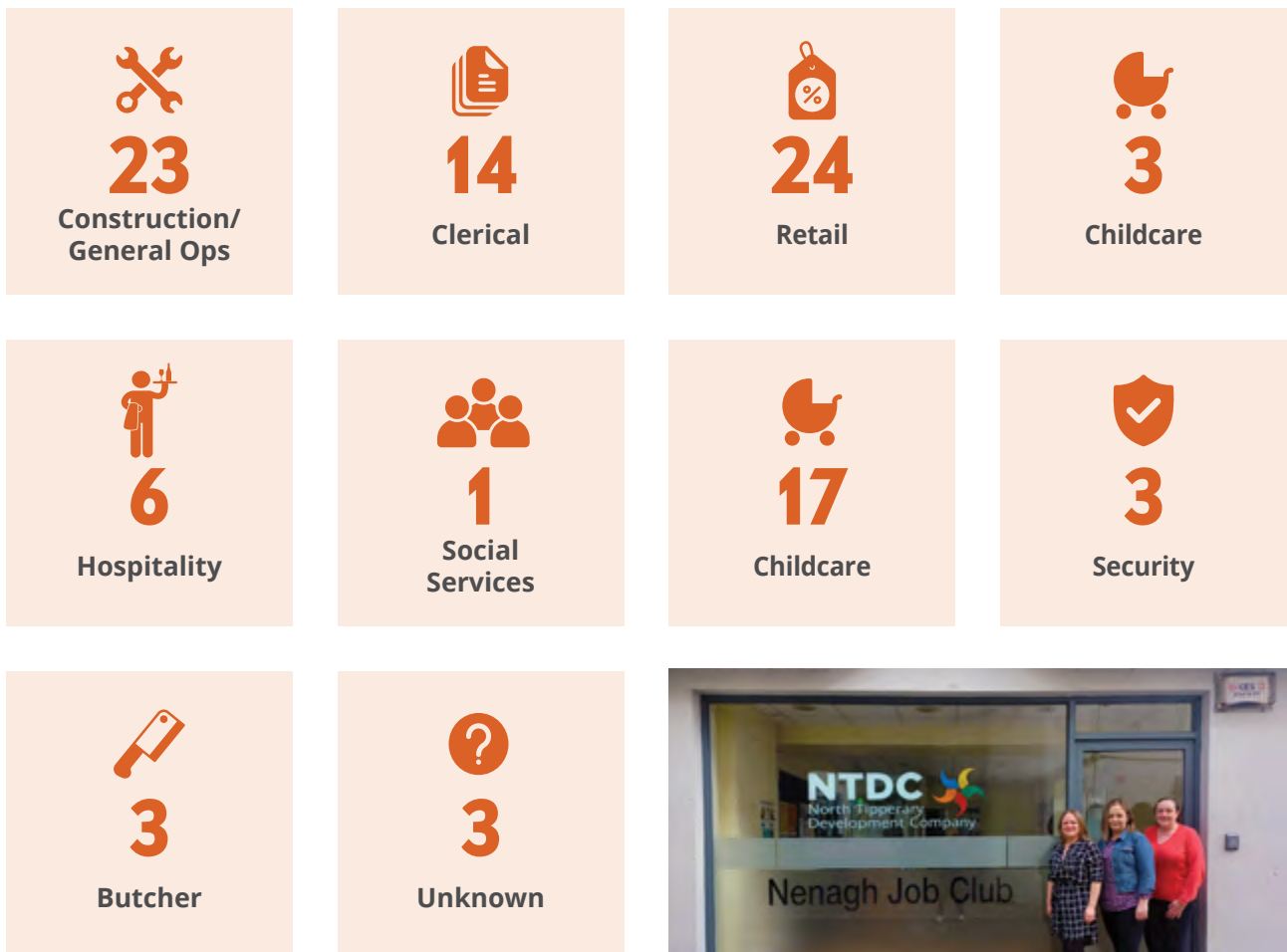
Jobs Club Figures by Type

Type	No. of People
Placement	97
Scheme	4
Self-employed	1
Training/education	1

Jobs Club Figures by Gender



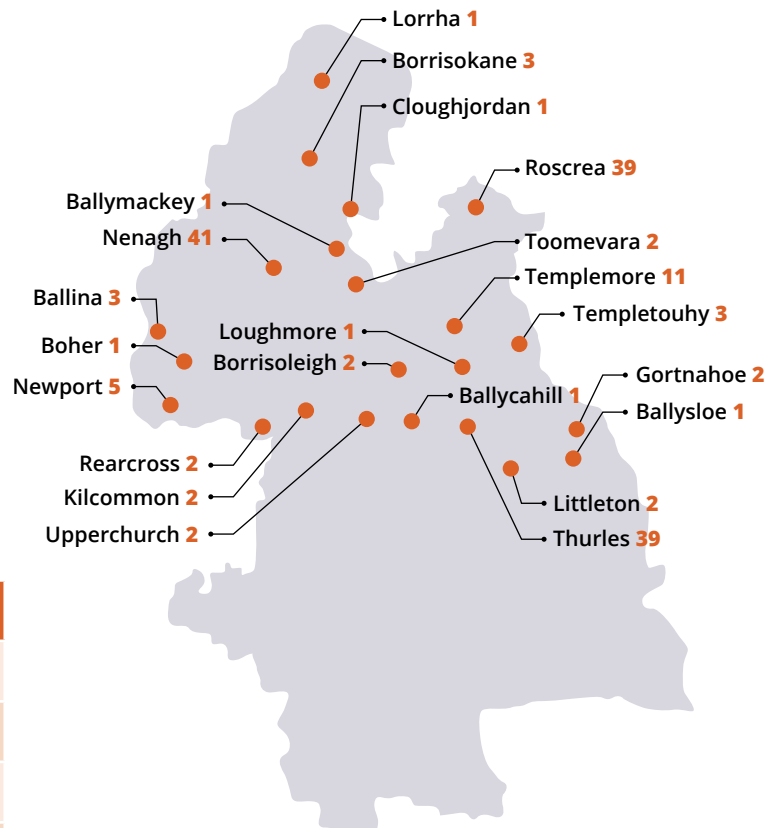
Jobs Club Figures by Industry



Tús Programme

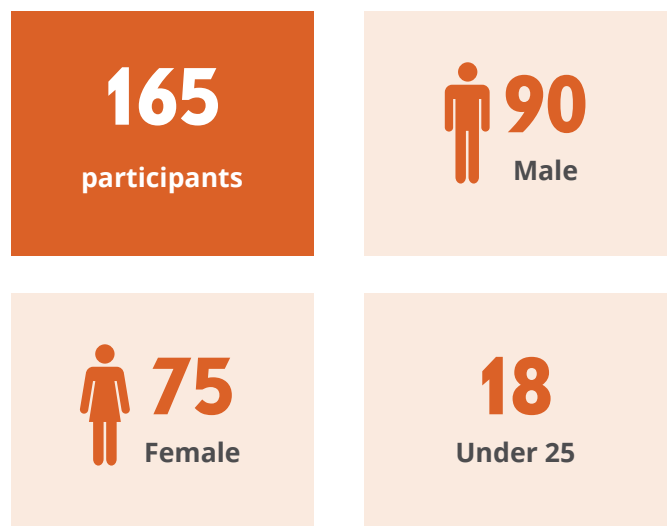
The Tús Programme is a 12-month community work placement initiative based on a 19 1/2 hours flexible week, with training available to participants. Working opportunities are available in a variety of roles: social care of all age groups, caretaking and supervising of community buildings/facilities, community administration, community event management, work in heritage and cultural activities, energy conservation work in homes and community buildings and charity shops.

During 2021 our 165 participants have worked in 140 host communities such as Tidy Towns, Creches, Day Care Facilities and National Schools to name but a few.



Tús participant placement by job	
Admin. Roles	30
Recycling Activities	7
Charity shops	29
Upkeep and maintenance of sports facilities	37
Community Kitchen	5
Community Enhancement	8
Upkeep and maintenance of graveyards	2
Community childcare	7
Upkeep and maintenance of community centres	30
Caretaking of schools	4
Meals on wheels	1
Arts and Hertiage	5

