

Annual Report 2023/2024

Overview

The 2023/2024 year marked continued rebuilding and development for our organisation as we moved further beyond the challenges of the post-COVID environment. Our work continued to centre on two main areas: **indoor events** and **outdoor activities**, both designed to engage participants through cycling-based programmes while providing opportunities to share the Gospel.

1. Indoor Events

Indoor programmes were delivered primarily in church halls and community centres. Activities included a variety of bicycle-based challenges such as balance boxes, seesaws, limbos, rocky roads, and ramps, using mountain bikes, BMXs, and mini bikes.

A Gospel epilogue remained a key part of each event, taking place midway through the programme. Sessions typically concluded with a high-speed, knock-out mini-bike race, which continued to be a strong engagement tool.

This year, we further enhanced our indoor offering with the introduction of **indoor cycle speedway racing**, a team-based competitive format that has significantly increased participant enthusiasm and involvement. To support this development, we invested in:

- Upgrade of tyres and brakes for the indoor bikes
- New ramps and obstacles

These investments have strengthened the charity's professional profile and improved the delivery of our indoor programmes. We continued to conclude every session with the sharing of the Gospel.

2. Outdoor Events

Outdoor activities were primarily held in local forests such as Tardree, as well as several newly developed trail centres created in partnership with OutdoorNI, local councils, and the Forest Service. Participants were challenged with technical climbs, fast descents, and a variety of rugged terrain, supported by clear professional instruction to ensure safe, confident riding.

These outdoor settings also provided valuable opportunities for one-to-one conversations, allowing volunteers to come alongside individuals and share the Gospel in a natural and meaningful way.

During the reporting period, we facilitated 6 outdoor group sessions. This figure is lower hoped for and this is possibly due hesitation from some groups regarding outdoor activities; however, the team remained fully committed and responsive to all requests.

Regular team meetings were held for planning, coordination, and fellowship, ensuring consistent standards across all activities.

3. Requests and Participation

Demand for our activities has remained strong, with ongoing requests from groups across the region. We continue to aim to accommodate as many groups as possible within our capacity. Our volunteer team has remained stable throughout the year, providing continuity and experience across all aspects of the work.

4. Future Plans

Looking ahead, the organisation plans to strengthen its operational capacity through the purchase of:

- Additional safety equipment
- Further outdoor bicycles

Meetings have already been scheduled with equipment suppliers to progress these plans.

Fundraising remains a key priority for the coming year to ensure coverage of essential running costs, insurance, and ongoing equipment needs. Additional funding will support the continued development and sustainability of both our indoor and outdoor programmes.