

# **Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust**

## **Annual Report**

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#### **Activities for 2023 - 2024**

Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust aims to relieve poverty, sickness and help the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of 'Tullycarnet and its environment (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; as stated within our constitution.

To ensure we meet our aims TAGIT committee and volunteers have continued this year to facilitate and assist in the running of programs for the residents of Tullycarnet by providing support in the following areas:

**Tullycarnet Boxing Club**

**Awarded 2022 Eastside award for Sporting Initiative of the year.**

TAGIT have continued throughout 2023 / 24 to provide support to the management committee of our community boxing club. Tullycarnet Boxing club secured the Eastside award and the club coaches and committee attended the awards ceremony in the Stormont hotel in 2023 to collect their award. Our greatest achievement was supporting the club from planning to becoming operational, to see the committee lift an award for sporting initiative of the year speaks volumes for the hard work and dedication the club coaches and volunteers put in daily. Tullycarnet Boxing club have adopted the motto "train hard or go home" and the committee work hard with the community to instill this ethos to its members.

**Tullycarnet Community Football Club**

**TCFC 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala Ball held in Oct 2023**

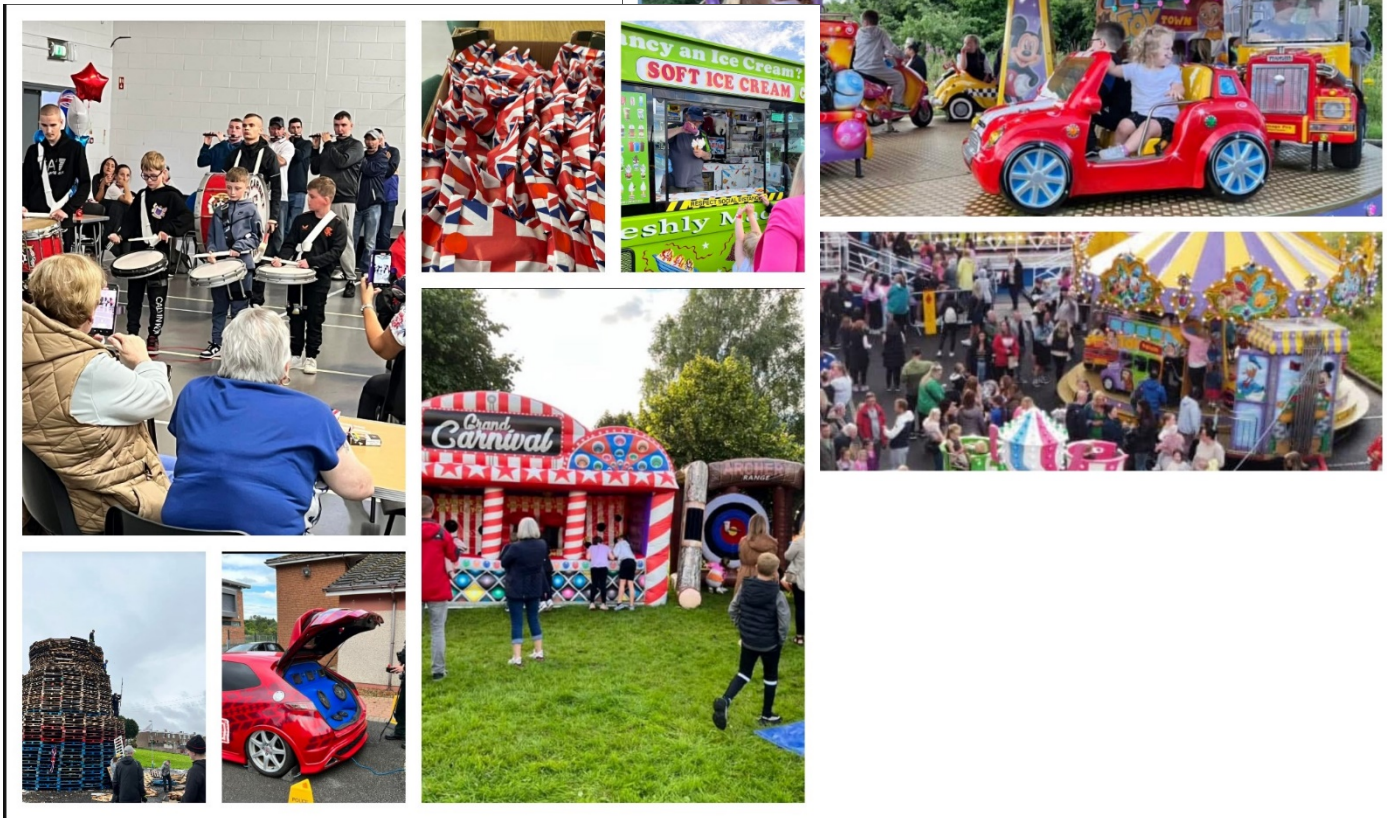
**in La Mon Hotel**



Tullycarnet Community Football Club continues to receive support from TAGIT through education, mental health and drug awareness training for the players and coaching staff at all ages and levels. Educating the team around cyber security and bullying remains high with in the club especially around the adolescent age groups who use social media platforms daily. TCFC continues to thrive with the support of the community and parents of the younger generation. Home matches played at the moat park pitches and Hanwood often see great support from members of the community.

### **Tullycarnet Community July 2023**

Wow! Tullycarnet know how to throw a festival, TAGIT continue to support and provide community activities over the July period to ensure our culture continues to be celebrated and our young people learn our heritage. Again, with health and safety being the focus when arranging all activities including the lighting of our bonfires. TAGIT worked closely with statutory agencies who engaged with our young people throughout the festivals.



### **Halloween Park in the Dark 2023**

*Another Spooktacular Halloween at our now annual Park in the Dark supported by Belfast City Council, This has now become a yearly event that all the family look forward too, with our volunteers braving the*



*cold October weather to ensure the whole community go home with a fright.*

### **Christmas 2023**

As Christmas 2023 approached, TAGIT volunteers again worked tirelessly to organised some Christmas festive fun for all the community to get involved. Christmas parties, Games, Discos, Senior Citizens Christmas lunch and not forgetting a visit from Santa. As with our Tullycarnet Christmas tradition TAGIT organised a tree of reflection in the community remembrance garden for families to place their Christmas baubles in remembrance of family members who are no longer with us.



As TAGIT continues to support the Tullycarnet community we must acknowledge the working relationships volunteers have with local statutory agencies including Police Service Northern Ireland, Belfast City Council, Northern Ireland Housing Executive to name a few who support many of TAGITs yearly projects.



### Future aims of TAGIT

TAGIT will continue to engage with statutory agencies to support local vulnerable residents of Tullycarnet including a huge focus on mental health support to men in particular. TAGIT have supported the set up and growth of a local men’s mental health group “Men’s Minds Matter” which has around 70 male members who come together every Friday to have group sessions, food and just somewhere to go and people to be around who may also have challenges. This group has proved a great success and we look forward to supporting them further.

Continue to work and engage with groups within Tullycarnet Neighborhood Collective (TNC) whilst sharing funding opportunities to support all areas of the community.

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