* Some participants are shared between community groups

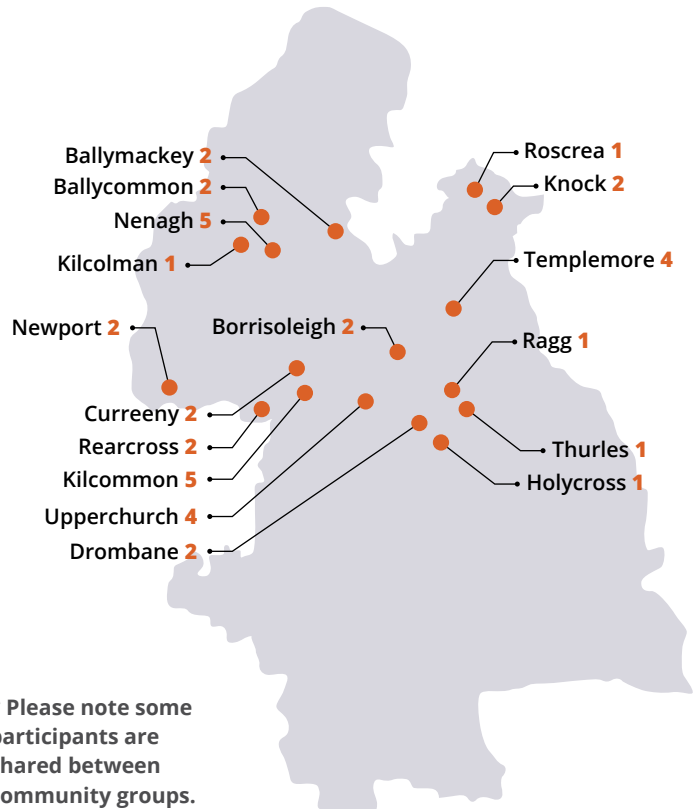


Rural Social Scheme

RSS is a farm-friendly work placement scheme based on a 19½ flexible week. The scheme offers placement in North Tipperary in a variety of roles: Environmental, Community Services, Childcare, care of the elderly and many more.

The current number of participants on the RSS in North Tipperary is 39.

Admin. Roles	5
Care of elderly	6
Charity shops	2
Upkeep and maintenance of sports facilities	10
Upkeep of walkways	6
Community Enhancement	6
Upkeep and maintenance of graveyards	4
Community childcare	2
Upkeep and maintenance of community centres	2
Caretaking of schools	1
Meals on wheels	1



39
participants

22
Male

17
Female

4
North Tipp Dev Company walking scheme

RSS and Tus participants worked with Sinead Lalor and the Sew Scrubs for Ireland Project, making much needed scrubs and disposable gowns for healthcare facilities throughout the country.

Roscrea Youth Service

2021 in Numbers

	YDP 12-17	Early Int	UBU	Youth Counselling
Total number of young people referred to the project:	11	26	187	27
Total Number of young people supported in the year:	27	34	187	15
Total Number of interventions:	207	1224	1834	153
Total number of groups supported (if relevant):	4	19	29	n/a
Total Number of those supported with i-scoil in 2021:	5	n/a	n/a	n/a



Family Support Project

30

families referred to the project

35

families supported in the year

14

children engaged in summer activities

3

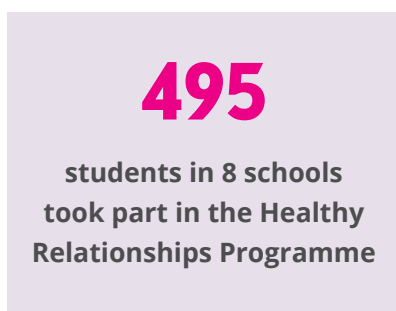
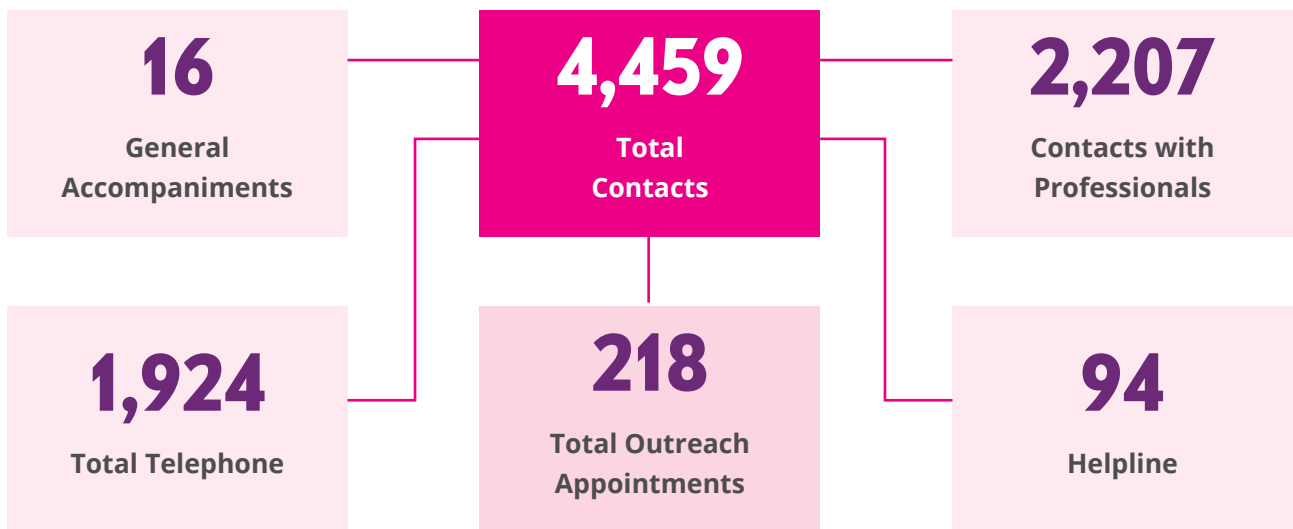
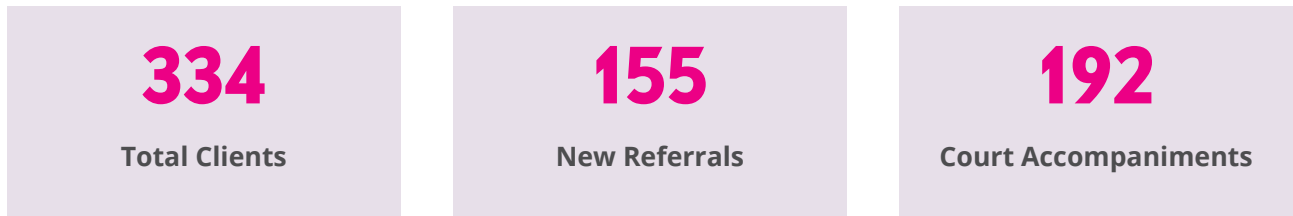
groups supported

