



# Annual Report 2022

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Offaly Traveller Movement

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*"For as long as my people have counted the years, We have  
belonged here. As steadfast as the mountains, As constant as  
the rivers, We are not searching, We are not lost"*

-Muni O Pavee/The blessings of the Traveller

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# Message from the Chair

2022 saw the return to somewhat more normal times, the lifting of lockdowns and restrictions and people being able to freely socialise again. The impact of the successful national vaccination roll out was evident and Offaly Traveller Movement played a huge role in ensuring almost every eligible Traveller across the county was vaccinated. For this, we have received great praise and our partnership approach with the HSE has been highlighted as an example of best practice in the Global Health Promotion Journal, which published an article in 2022 about OTM titled 'A community-health partnership response to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Travellers and Roma in Ireland'. 2022 has indeed been joyous for so many people, being permitted to meet with friends, family and loved ones again, celebrate important events and travel. OTM successfully organised a pilgrimage to Fatima and local cultural events that saw people come together again, celebrate Traveller culture in solidarity with one another. However, the effects of the pandemic upon some members of the Traveller community are detrimental, still deeply visible, significant and will be long-lasting. These additional issues are on top of a wide range of under resourced and ignored concerns that impact on Travellers lives. The pandemic has increased the levels of poor mental health, loneliness and suicidal ideations. It has resulted in many young Travellers dropping out of school due to not being able to compete with their peers during times of online learning. For many Travellers who didn't have a safe and secure home the pandemic was a time of fear and turmoil. Given the lasting effects of the pandemic, there are more demands on our services this year than ever before. We have highlighted here, in this annual report, a flavour of our work in 2022 and our impact on Travellers lives in the county and beyond. This is merely a snapshot of what we do, and I hope you, the reader, can appreciate the lifechanging work that takes place in OTM.

A huge thank you to the OTM workforce who are so highly skilled and dedicated and who give over and beyond the hours they are paid for. Tribute also is due to Sandra McDonagh, our Managing Director for always keeping the ship afloat despite higher demands now than ever before.

I would like to thank our Board, our National Traveller organisations, the local organisations in Offaly who we work closely with and most importantly the local Traveller community, for your ongoing support during what was a very busy year for OTM. And we look forward to our continued partnerships as we continue to strive to ensure equality and social justice for the Traveller community in Offaly.

**Lilly Ward, *Offaly Traveller Movement Chairperson***

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# Managing Director's Foreword

I am delighted to present the Offaly Traveller Movements Annual Report 2022. It is with great pride and gratitude that I reflect on the accomplishments and progress we have made as an organisation over the past year.

The year 2022 was a pivotal one for the Offaly Traveller Movement, marked by resilience, dedication, and a deep commitment to promoting the rights and well-being of the Traveller community. Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we persevered, adapting our programs and services to meet the evolving needs of our community members.

One of our key achievements in 2022 was the successful implementation of several initiatives aimed at improving access to education, healthcare, and housing for Travellers. Through our advocacy efforts, we influenced policy changes that directly benefited the community, ensuring their voices were heard at local, regional, and national levels. In 2022, 135 Travellers engaged with our services for the first time. The OTM staff did a record 24,346 individual interventions with Travellers in Offaly. We actively engaged with local and national authorities to raise awareness about the issues faced by Travellers. Our commitment to promoting cultural awareness and fostering social inclusion remained steadfast throughout the year. We organised various cultural events, workshops, and training sessions to create platforms for understanding and appreciation of Traveller heritage and traditions. Additionally, we collaborated with local schools, businesses, and organisations to foster relationships that promote acceptance and mutual respect.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners. Their passion, expertise, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in driving positive change and making a tangible difference in the lives of Travellers across Offaly.

In a joint effort from the Board of Directors, staff, stakeholders, and members of the Traveller community OTM developed a new Strategic Plan 2023-2025. As we developed this Strategic Plan our focus was on what improvements we can make to our services and how better we can serve the local community. We are very grateful to our staff team for their immense work with developing this strategic plan and for the dedication, imagination, and contribution to this process. Without your ideas this plan would not have been possible.

While we celebrated several achievements in 2022, it is important to acknowledge the challenges we encountered during the year. Funding limitations remained a significant hurdle, constraining the scope and scale of our programs. Additionally, prejudice and discrimination against the Traveller community persisted, requiring sustained efforts to bring about lasting change.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that lie before us. We will continue to work tirelessly to address the challenges faced by the Traveller community and strive for a more equitable society. Our commitment to advocacy, community empowerment, and collaborative

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partnerships remain at the heart of our mission.

We will intensify our fundraising activities, seeking support from diverse sources to secure the necessary resources for our programmes and projects. We will continue to engage with policymakers, ensuring that Traveller rights and needs are represented in legislation and policy frameworks. We will actively collaborate with government agencies to develop and implement effective measures for social inclusion. We will invest in the professional development of our team members and volunteers, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to address the evolving challenges faced by the Traveller community. We will expand our community development programmes, focusing on initiatives that empower Travellers to take an active role in shaping their own futures. This will include supporting educational opportunities and fostering leadership within the community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff team and funders for their continued trust and support. Your contributions have been pivotal in enabling us to deliver essential services, drive change, and champion the rights of Travellers. Together, we can build a future where every member of the Traveller community in Offaly can thrive, free from discrimination and inequality. I invite you to read this Annual Report to gain a deeper understanding of our work and the impact we have made.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and solidarity.

**Sandra McDonagh, *Offaly Traveller Movement Managing Director***



***The Board and Staff of OTM wish to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Fintan Farrell, RIP.***

***Fintan passed away on 24th December 2022. Fintan was a founding member of Offaly Traveller Movement over 30 years ago. He spent his life advocating for the rights of Travellers and especially for those living in poverty. He had a huge impact on EU poverty policy and was the Director of the European Anti-Poverty Network. Fintan was a not only a former colleague but also a friend to so many Travellers in Offaly. May he Rest in Peace.***

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# OTM – A Human Rights Organisation

Offaly Traveller Movement (OTM) evolved from a grassroots mobilisation advocating for the needs of the Traveller community in Tullamore, which started back in 1991. In 1995, the organisation was registered with the Companies Registration Office (when it was previously known as Tullamore Traveller Movement Ltd). It was established by Travellers and members of the settled community with the aim of achieving equality and recognition for Travellers as a uniquely marginalised minority ethnic group. Ever since, OTM has continuously worked to achieve equality and social justice for Travellers both nationally and locally in county Offaly in partnership with the wider community.

Today, Offaly Traveller Movement is a Traveller led community development organisation working to achieve full equality for the Traveller community throughout County Offaly. With a team of 26 staff made up of Travellers and non-Travellers we offer programmes and services in health promotion, mental health, accommodation, youth, and education to advance the health and welfare of Travellers and to encourage active participation in society. We provide opportunities for Travellers to develop their skills and knowledge and working in partnership to build the community's and service providers capacity to meet the needs of and improve outcomes for Travellers. We support Travellers to reach their full potential and develop initiatives to tackle poverty, social exclusion, disadvantage, and discrimination. OTM also contributes to the development of local and national policy for positive outcomes in the lives of Travellers.

## **Our Vision**

**Offaly Traveller Movement believes in a vision where all Travellers are respected, involved and equal members of Irish society and empowered to be their best selves to build a strong, inclusive community.**





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*“Our Traveller Community is an integral part of our society for over a millennium, with their own distinct identity – a people within our people...It is a historic day for our Travellers and a proud day for Ireland”*

Taoiseach Enda Kenny

1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – Travellers are recognized as a distinct ethnic group

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## Our Mission

Offaly Traveller Movement is a human rights, Traveller-led organisation dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and wellbeing of all Travellers. We advocate for fairness, equality, and social justice for Travellers in all areas of our work.

## Our Core Values

As an organisation, our values are:

**Respect** – Our staff are open minded, supportive and prepared to welcome people into our service and to listen to their needs

**Empowerment** – We empower our clients to help them achieve their goals and support them to be advocates for themselves, their families and their community

**Community-led** – Our service is led and part of the community in Offaly, and we act in service of the Traveller community

**Responsive to need** – As an organisation, we strive to work thoughtfully and quickly to issues and concerns in the community and to collaborate with our partners to find the right solutions

**Anti-discrimination** – We recognise how historical and intergenerational racism towards Travellers has affected the lives and wellbeing of our community. We will actively challenge any discriminatory or racist attitudes or practices we find

**Inclusive** – Our staff will work to be inclusive of all people, no matter their background or identity

**Collaborative** – We work closely and acknowledge the valuable contributions of both local and national organisations who are our commitment to full equality of Travellers in Irish society



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# 2022 Board of Directors

The OTM Board of Directors is the key management structure of OTM and is a partnership between Travellers and settled people with a commitment to Traveller rights. Effective communication between the staff and the Board is needed for this co-operation. To function effectively the Board requires up-to date work-plans and reports from all OTM staff to be presented by the Managing Director. New members are elected by the membership present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Officers are elected at first meeting thereafter. The 2022 AGM took place in OTM on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The Board has 3 key strands to its work which are focused on three key areas:

1. Implementation of Boards responsibilities within strategic plan
2. Overview and monitoring of implementation of staff responsibilities within strategic plan
3. Management of OTM organisation through the appointed Managing Director, Sandra McDonagh.

Their role of the Board of Directors is:

- to implement policies;
- to ensure that the subgroups are running effectively;
- to monitor staff progress;
- to ensure that staff are supported and productive;
- to support the strategic policy development of OTM;
- to ensure core principles and ethos are core to the work;

**In 2022, Susan Fay stepped down from the OTM's board. OTM extends our deepest appreciation to Susan for her advice and guidance over the years. We wish her all the best in her future careers. We also welcomed new board members; Deirdre Arnold, John Joyce and Martina McDonagh.**

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## Board of Directors of OTM 2022

NAME	POSITION
Lilly Ward	Chairperson, Trustee
Thomas McDonagh	Trustee
William McDonagh	Secretary, Trustee
Mary Rose Kerrigan	Trustee
Christopher McDonagh	Treasurer, Trustee
Ann Sheeran	Trustee
John Joyce	Trustee
Deirdre Arnold	Trustee
Martina McDonagh	Trustee

### Susan Fay - Member of the OTM Board of Directors (June 2018-Nov 2022)



The staff and board of OTM wishes to congratulate our Board member Susan Fay on her appointment as Judge of the District Court.

Susan was a member of our Board for almost 5 years (June 2018-Nov 2022) and her expertise on the law and human rights was so valued and appreciated.

We are so proud of her incredible achievements and were delighted to be present at the High Court when Susan was appointed to one of the highest positions of power in the state. We feel that our justice system is indeed in good hands with Susan, given her amazing commitment and understanding of social justice.

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# Staff Profiles

## EXECUTIVE

### **Sandra McDonagh - Managing Director**

Sandra McDonagh is the Managing Director of Offaly Traveller Movement, and a proud Traveller woman. She joined Offaly Traveller Movement in 2013 as a Mental Health Social Worker leading the first ever Traveller specific mental health service in Ireland Travelling to Wellbeing. She took up the position as Managing Director of Offaly Traveller Movement in 2019 and continues to work parttime as a social worker supporting the team. Sandra has a Bachelor of Social Science from Maynooth University, a Masters in Social Work from Trinity College Dublin and a Professional Certificate in Acute Mental Health Interventions from University College Dublin. She is currently the only Traveller in Ireland with a Masters in Social Work from Trinity College. Her life experience has emboldened her to stand up for human rights, social justice and equality for Travellers.

Sandra published 'Family Based Interventions: Advancing Recovery for the Traveller Community in Ireland' in the Irish Social Worker Journal and is co-author of 'A community-health partnership response to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Travellers and Roma in Ireland' published in the journal of Global Health Promotion Journal. She also co-authored 'A Guide to Developing a Local Co-ordinated Crisis Response Plan for the Traveller Community'.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### **Leona McDonagh – Health Manager**

Leona McDonagh took up her post as Health Manager with the OTM in June 2021. She has an Honours Degree from NUI Maynooth in Social Science (BSocSc). The Bachelor of Social Science degree studies how human societies are organised, the social forces, institutions and ideologies that shape society, and the factors that influence the wellbeing of individuals, families, communities, and countries.

Leona has widespread experience in elderly care and the healthcare system within Ireland as she worked in this department for 10 years before joining OTM.

As a member of the Traveller community herself, she has lived experience of the difficulties faced by the community.

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## **Nuala Hogan – Public Health Nurse for Travellers Laois & Offaly**

Nuala Hogan is a Registered Nurse /Registered Midwife/Registered Public Health Nurse and started working in Traveller Health in OTM in 2008. She holds a H.Dip. in Science/Tissue Viability from the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and diplomas from AIT in Research Methods, Child Care and Management. She also completed her Mental Health Interventions at UCD and was awarded a Level 9 Certificate in 2017.

Prior to joining OTM, Nuala worked in various general and maternity hospitals throughout Ireland and the UK where she gained valuable clinical experience. She then went onto study Public Health Nursing in UCD and took up a post with the HSE as a Public Health Nurse (PHN) and has worked in a wide variety of roles over Laois and Offaly. This includes working as an area PHN in both rural and town areas, Health Promotion, Liaison Public Health Nurse, Schools Public Health Nurse and Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing in Laois/Offaly. In 2008, Nuala took up post in Offaly Traveller Movement as Co-Coordinator of the Primary Health Care Programme and was involved in setting up the Primary Health Care Programme for Travellers at Laois Traveller Action Group in 2009.

Nuala has a deep interest in health promotion and education and has vast experience in this field. She is passionate about working with Travellers especially around their health and providing 1 to 1 health screenings and professional health consultations. She is firmly committed to working in the area of positive mental health and believes that care, compassion, courage, communication, commitment, and competence are vital in her role as a clinical nurse practitioner.

## **Brigid McInerney – Community Health Worker**

Brigid joined OTM in 1999 as part of the first Primary Health Care group that were trained by FÁS. Brigid has undertaken vast training during her years in OTM included health promotion training. She is a member of the Traveller community, and she specialises in support to older Travellers in their homes.

## **Caroline McDonagh - Community Health Worker**

Caroline is the newest member of the Primary Health Care team, she joined OTM in 2020. Caroline is doing ongoing training with the Primary Health Care programme. She works with families in the community and was a Covid responder during the pandemic. Caroline is a member of the Traveller community.

## **Geraldine Ward - Community Health Worker**

Geraldine joined OTM in 2007 as an after-school assistant on the After Schools Project. Geraldine has a Diploma in youth and community work. Geraldine currently works with Primary Health Care

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programme, since 2013. She is instrumental in supporting the various groups that are established as well as organising annual international pilgrimages for the Traveller community. Geraldine herself, is a member of the Traveller community.

### **Mary McInerney - Community Health Worker**

Mary joined OTM in 1999 as part of the first Primary Health Care group that were trained by FÁS. Mary has undertaken vast training during her years in OTM included health promotion training. She is a member of the Traveller community. Mary has delivered training on cultural awareness throughout the county, including to and she specialises in support to older Travellers in their homes.

### **Sarah McDonagh - Community Health Worker**

Sarah joined OTM in 1999 as part of the first Primary Health Care group that were trained by FÁS. Sarah has undertaken vast training during her years in OTM included health promotion training. She is a member of the Traveller community.

### **John McDonagh - Community Health Worker**

John started in OTM in 2021 as the first ever Men's Community Health Worker. Prior to this John was an active volunteer and member on the OTM Board of Directors. John coordinates the very successful and popular Offaly Traveller Men's Shed project and support many events held by OTM. John is a proud member of the Traveller community.

### **Martin Houlihan – Men's Health Worker**

Martin worked as the TUS Supervisor in Offaly Local Development Company before joining the OTM team. Prior to this he worked in the building trade. Martin completed a FETAC Level 5 in Community Development in 2014 and a FETAC Level 4 in IT in 2010. He is the Chairperson of Cloghan Boxing club and has volunteered for his local clubs in both football and hurling. A keen sports man, he holds county medals for both running and hurling.

### **Leslie Jones – Horse Project Coordinator**

Leslie joined OTM in 2011 and has been instrumental in engaging with Traveller men, the most marginalised cohort in Irish society, through the medium of the Horse. Lesley is the founder and facilitator of the Offaly Traveller men's Horse Project, with 60 Traveller men continuously engaging across Offaly. In 2021, she facilitated the Crazy Mares club, due to ongoing demand from the Traveller women! and she also set up the Junior Crazy Mares project. Lesley is an equine therapist, an

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enthusiastic horse woman and riding instructor with a background in education. Lesley has been developing and delivering equine and animal assisted programmes, in many areas of Ireland, with much success since 2005 and owns her own Care Farm in County Wicklow. Lesley's community-based work to date, includes horse project facilitation in various locations in Ireland, working with a number of different groups focusing mainly on the areas of youth diversion and outreach, early suicide intervention, education and awareness, parent and child relationship development, and various integration projects with ethnic communities in Ireland, in particular with Travellers. Lesley also has significant experience of working with adults and children with intellectual and physical disability.

### **Sorcha Lewis – Community Development Worker**

Sorcha joined OTM in May 2012. Her work includes Traveller women's health and accommodation issues and she works at local level as well as influencing national policy. She has a B.A in Applied Social Studies in Social Care from A.I.T. and a Diploma in Community Development Practice from NUI Galway. She also holds a Cert in Housing Studies and Cert in Local Government Studies from the Institute of Public Administration. Sorcha is the staff representative on Offaly Traveller Movement Board of Directors and also sits as Traveller Representative on Offaly Domestic Violence Support Services BOM. Sorcha also participates as an active member of the Irish Traveller Movement Accommodation Working Group. In addition to her important role in OTM, Sorcha has been a support care worker for the past 17 years in Cheshire Ireland.

## **MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TRAVELLING TO WELLBEING**

### **Karen Boylan – Mental Health Coordinator**

Karen Boylan joined OTM in April 2019. She holds a B.A. in Applied Social Studies and Social Care and holds certificates in Community Development and Social Studies. Prior to joining OTM, Karen worked in the area of mental health in the community and voluntary sector for several years. It was during this time that she established and supported a Traveller Women's Support Group in Tullamore. Karen has a passion for peer and group support and brings with her vast experience in peer facilitator training and experience in providing support and supervision to peers. She is firmly committed to the furthering of human rights and social justice through her work and has experience representing all those affected by mental ill health at local, regional and national level.

### **Pinkie McInerney – Mental Health Support Worker**

Travelling to Wellbeing Peer Mental Health Support Worker, Pinky McInerney joined the Travelling to

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Wellbeing team in August 2020. Pinky has been a Community Development Worker in OTM for 20+ years. She has vast experience, both lived and professionally, of supporting her community in relation to mental health. Pinkie has undertaken many training courses that have enhanced her knowledge and progressed her career. The latest training course was Mincears Mental Health course, which was an online course delivered nationwide to Travellers in professional roles, the course drew from international best practices of mental health initiatives to indigenous people.

### **Aislinn Daly – Mental Health Social Worker**

Aislinn Daly joined Offaly Traveller Movement in June 2022 as the new social worker working as part of the Travelling to Wellbeing programme. Aislinn has a BA Social Care Practice degree from Athlone Institute of Technology and a MA in Social Work from University of Ireland Maynooth. Aislinn has previous experience in Child Protection, Community Development/Family Support, Youth Advocacy and Domestic Violence. She is passionate about her work; advocating for human rights and promoting social justice and equality.