9

Meitheals (lead/participating)

Ascend Project

Ascend Domestic Abuse Service offers confidential support services and information to women who have or are experiencing domestic abuse in their intimate relationships. We extended our service to Safe House Provision in 2021.



Breda Bell, Cuan Saor Service Manager, Verona Nugent, Cuan Saor Service, Kathleen Maher, Manager of Ascend Domestic Abuse Project.

Creche

Little Learners Community Childcare

Little learners Creche in Roscrea is open 51 week a year from 7.45am-6pm. We offer Full Time, Part Time and Sessional.



Little Learners:

87

children in 2021 (6 months – 5 yrs)

First Steps Preschool & Afterschool

First Steps, Roscrea is open 51 weeks a year 8am- 5.30pm. Offer Full time, Part Time , sessional and half sessional.



First Steps:

67

children in 2021 (2.5 yrs – 12 yrs)

Both offer the following subventions:

ECCE:

The Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) programme is a universal two-year pre-school programme available to all children within the eligible age range. It provides children with their first formal experience of early learning prior to commencing primary school. The programme is provided for three hours per day, five days per week over 38 weeks per year and the programme year runs from September to June each year.

National Childcare Scheme:

The National Childcare Scheme (NCS) helps parents to meet childcare costs.

The scheme provides 2 types of childcare subsidy for children over 6 months of age:

- A universal subsidy for children up to 15yrs old. It is not means tested.
- An income-assessed subsidy for children up to 15yrs old. It is means tested.

CCSP:

The Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) programme helps disadvantaged parents and parents in training, education or low-paid employment to get childcare at reduced rates. NCS has replaced this programme and is closed to new parents. However any Parent who was on it before NCS can remain on it.

We also provide Breakfast, lunch and dinner. All meals are cooked on site.



Traveller Project

The Primary Healthcare Project

The Primary Healthcare Project is a peer led service providing primary healthcare services to the Traveller Community. The project provides appropriate and accessible health information on priority health issues, while addressing any Traveller health inequalities with the support of the HSE. Currently the programme has two primary health care teams in Roscrea and Thurles.



Mixie, Stevie, and Richie show off vegetables grown in their school polytunnel, Templemore.

220

interventions Primary Health Care Programme

The Traveller Family Support Project

The Traveller Family Support Project provides support to Traveller families to build their strengths/ resilience and respond to challenging issues in a way that is culturally sensitive and competent.

13

Traveller Family Support Project worked with 13 families

The Traveller Advocacy Project

The Traveller Advocacy Project offers practical support to members of the Traveller community in the Nenagh and Templemore areas. This includes supporting people with issues relating to health, education, employment and housing. The Traveller Advocacy Project also aims to facilitate group activities to promote community engagement.



Participants of the Littleton Knitting Circle display baby blankets and clothes.

35-40 members of the Traveller Community took part in these initiatives directly.