### **Sharon Spain – Counsellor / Therapist**

Sharon Spain began working as a Counsellor/Therapist with OTM in November 2022. She has a Degree in Counselling & Psychotherapy and has been accredited by the Irish Association of Humanistic & Integrative Psychotherapy (IAHIP) since April 2000. Sharon has previously worked as a Social Worker in the U.K. and Ireland in varying settings such as; children & families, the Deaf Community and Adult Mental Health. Sharon possesses specific training in working with people who have experienced trauma in their lives. Sharon is very interested in the whole area of mental health and how best to support people in their life struggles & journeys.

## **YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

### **Saranne Lovett – Youth Team Leader**

Having joined OTM as a youth worker in April 2015, Saranne now oversees the work of the OTM Youth Project. She has vast experience working with young people, particularly those from marginalised backgrounds. Her keen interest in building youth capacity through creative mechanisms has led her to coordinate a number of youth-related creative projects for young members of the Traveller community in Offaly. She holds a B.A. (Hons) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care and a Diploma in Community Development. She is deeply committed to issues around equality and social justice and is currently undertaking a Masters in Social Work with Maynooth University.

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## **Elizabeth Doyle – Peer Youth Worker**

Elizabeth first joined the OTM as an after-school's assistant in 2007. She progressed on to becoming a peer youth worker. Elizabeth holds a FETAC Level 5 in Community Development and is a member of the Traveller Community.

## **LOCAL TRAINING INITIATIVE**

### **Celine McInerney – LTI Assistant Coordinator (& Interim Coordinator in 2022)**

Celine is a member of the Traveller community and joined the OTM in 2007 as a peer youth worker. She was appointed as a Community Health Worker on the Primary Health Care team in 2013. Her academic achievements include a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community & Health Services and a QQI Level 5 Family Support Worker. Celine is passionate about Traveller access to education and in 2021 she was successfully appointed as the LTI Assistant Coordinator.

### **Ian McDonagh – LTI Assistant Support Worker**

Ian is currently the Assistant Support Worker for the Local Training Initiative in OTM. His role involves recruiting and supporting the learners to achieve their major awards. He is currently studying to receive a QQI 6 Train the Trainer.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **Patrick Daly – Finance Manager**

Patrick is a seasoned finance professional with twenty-five years' experience. He was appointed as OTM's Finance Manager in March 2020. He holds a B.E in Electronic Engineering and a postgraduate diploma in Systems Analysis from NUI, Galway. Initially working as an engineer, he developed an interest in Financial Engineering and worked for eight years in Financial Risk Management for various investment banks operating in the City of London.

Since the mid-2000s, he has worked as Finance Manager for various London-based SMEs and has gained extensive knowledge of implementation of effective financial set-ups for growing businesses. Since returning to Ireland in 2016, he has had roles in the Private Sector (collaborating with a local accountant) and in the Public Sector with the Department of Education payroll.



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## Pascal Delaney – Office Administrator

Pascal Delaney joined the OTM in September 2018. He holds a Diploma in Management Finance from Athlone Institute of Technology. Pascal brings a wealth of experience in finance and accounts to the OTM.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Siobhán Hennigan – Receptionist

Siobhán Hennigan joined the OTM in July 2021 on a CE Scheme. She holds a FETAC Level 4 in Office Skills and oversees the day to day running of reception.

We also said goodbye to our Interim Health Manager, Carolyn Byrne and LTI Coordinator, Aoife Masterson

A fond farewell and very best wishes to all.

Throughout 2021, a number of students undertook placements with OTM. They included;

**Abigail McDonagh, LCA, Sacred Heart School, Tullamore**  
**Amy Newsome, Masters in Social Work, UCD**

**Ellen McDermott, Level 8 Social Care Practice, TUS Midlands MidWest**  
**Mary Kate Breslin, BA in Applied Social Studies, TUS Midlands MidWest**

We would like to thank them all for their time and wish them the very best in their future studies.



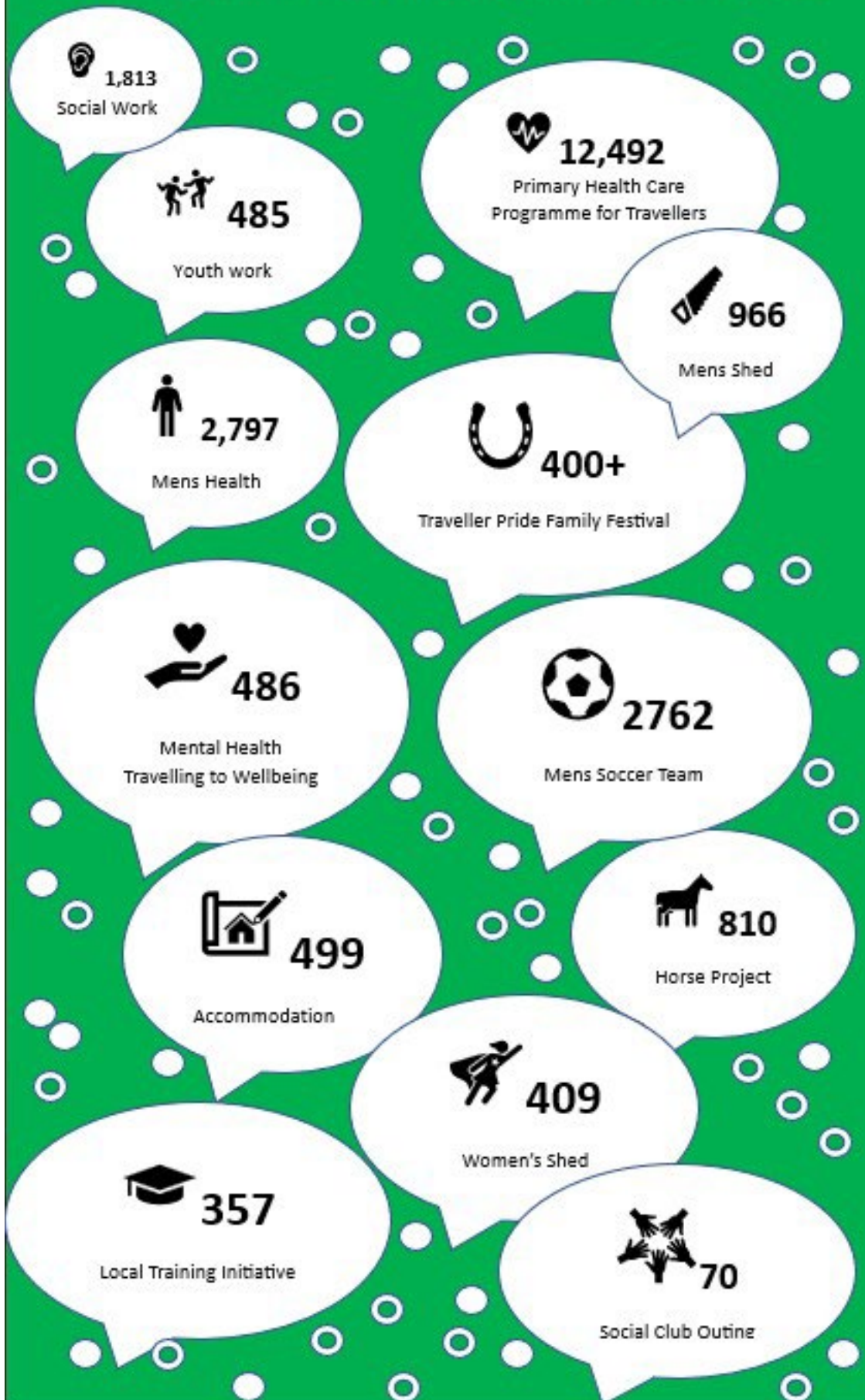
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## **Our Work 2022**

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### **Offaly Traveller Movement**