- Digital skills group Nenagh
- Creative writing Nenagh
- Horticulture / community allotment group Borrisokane
- Driver theory education courses in both Borrisokane and Nenagh
- St Colmcille's Primary School Templemore, polytunnel and biodiversity project
- Youth Work Ireland Templemore Girls youth group, gardening and biodiversity project
- Stronger Together Exhibition, organised for Traveller Pride Week 2021, Nenagh Arts Centre
- Community Blanket Initiative, across North Tipperary

35-40

members of the Traveller Community took part in these initiatives directly.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

Men's Sheds

Over 80 Shedders from across the region gathered outdoors in Thurles to learn from each other and to celebrate the re-opening of Men's Sheds across the country. The event was organised by North Tipperary Development Company in conjunction with the Local Development Companies of Offaly, Clare, West Limerick, and South Tipperary (STDC). The event was attended by Sheds from Tipperary, Offaly, Clare, Limerick and beyond.



The event provided a perfect opportunity for members of Men's Sheds to meet, network, share information and learn from each other. The day started with a tour of Thurles Men's Shed, which is somewhat unique among Sheds in that it is a purpose-built facility. The group then continued to Cabragh Wetlands (Thurles) for outdoor music, food & talks.



Pictured above, left to right: Michael Murray (CEO – NTDC), Lelia McKeogh (NTDC), Ray Nangle (CEO – The Lunch Bag), Cllr. John Carroll (Chairman Tipperary LCDC).

The Lunch Bag

NTDC were proud to support The Lunch Bag with a LEADER grant award to support the establishment of their new business at Lisbunny Industrial Estate, Nenagh. The LEADER Grant was awarded under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, under the aegis of the Tipperary Local Development Committee and administered through North Tipperary Development Company.

The Lunch Bag is a healthy school lunch delivery service, designed to empower children to make educated, healthy food choices. To find out more, visit their website www.thelunchbag.ie.

NTDC Thurles Premises Upgrade

The Board of North Tipperary Development Company have welcomed the €140,000 LEADER grant towards the refurbishment and upgrade of their Kickham Street Thurles premises to allow for the development and expansion of their community facilities, resources and services in Thurles and its surrounding areas. The Grant has been provided through the Tipperary County Council's administered Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) under the 2014 - 2020 Rural Development Programme (LEADER)

The Grant is part of an overall project expenditure of €190,000 and will allow for the conversion of the building's first floor from residential to office and administration accommodation, upgrade and create community and youth meeting, training and resource facilities and provide for a general energy upgrade of the building.

This refurbishment has a large energy retrofit element of the project in line with NTDC's lead role in developments in the energy area and with NTDC's recent commitment to become a Sustainable Energy Community (SEC).



NTDC Purchase of an Electric Van

North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) in partnership with NTDC Tús and NTDC Rural Social Scheme (RSS) have announced the purchase of an electric vehicle and the installation of an electric vehicle charging point at their Nenagh Office. NTDC wanted a sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to the diesel van currently being used to facilitate the delivery of their employment support programmes. The new van provides NTDC with the perfect sustainable solution at a greatly reduced cost of ownership. The installation of an electric charging point at the Nenagh Office will allow electric



vehicles to be fully charged, from zero to 100%, in 7 hours on average. There are also cost benefits for the projects supported by the vehicle".

The electrification of transport is a key part of North Tipperary Development Company's Strategic Plan and our sustainability goals. NTDC aims to become a leader in the green economy and sustainable communities in a local development context.

NTDC: Tusla – Investing in Children Award

The Roscrea Youth Service (RYS) has been working in Partnership with the Roscrea Youth Union (RYU), a group of RYS members who meet to discuss what they want to see happen in the service. The RYU were established in 2021 as part of the RYS's work on the National Quality Standards Framework for Youth Work Practice and their continuous improvement plan to support the voice of youth in identifying needs, making decisions that impact on the RYS and advocating for the needs of young people in Roscrea. In December 2021 the RYU were told the good news that they had been awarded the Investing in Children Award which they had been working towards in partnership with the RYS UBU and Tusla Family Support Projects throughout 2021.



Quote from the assessor Claire:

“Roscrea Youth Union are a fantastic example of a group that has true youth participation in its bones. The group are supported by some great leaders but ultimately the sense of ownership and empowerment they feel is what brings them back time after time... therefore I have no hesitation in agreeing with the young people and recommending it receives the investment in Children Membership Award”







OUR MISSION

“Using participatory methods and working in partnership with others, North Tipperary Development Company provides financial, social, organisational and personal support to communities, enterprises and individuals in rural and urban North Tipperary to assist them in maximising their sustainable potential and in order to enhance the quality of life of all who live and work in the area it serves.”

OUR VISION

“Within all the areas in which North Tipperary Development Company is active, each resident and community is valued and a high-quality, sustainable way of living can be attained by all.”



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