## OTM - Number of Interventions with Travellers in 2022

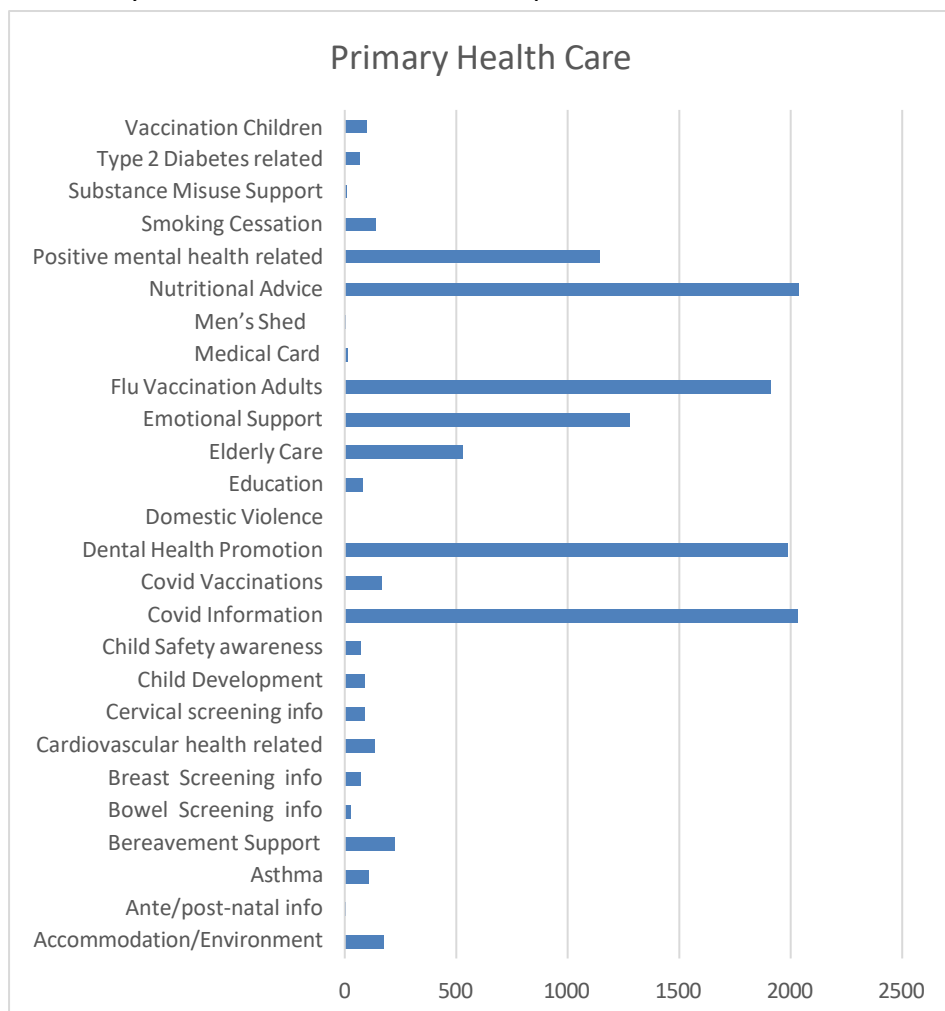


# Health Department

## Primary Health Care Programme (PHCP)

2022 saw work at the Primary Health Care Programme return to pre Covid times and the Community Health Care workers had a busy year of outreach work to Traveller families across the county. In total, the PHCP team, of which there are 8 parttime Community Health Workers (CHWs) undertook 12,492 separate interventions with Travellers.

They delivered culturally appropriate information and awareness across a wide selection of topics such as covid 19 and omicron updates, vaccinations for adults and children, bowel screening, breast screening, smear tests and cervical screening, prostate cancer, asthma, COPD, cardio vascular and diabetes, menopause information and mental health. A full list of these interventions and an outline of which inventions were most concentrated on for 2022 is below. Nuala Hogan, our PHN, trained and informed the CHWs on all the topics throughout the year to ensure that the information going out to the Traveller community was accurate, relevant, and up to date.



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In addition to all the outreach work the team of Community Healthcare Workers (CHW's) undertook a number of exciting community projects, they include but are not limited to the following;

- Coffee mornings in Birr and in Tullamore took place throughout the year, they included having guest speakers from various organisations to chat with people over a cup of tea! Speakers included; Talking Buddies, Parents First, Public Participation Network and Breast Check Ireland.
- 6 jumble sales (Indoor Market) were organized to fundraise for Mary's Meals (to provide food for hungry children around the world). The CHWs gathered no longer needed household items and clothing from the OTM staff. The jumble sales took place at the Hazel Hub and there was great turnout and support from the community.
- Tullamore Social Services (CLG) donated packs of packet and dried food to OTM 4 times throughout the year. The PHC Workers and Health Manager packed the food into food parcels and delivered them to the most vulnerable families in the Traveller Community.
- The CHWs undertook six sessions with the crazy mare's youth club, 9 children attended ageing from 2-10 years. The sessions included colouring, painting, games and educational activities with sand, playdoh, and animal animation.
- The OTM Women's shed was established in May with huge support from the PHCP team and the T2WB Mental Health Support Worker Pinkie. The women's shed currently has a membership of 42 Traveller women. They were supported to nominate a chairperson, secretary, and treasurer, and to vote on a name for the shed '*Chatters and Matters Women's shed*'. Throughout the year the CHWs organised health checks, relaxation massages, cake bread making, beady pockets, timber art and crafts and flower arranging. ODVSS were invited into the women shed to chat to the women about domestic violence. The month of September, saw the roll out of a mental health awareness talk with Karen and Pinkie (T2WB), Laughing Yoga and a session on positive mental health session. Fitness classes and a 6-week healthy eating program also took place throughout the year and at Christmas the members made wreaths.
- The PHCP team along with other OTM staff and local members of the Traveller community climbed Croagh Patrick on Our Lady's Day. Thankfully everyone managed to get to the top of the mountain and there was a great sense of achievement, it was a very enjoyable day.
- PHCP Team presented Ken Smollen with a Cheque for €720 that was fundraised in November by taking part in Mo-vember.

The PHCP team also attended a number of National events throughout the year, which include;

- Irish Traveller Movement AGM in Athlone
- Official opening of "mind your nuck" mental health website in Pavee point
- National Traveller Action Plan 2022-2027 in government buildings, Dublin

The Health Manager and PHCP team undertake significant interagency work throughout the year and this includes the following;

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- Interagency meetings with OLDC, Tullamore Youth Project, St Mary's Youth Centre, Community Garda, Arden View Community Resource Centre, Offaly County Council and Midlands Regional Alcohol and Drugs Task Force;
  - Developed a programme with the Offaly County Council Fire Safety Officer which entailed visits to Traveller homes by the Fire Safety Officer with an OTM member to check and update fire alarms and safety equipment;
  - Ongoing detailed work with Queens University on Children in Preschool and child play Research Project, Traveller fostering services, ODVSS, Talking Buddies, breast check and autistic Ireland.

In addition to the ongoing training delivered by our PHN Nuala, on health-related topics, the PHCP team also undertook training in 2022 on the following;

- Certified Manual Handling Training;
- 3 days First Responder Training;
- Suicide Prevention Workshop
- Homeless Law Training

### **Public Health Nurse for Travellers**

The public health nursing (PHN) role in partnership with Offaly Traveller Movement (OTM) is undertaken by Nuala Hogan. OTM is very grateful to Nuala for her commitment to the organisation and the great work she undertakes for the Travellers in the Midlands. As large part of the role involves the constant updating and training of the Community Health workers (CHWs) as outlined above. In addition to this Nuala also receives clinical and social referrals from all members of the health care team at OTM and other allied health care professionals within the HSE, and she provides family support, health promotion and guidance for clients, many of whom are very marginalised and so Nuala is the first point of contact within the HSE. Nuala and all at OTM believe that if improving the health of the worst off and most marginalised members of society is to be achieved, then it has to deliver a personalised and tailored nursing service provision to Travellers.

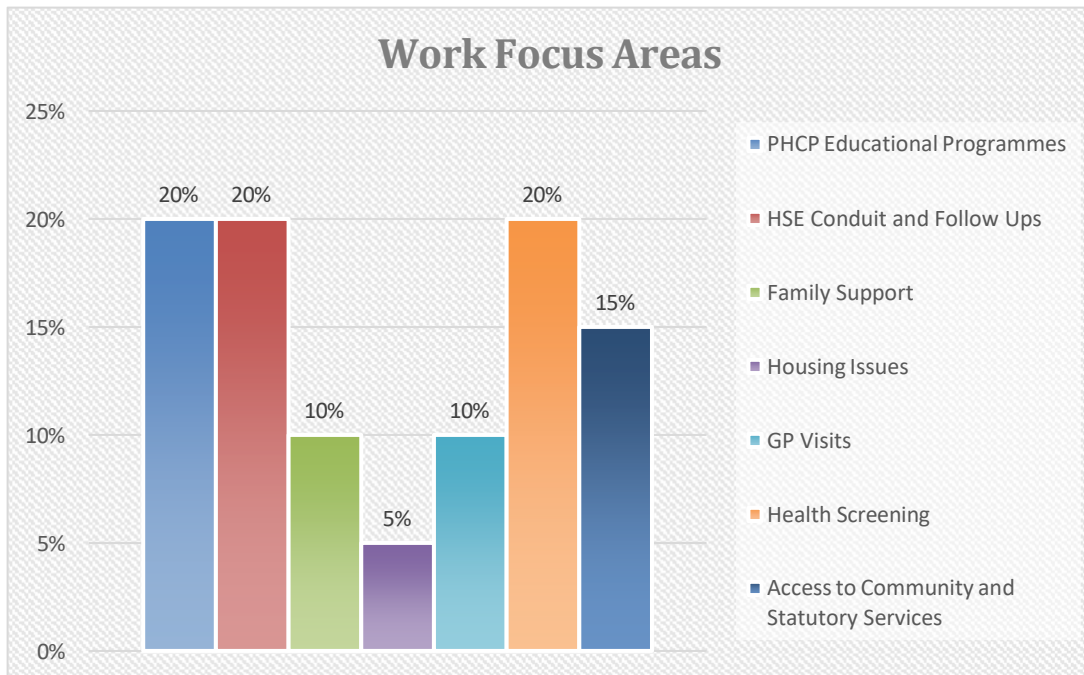
2022 was a challenging year and saw a continued increase in demand for nursing services to Travellers. Some of the highlights of 2022 that are not mentioned in the PHCP section above include the following;

- Working with the OTM Health Manager to put in place a detailed work plan for the PHCP team;
- Nuala liaised with the Speech & Language Therapists at the HSE regarding their new initiative "Talking Buddies" which they launched in March in conjunction with Sláintecare. She helped to devise a structured Traveller specific version of this initiative running for 6-12 weeks with the Community Health Workers in L/O & L/WH. A toolkit was put together which the CHWs brought out to mothers who have children in the 0-5 category. Meetings for parents in the Birr area were convened so they could take up this highly beneficial educational programme.

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- Nuala forged a link with the Disability Manager in the HSE regarding supports and funding of services for clients with high nursing needs. She convened case conferences and meetings with both community and HSE services.
  - Both Nuala and her HSE PHN colleagues in Co. Offaly continued to collaborate regarding supporting mothers and babies, palliative care clients and elderly clients. She also acted as a conduit between other HSE disciplines such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech, and language therapists and followed up on appointments for clients. She advocated for Traveller clients on social welfare, housing and medical-card issues and visited the GP with her clients if they so wished.
  - Nuala sat on the Board of Management for Parents First Tullamore. She continues to provide direction and support for managers and Peers at Parents First. She is involved in overseeing a high-quality service and support around decisions. She also invited the Manager at Parents First into OTM to speak to the CHWs.
  - Nuala did health drives and screenings for OTM at the Traveller Pride Day in Charleville Castle, Tullamore and on Traveller sites in Co. Offaly. She worked with her two nursing colleagues from the Traveller Health Unit and screens for blood pressure, blood sugar levels, body mass index and carbon monoxide screening for clients who smoke. She links with and refers clients to GP or hospital services if needed.
  - She arranged for the HSE Disability Services Network Manager, their social worker and play therapist to attend OTM and meet all the team. This helps to make links and network with HSE agencies and support cultural awareness. The partnership approach and inter-agency working is paramount to both agencies. Nuala continued to link with CAMHs at Riverside, Tullamore on behalf of Traveller clients and their children around psychological assessments.
  - Nuala attended the Maternity/Nursing meetings quarterly at Portiuncula Hospital. This forum allowed for discussions regarding quality care for Traveller women who attend maternity services in the West of Ireland. Discussions take place around breast feeding, metabolic conditions, and heel prick tests. Nuala presented at the forum and delivered a presentation on Galactosemia and ADA/SCID. Both conditions are more prevalent in Travellers.
  - She acted as an advocate and supported parents around education as well as compiling reports that were sent to the Dept. of Education on behalf of their children.
  - She represented parents of children with the HSE dental services from time to time, providing guidance and clinical support.
  - Nuala worked in partnership with the new social worker at OTM.
  - She continued to support the Mental Health Department and the team at OTM around the Local Crisis Response Plan.
  - Nuala and Petra Daly set up and worked on a mental health and wellbeing initiative at the beginning of 2022. It was focused on “Baby Infant Massage and Child Development for Traveller Mothers.” This programme was focused on education, mental wellbeing for mothers and babies and health promotion work.

- Nuala delivered health promotion updates to the ladies at the “Women’s Shed” in OTM on topics including cervical screening, healthy eating, and vaccinations.
- She continued to support and act as a Nurse Preceptor for all student nurses training in Athlone Institute of Technology. She took them to OTM to meet the Peers and wider team as well as on outreach to the wider Traveller community. She prepared research and evidence-based learning prior to the student visit.

A breakdown of the main work areas for the PHN for 2022 is outlined in the chart below:



## Community Development Programme

The OTM Community Development Programme is driven by a set of core objectives:

1. **Empowering the Traveller community:** We strive to empower Travellers to take an active role in shaping their own lives and communities. By providing them with opportunities for personal and collective growth, we aim to foster self-confidence and leadership skills among the community members.
2. **Promoting social inclusion:** Our programme endeavours to challenge the discrimination, prejudice, and marginalisation faced by Travellers in Offaly. We work towards creating an inclusive society where Travellers are respected, valued, and have equal access to opportunities in education, healthcare, housing, and employment.
3. **Strengthening community networks:** We recognise the importance of strong community networks in fostering support, solidarity, and shared experiences. We facilitate the development of



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social networks among Travellers, enabling them to address common challenges, celebrate their cultural heritage, and advocate for their rights.

**Programme Highlights for 2022:**

**1. Education and Training Initiatives:**

- Successfully organised workshops on literacy, numeracy, and digital skills training, benefiting over 100 participants from the Traveller community.
- Collaborated with local educational institutions to provide tailored support and resources to Traveller students, resulting in improved educational outcomes.

**2. Health and Well-being:**

- Conducted health awareness campaigns and workshops on issues such as mental health, sexual health, and substance abuse prevention, reaching a wide audience within the Traveller community.
- Facilitated access to healthcare services, ensuring that Travellers receive appropriate care and support.

**3. Accommodation and Housing:**

- Engaged in advocacy efforts to address the housing crisis faced by Travellers, highlighting the need for adequate and culturally appropriate accommodation.
- Collaborated with local authorities to secure funding for Traveller-specific accommodation projects, resulting in the provision of safe and suitable living spaces.

**4. Cultural Preservation and Celebration:**

- Organised cultural events, including music, dance performances and art exhibitions, to celebrate Traveller heritage and promote cross-cultural understanding.
- Supported Traveller artists and artisans by facilitating opportunities for their work to be showcased and recognised.

**Impact and Future Directions:**

The Offaly Traveller Movement Community Development Programme has made a significant impact on the lives of Travellers in the region. Through our initiatives, we have witnessed positive changes in educational attainment, health awareness, access to housing, and community cohesion. Travellers are increasingly taking active roles in decision-making processes and advocating for their rights.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our objectives and aim to expand the reach and impact of our programme. We will continue to work closely with local authorities, educational institutions, healthcare providers, and other key stakeholders to address systemic barriers faced by the Traveller community. By fostering partnerships and collaboration, we will strive for a more inclusive society where the rights and dignity of Travellers are fully recognised and respected.

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## Men's Health Programme

The Men's Health Worker plays a crucial role in promoting health and well-being among Traveller men in Offaly. They are responsible for providing tailored support, advocacy, and education to address the specific health issues faced by this marginalised group. Their tasks include conducting outreach activities, delivering workshops and training sessions, facilitating access to healthcare services, and fostering a culture of empowerment and self-care.

### Activities and Initiatives in 2022:

1. **Outreach and Engagement:** Throughout 2022, the Men's Health Worker diligently engaged with the Traveller community in Offaly. They actively reached out to individuals and groups, building trust and rapport. By participating in community events, gatherings, and meetings, the Men's Health Worker effectively communicated the importance of men's health and encouraged individuals to take charge of their well-being.
2. **Health Workshops and Training:** To enhance health literacy and empower Traveller men, the Men's Health Worker organised a series of workshops and training sessions on various health topics. These sessions covered areas such as mental and physical health. By delivering culturally sensitive information and addressing specific concerns, the Men's Health Worker fostered a greater understanding and acceptance of health issues within the community.
3. **Mental Health Support:** The Men's Health Worker has played a crucial role in destigmatising mental health issues within the Traveller community. He has organised workshops focused on mental well-being. By creating a safe and non-judgmental environment, the programme has encouraged men to openly discuss their mental health concerns and seek appropriate help. This has resulted in increased mental health awareness and reduced stigma surrounding seeking support.
4. **Individual Support and Advocacy:** Recognising that each person's health journey is unique, the Men's Health Worker provided individualised support to Traveller men in Offaly. He offered referrals to confidential counselling, to appropriate healthcare providers, and assistance in navigating the healthcare system. By advocating for the needs and rights of Traveller men, the Men's Health Worker helped overcome barriers to accessing healthcare services and promoted the importance of regular check-ups and preventive care.
5. **Collaborations and Partnerships:** The Men's Health Worker actively collaborated with local healthcare providers, community organisations, and relevant stakeholders to enhance the impact of his work. He fostered partnerships that allowed for a holistic approach to men's health, ensuring a comprehensive network of support and resources for the Traveller community. Through these collaborations, the Men's Health Worker successfully bridged gaps in service provision and facilitated a seamless continuum of care.

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### **Impact and Outcomes:**

The work of the Men's Health Worker at OTM in 2022 yielded significant outcomes for the Traveller community in Offaly. By actively engaging with individuals, conducting workshops, and providing personalised support, he empowered Traveller men to make informed decisions about their health. The initiatives led to an increased awareness of health issues, improved access to healthcare services, and enhanced overall well-being within the community. Through their efforts, the Men's Health Worker contributed to reducing health disparities and promoting equity among Traveller men.

The Men's Health Worker at OTM played a pivotal role in advancing the health and well-being of Traveller men in Offaly throughout 2022. Their dedication, advocacy, and collaboration fostered positive change within the community. As we move forward, OTM remains committed to prioritising men's health, ensuring that Traveller men have the support and resources they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. With the continued efforts of our Men's Health Worker, we are confident in our ability to create lasting impact and improve health outcomes for the Traveller male community in Offaly.

### **Men's Soccer Team – St Michaels Athletic**

Recognising the potential of sports as a catalyst for change, OTM established St. Michaels Athletic Soccer programme to provide opportunities for young Travellers to engage in a positive and structured activity. This programme is a remarkable initiative that exemplifies the power of sports in fostering social inclusion and empowering marginalised communities.



### **The Power of Sport:**

Sport has long been recognised as a tool for social change, breaking down barriers, and fostering inclusivity. The Offaly Traveller Movement's Soccer Programme harnesses the transformative power of sport to create an environment where young Travellers can develop valuable life skills, build self-confidence, and challenge stereotypes.

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**Empowering Communities:**

Through regular training sessions and competitive matches, St. Michaels Athletic creates a sense of belonging and pride within the Traveller community. Participants are provided with a safe space to develop their athletic abilities, form meaningful relationships, and embrace leadership roles within the team.

**Personal Development and Skill-Building:**

Beyond the physical aspects of the sport, the Soccer Programme focuses on holistic personal development. Coaches and mentors provide guidance and support, nurturing the participants' skills not only in soccer but also in communication, teamwork, discipline, and resilience. These skills prove invaluable in various aspects of their lives, including education, employment, and personal relationships.

**Promoting Social Inclusion:**

One of the core objectives of the Soccer Programme is to challenge social exclusion and discrimination faced by the Traveller community. By engaging in sports, young Travellers gain exposure to a broader network of individuals from diverse backgrounds. This helps break down stereotypes, foster understanding, and create a more inclusive society.

**Community Integration:**

The success of St. Michaels Athletic extends beyond the soccer field. Through tournaments and community events, the initiative actively promotes community integration. By organising matches with other local teams and involving non-Traveller members of the community, the programme builds bridges, promotes mutual respect, and strengthens community cohesion.

**Inspiring Future Generations:**

The positive impact of the Offaly Traveller Movement's Soccer Programme extends beyond the immediate participants. By providing young Travellers with positive role models and creating an environment where their talents are recognised and celebrated, the programme inspires future generations to strive for success, breaking cycles of marginalisation and limited opportunities.

In 2022, with thanks to Frank Kavanagh and John Rattigan, St. Michaels Athletic registered with the Football Association of Ireland and entered the Combined Counties Football League. This new programme stands as a shining example of how sport can transform lives, empower communities, and drive positive change. By combining the passion for soccer with a commitment to social inclusion, the programme has successfully provided young Travellers in Offaly with a platform to develop their skills, build relationships, and overcome obstacles. Through their ongoing efforts, the Offaly Traveller Movement continues to advocate for the rights and well-being of the Traveller community, demonstrating the immense potential of sports in promoting equality and empowerment.

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## Men's Shed & Women's Shed

The Men's Shed is a community-based project that aims to provide a safe and supportive environment for Traveller men, offering opportunities for social interaction, skill-sharing, and personal development.

### Impact and Achievements:

Over the past year, 2022, the Men's Shed has become a thriving hub where



Traveller men gather to engage in various activities, share stories, and build lasting friendships. 966 interventions were recorded for the Men's shed in 2022. It has proven to be a powerful catalyst for personal growth and community cohesion. Here are some of the key achievements and impacts observed in 2022:

1. **Skill Development:** The Men's Shed has served as a platform for members to learn and develop new skills. From carpentry and woodworking to metalwork and traditional crafts, the Shed has provided access to training and resources, empowering individuals to become proficient in their chosen areas of interest.
2. **Personal Growth:** The Men's Shed became a transformative space for personal growth, allowing individuals to explore their interests, discover hidden talents, and reclaim a sense of purpose. The initiative celebrated the achievements of its participants, be it a beautifully crafted woodwork piece or a newfound passion for painting, encouraging continuous self-improvement.
3. **Mental Health and Well-being:** The Men's Shed has played a vital role in promoting positive mental health and well-being within the Traveller community. By creating a supportive and non-judgmental space, the Shed has encouraged open discussions on mental health, fostering a sense of belonging and reducing social isolation.
4. **Social Connections:** The Men's Shed has become a social hub where individuals can come together, form friendships, and engage in meaningful conversations. Through regular meetings, outings, and collaborative projects, members have built a strong support network, combatting loneliness and strengthening community bonds.
5. **Cultural Preservation:** The Men's Shed has provided a platform for preserving and promoting Traveller culture and traditions. Elders within the community have passed down their knowledge and expertise to younger generations, ensuring the continuity of invaluable skills and practices.

The success of the Men's Shed Initiative can be attributed, in large part, to the strong partnerships and collaborations forged in 2022. OTM worked closely with relevant stakeholders to secure funding and available resources but also helped to break down barriers and to foster a sense of unity among diverse groups.

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We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to local organisations, funders, and community members who have generously contributed their time, resources, and expertise to the Men's Shed initiative. Together, we have created a space that celebrates the diversity and strength of the Traveller community.

As we reflect on the successes of the Men's Shed in 2022, we also recognise the ongoing challenges that lie ahead. We remain committed to expanding our efforts, reaching out to more individuals, and further empowering the Traveller community. In the coming year, we aim to enhance the accessibility and sustainability of the Men's Shed, ensuring its continued impact for years to come.



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## **Empowering Women and Building Community: Offaly Traveller Movement Women's Shed - Chatters & Matters**

In recent years, women's sheds have emerged as empowering spaces for women of all backgrounds to connect, share experiences, and acquire new skills. The Offaly Traveller Movement Women's Shed, known as Chatters & Matters established in 2022, is a remarkable initiative that is making a significant impact in Offaly and beyond. This is invaluable work being done by Chatters & Matters in empowering Traveller women, fostering community engagement, and promoting personal growth. In 2022, there were 409 interventions with the Traveller women in the Women's shed.

**Empowerment through Collaboration:** Chatters & Matters is a safe and inclusive space where Traveller women can come together, share their stories, and explore their talents and skills. By providing a supportive environment, the Women's Shed encourages personal development, self-expression, and the exchange of knowledge. Through collaboration and shared experiences, women gain confidence, build resilience, and develop new skills, ultimately empowering them to thrive in all aspects of life.

**Addressing Challenges and Breaking Barriers:** Traveller women face unique challenges and barriers that can hinder their social and economic well-being. Chatters & Matters recognises these challenges and actively works to address them. The Women's Shed offers a range of programmes and workshops that focus on developing skills such as literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and various handicrafts. By equipping women with practical skills and knowledge, Chatters & Matters enables them to overcome barriers and pursue new opportunities.

**Promoting Well-being and Mental Health:** The Women's Shed is not just a place for skills development; it also serves as a support network for the emotional well-being of its participants. Regular social activities, such as tea and chat sessions and group outings, provide opportunities for women to connect, share, and seek support from their peers. The supportive environment fosters a sense of belonging and combats social isolation, contributing to improved mental health and overall well-being.

**Community Engagement and Advocacy:** Chatters & Matters plays a vital role in community engagement and advocacy for Traveller women. The Women's Shed encourages active participation in community events and initiatives, empowering women to have a voice and contribute to decision-making processes. By raising awareness about the issues faced by Traveller women, Chatters & Matters advocates for social change and promotes greater understanding and acceptance within society.

**Collaborative Partnerships and Sustainable Growth:** The success of Chatters & Matters is due, in large part, to its collaborative partnerships with local organisations, government agencies, and businesses. By leveraging these partnerships, the Women's Shed secures resources, funding, and expertise to support its programmes and activities. Furthermore, these collaborations foster a sense of shared responsibility and enhance the sustainability and long-term growth of Chatters & Matters.

Chatters & Matters, is a powerful force in promoting the empowerment and well-being of Traveller women in Offaly. Through its inclusive and supportive environment, the Women's Shed encourages personal growth, skills development, and community engagement. By addressing the unique challenges faced by Traveller women and fostering a sense of belonging, Chatters & Matters paves the

way for a brighter future, not only for the women involved but for the entire community. This remarkable initiative serves as a shining example of how women's sheds can make a lasting impact on individuals, communities, and society as a whole.

## Francesca Hutchinson – ‘Beady Pockets’ Exhibition



Split Space Art Joint  
Tullamore

*Inspired by her own grandmother, Offaly-based Traveller artist Francesca Hutchinson began researching Beady Pockets as part of her BA in Fine Art studies. In 2022, Francesca hosted a special workshop for Offaly Traveller Movement where 20 participants joined her to learn about and create their own Beady Pockets. Beady Pockets have huge significance within the Traveller community, particularly for the older generation. Traditionally, the pockets would be hand sewn and decorated with buttons, colourful threads and holy medals and passed from mother to daughter.*



# Mental Health Department

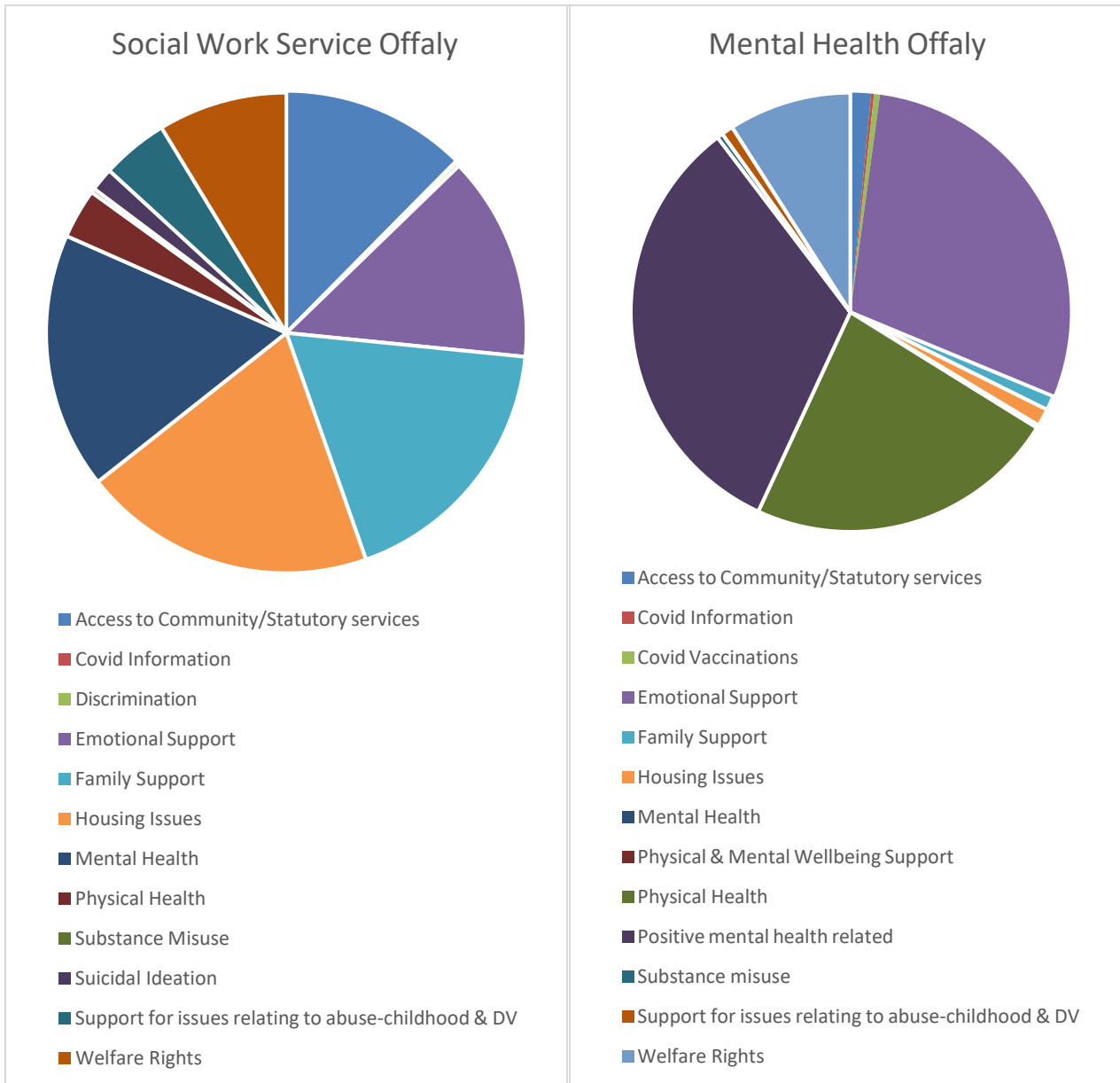
## Travelling to Wellbeing (T2WB)

Travelling to Wellbeing (T2WB) continues to offer a dedicated culturally appropriate, clinical, therapeutic, recovery focused mental health service for Travellers in Offaly. This service is provided by way of individual and group support, family support, crisis intervention, mental health recovery programmes, advocacy and referral pathways to other services to Travellers throughout the County. Travelling to Wellbeing continues to work in partnership and co-production with a range of services, promoting and developing mental health training and local community mental health initiatives, while utilising the departments in OTM,



Men's Health, Accommodation, Community Development and Primary Healthcare to address the needs of Travellers who engage with the service. A new social worker Aislinn Daly joined the team in May 2022. OTM decided to place this worker in Laois Traveller Action Group for 2 days a week as a pilot due to ongoing demand for the service in neighbouring counties. It has been a great success and the Travellers in Laois have benefited greatly from the service. OTM will continue to support LTAG to secure funding for same. Aislinn has spent significant time this year networking and building relationships with other agencies such as Public Health Nursing, Parents First, TUSLA, CAMHS, Offaly County Council, Barnardo's and Adult Mental Health services.

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a severe impact on Traveller mental health which was already at a crisis point so 2022 was busier than ever before. 486 individual interventions took place in relation to mental health and 1,813 social work interventions and clients were met and supported in their homes or by phone. Below outlines the issues that the Travelling to Wellbeing Service and social workers supported with. The Issues are broken down into social work service issues, pie chart 1 and mental health issues, pie chart 2.



In addition to the specific interventions above, the T2WB team and the Mental Health Coordinator undertook a number of interesting and effective programmes and initiatives during 2022 with and for Travellers in Offaly. They include the following;

- Seven wellbeing groups were delivered in Offaly throughout 2022 in Banagher, Birr and Tullamore. These groups ran for 6 weeks each. There was great attendance at an Introduction to Beauty, Clay Sculpting and Make the Most of Your own Makeup. These groups were supported by the LOETB.
- The T2WB Team presented at a HSE Recovery & Engagement Learning Set for Travellers. This



event, held in the Hilton Hotel Dublin, was looking at models of best practice of culturally appropriate mental health engagement and recovery. The Learning Set was attended by Traveller organisations and statutory services.

- Delivered workshops on 'what is mental health' and 'what is stress and how can we manage it' to both the OTM Men's shed and the Woman's Shed.
- The team organised a Mass in the OTM Hazel Hub to celebrate World Suicide Prevention Day 2022. Over 30 members of the community who have been affected by

suicide attended the mass and brought along a photograph or memento of their loved one who has passed away.

- Spark Ignite and HSE Mental Health Engagement and Recovery Event was attended at the Aisling Hotel, Dublin. The purpose of this event was to review the Ethnic Minorities and Mental Health Guidelines developed by the Mental Health Commission and Mental Health Reform. The T2WB team presented at many local and national conferences during 2022.
- The team in the Mental Health Department in OTM attended many professional development workshops and seminars throughout the year e.g., Workshop for Professionals and Key Contact People Providing support to those Bereaved by Suicide, Making Every Contact Count Training, First Aid Response training, SafeTALK, WRAP Training – Wellness Recovery Action Planning etc.

## Offaly Traveller Counselling Service

2022 has been a very busy year for the Offaly Traveller Movement Counselling service. As we work with the most marginalised and disadvantaged community in the county, we ensure that our services and programmes are culturally appropriate, innovative, and creative and fully engaged with by the local Traveller community. When a Traveller presents to our service it is not just with one issue, it is a multitude of complex issues that have escalated over many years due to a lack of engagement with other services. The issues that people present with include: Depression, Anxiety, Homelessness, Suicidal Ideation, Domestic Violence, Living in Fear, Relationship Breakdown, Family Issues and Bereavement to name a few. Offaly Traveller Movement, with limited funding from TUSLA, continue to offer a culturally inclusive counselling service to individuals, families and children who are in crisis and require an immediate response to ensure that they are supported without delay and can continue to engage in order to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Working in partnership with the National Traveller Counselling Service we ensure that our counselling service in Offaly is culturally appropriate and in accordance with best practice. Our counsellor has an understanding of Traveller lifestyle, culture, norms, and traditions. This ensures that service users' culture is considered,

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respected, and understood. It is now recognised internationally that it is crucial to take culture into account when providing a counselling service to members of a minority or other ethnic group, as the norms, values and traditions of that group will not be the same as the majority community and their experience will be very different. Not to acknowledge this difference could reinforce the discrimination, inequality, and lack of respect which the members of that group have experienced in wider society. The counselling service is available to all members of the Traveller community in the Counselling office in Tullamore.

We were delighted to welcome Sharon Spain to the post of counsellor in 2022.

Sharon has completed several appropriate trainings through the National Traveller Counselling Service since she commenced her role such as 'Counselling with Travellers - How it is different', 'Pharma issues within Counselling' and 'Addiction Training'.

## Youth Department



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Offaly Traveller Movement Youth Project provides a vibrant and dedicated space for Traveller youth engagement. OTM youth aims to offer social and recreational opportunities for young Travellers, empowering them to actively engage in their community, while raising awareness of issues affecting them and promoting self-esteem and confidence. OTM Youth provides social support to young Travellers in Offaly and helps them to explore personal development opportunities. With a distinct focus on culturally appropriate youth service provision, we provide a secure and inclusive platform for young Travellers aged 10 and above.

Our objective is to facilitate the development of young Travellers in the county and provide peer mentorship. Through our initiatives, we establish and maintain a collaborative relationship with young Travellers, empowering them to actively participate in community decision-making. We aim to provide young people with social and recreational outlets, with innovative methods to promote inclusivity and encourage them to appropriately and actively challenge discrimination in society.

OTM Youth operates under the UBU, Your Place, Your Space National Framework, through the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth accordance with the UBU Targeted youth service requirement. The scheme informs our work with Traveller young people under three specific development outcome areas which include: 1. Communication, 2. Confidence and Agency, and 3. Resilience and Determination.

In 2022, a total of 455 interventions were carried out with young individuals in Offaly, encompassing diverse activities such as art and crafts, music, capacity building games, individual sessions, well-being initiatives, team building exercises, creative design, photography, recreational and seasonal events. We provided advice, advocacy, educational support, and fostered collaboration with schools, colleges, and other relevant services. In the summer young people enjoyed a trip to Fort Lucan and took part in the annual Traveller Pride festival, while displaying their creativity by designing their own logo and crafting unique t-shirts for themselves and their youth workers. They also actively engaged with College Connect and the Technological University of the Shannon, contributing to research on the educational needs of marginalised groups and participating in educational programme planning with the Access office.

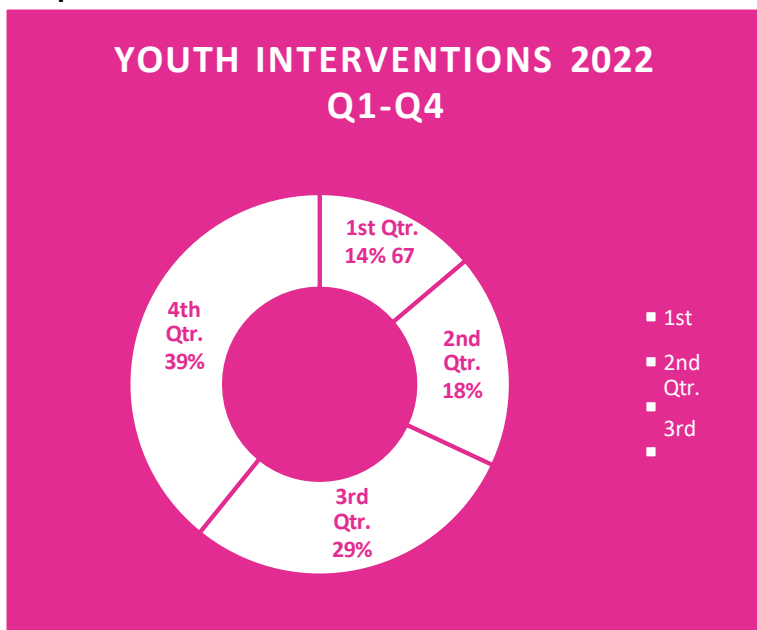
In September & October OTM Youth designed, planned, and coordinated “The Bigger Picture” photography project in conjunction with local Photographer Eva Donlon. The focus of this project was to develop a series of photographs that challenge stereotypes and host a photo exhibition to showcase these pictures to the wider community. The photographs aimed to illustrate a diverse visual portrayal of young Travellers developed through workshops and photo shoots in a variety of local settings representing their individual personalities, interests, and qualities, allowing them to feature artistically in a positive manner, which reflects their realities and opposes generalised negative views of Traveller culture. The group hosted a photo exhibition at the end of the Project in the Hazel Hub and labelled each Photograph with a story it told. Minister Pippa Hackett was one of the many attendees of the exhibition on the day, making it a great success for the young people involved. Following on from this, the exhibition has been featured thereafter, in Croke Park at the National Traveller Mental Health Conference and the Traveller Suicide Prevention Concert at O Reillys theatre in Dublin.



In 2022, seasonal activities presented positive opportunities for peer support and social development for OTM Youth members. A well-attended Halloween disco in October 2022 proved popular with both juniors and seniors. Like every year our Christmas event involved a visit from Santa Claus. As part of our pre-Christmas festivities, OTM Youth went ice skating at the Blanchardstown ice rink in Dublin, which as always, concluded the year on a fun and positive note.

Key activities of OTM Youth for the year included:

### Snapshot of 2022



**Jan & Feb:** Outreach, one to ones, UBU outcome area focused activities within the drop-in clubs.

**March & April:** Outreach, information, Advocacy, education support in collaboration with Tusla Education welfare.

**June & July** Summer activities including a trip to Fort Lucan Water Park

**August:** Collaborative consultation with College Connect informing development of an educational programme.

Participation in research with TUS Access office

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**Sept & October** Educational programme day at TUS which included tour and sample sessions of new technological courses and college and career options.

Two Halloween discos, one for juniors and the other for seniors in the Hazel Hub.

Photography project, the Bigger Picture was carried out throughout September and October and the final exhibition was held in the Hazel Hub at the end of October.



**December:** OTM youth members trip to ice skating at Blanchardstown ice rink in Dublin A festive Christmas event at the Hazel Hub which included a visit from Santa Claus.



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# Education & Training

## Local Training Initiative (LTI)

**Local Training Initiative (LTI)** - we are currently delivering our second Traveller specific LTI which will be completed in 2023. An LTI is a certified training course for people aged 18 to 35, who are not in employment, education or training delivered in a community setting. We have two Traveller Assistant Coordinators, Celine McInerney and Ian McDonagh, who are doing great work in helping to deliver the course and engage with our learners. This culturally appropriate Traveller specific training



course addresses the significant barriers Travellers face when accessing education, training and employment. 'Skills for Life' QQI Level 3 General Learning award will enable our students to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to seek employment or further education. We encourage our learners to develop their existing skills and learn new skills in an environment that is tailored to meet their individual needs. With special thanks to the LOETB our Hazel hub is a comfortable and well-equipped training centre and it is a safe space and a welcoming environment for our learners to develop valuable employment related skills and knowledge while contributing to their community. The OTM LTI also included additional workshops, talks, activities, and trips during the year.





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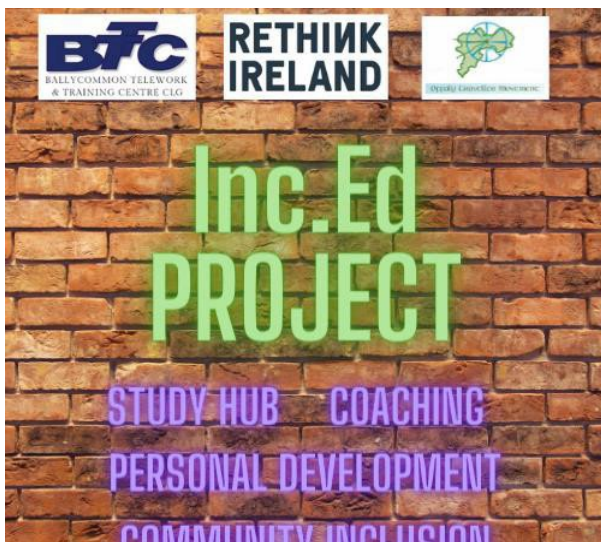
## Adult Literacy and Numeracy Programme & Community Education

Our strengthening relationship with the LOETB keeps on going and in 2022 we saw a number of programs delivered with the help of the LOETB. Our Adult Literacy and Numeracy programme moved directly to the LOETB in Castle Buildings in Tullamore where the students continue on their journey. Covid did have an impact on the range and scale of courses that could be delivered but we were able to provide some Beauty courses in 2022 with the help of Community Education. These courses took place across the year. If you have an idea for a community programme that you would like delivered, you can contact us here at the OTM and we will gladly check it out to see if we can provide it for you.

## NUIG Midlands Diploma

9 Travellers from Offaly were successful in applying for a place on a Level 7 Diploma in Community Development in Practice, with a focus on community wellbeing. The Diploma will be accredited by NUI Galway and delivered in Tullamore with occasional days to the university campus in Galway. In February 2022, the participants began a comprehensive 6 months preparation programme which included literacy and computer supports. This initiative is a partnership between Exchange House Dublin, Offaly Traveller Movement, Laois Traveller Action Group, Westmeath Traveller Project and Longford Traveller Health Care Project. It is run in conjunction with Laois Offaly Education and Training Board (LOETB), Community Action Network and Offaly Local Development Company. A steering committee, of which OTM is a member (Karen Boylan – Mental Health Coordinator), meets regularly to support the role out of the programme. The course commenced in September 2022 and OTM would like to wish the participants all the best with their studies.

## Inclusive Education Project



In Ireland, Traveller children often face significant challenges and barriers when it comes to accessing quality education. The Inclusive Education Project was developed in 2022 with the vision of ensuring that Traveller children in Offaly receives equal opportunities for academic success, personal growth, and social inclusion.

The Inclusive Education Project is a collaboration between Offaly Traveller Movement and Ballycommon Telework & Training Centre. It is funded by Rethink Ireland through the Equity in Education Fund 2022 for three years. This project aims are to

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address the educational disparities faced by Traveller students in the Offaly community. Over the course of the year, we implemented a range of initiatives and collaborated with various stakeholders to foster inclusive and empowering educational environments for Traveller students.

**Enhancing Access:** We aimed to improve access to education for Traveller students by working closely with schools, local authorities, and educational institutions. Our focus was on reducing barriers to enrolment and creating supportive pathways for Traveller students and their families.

**Building Cultural Awareness:** We sought to foster cultural awareness and understanding within the education system. By promoting Traveller culture and heritage, we aimed to combat prejudice, stereotypes, and discrimination, ultimately creating a more inclusive educational environment for all.

**Strengthening Parental Engagement:** We recognised the vital role of parents in supporting their children's education. Through workshops, support groups, and one-on-one guidance, we encouraged parental involvement, empowering families to actively engage in their children's academic journeys.

The Offaly Traveller Movement's Inclusive Education Project has made significant strides in creating an inclusive and empowering educational landscape for Traveller students in Offaly. Through our collaborations, advocacy efforts, and targeted interventions, we have taken significant steps towards addressing the educational disparities faced by Traveller children.

We extend our sincere gratitude to ReThink Ireland for their generous support, which has been instrumental in bringing about positive change in the lives of Traveller students. As we move forward, we remain committed to working towards a future where every child, regardless of their background, can access quality education and achieve their full potential.

We would like to express our appreciation to our partners, stakeholders, and the dedicated individuals who have contributed to the success of this project. Together, we will continue to build a more inclusive and equitable education system for all.



***Minister Pippa Hackett  
enjoying the Bigger Picture  
Photo Exhibition at OTM  
Hazel Hub at the end of  
October 2022***

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# Horse Project

The horse project in 2022 enabled many different groups to come together, through their horse culture and passion for learning in the great outdoors. Some of the 2022 highlights include the following:

- **The Kilcruttin site group** reinstated meetings at the Hazel Hub and a resident's association was formed, with members representing each family on the site. The group had a family day in the Hazel Hub at Christmas, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, with a visit from Santa was the exciting highlight for the 50 children from Kilcruttin.
- Throughout the year, the **Crazy Mares women's group** worked well with the Chatters and Matters women's shed under the driving force of Geraldine Ward. The Crazy Mares are up for any adventure and in 2022 this included forest bathing in Birr Castle, an OLDC initiative and trip to the social farming in Wicklow. Also, a very special day flower potting and wreath making in the Hazel Hub with our much-loved member Lily Kavanagh.



- The **Junior Crazy Mares** group is a spin off from the women's Crazy Mares initiative, established in 2020. The youth group included children as young as two years old. The children took part in sensory learning activities, with the horse as the central theme. Sand, paint, water, and real horse equipment engaged the young people in an experiential learning journey. The men's shed built chairs and a sandbox to facilitate these activities, which brought a great sense of community sharing to all those involved. In 2022, a social farming trip to Ballycreen social farm in Wicklow took place, with parents and everyone involved thoroughly embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature, animals and horses. The trip to a forest school offered an experiential learning environment, encouraged

development of skills and confidence.

- The horse project collaborated with the Men's Shed and shared skills on an **intergenerational visit** to Wicklow for social farming activities. The older men shared their tent making skills with the younger generation.
- **Traveller Pride** is always a big day for members of the horse project and 2022 was no exception. Horse Project members assisted with the mobile farm and a Crazy Mares

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colouring competition was a great success. The pictures to colour in were drawn by talented Traveller artist Dermot Ward, many thanks to him.

In addition to all the activities throughout the year, our amazing Horse Project facilitator, Lesley Jones provides ongoing one to one advice, information, and support to the Traveller community in Offaly on equine ownership. She also plays a significant and important role in relationship building between the Offaly County Council and Travellers in Offaly, particularly the residents on the Tullamore halting sites.



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# Accommodation

2022 was a very busy year for accommodation work. In January 2022 data from the Department of Housing, showed the number of homeless people was 9,150, including 2,563 children. A disproportion percentage of these were Traveller men, women and children. While the national homeless crisis continued to get worse throughout the year, OTM continued to offer advice, support and information to those who needed it most. Some of the work highlights of the year are the following:

- Outreach in the community: delivery of food to families living who were in food and fuel poverty in partnership with local charity throughout the year.
- Organised and facilitated the reconvening of the Women's Midland Health Network.
- Liaised with Offaly County Council and other local authorities, AHB's, Legal Aid Board, MABS, CIC and ITM to provide support and advocacy to families with accommodation/housing issues.
- Requested housing files under the FOI from agencies on behalf of clients.
- Worked in partnership with the Offaly Fire Service to roll out the Fire Safety and Wellbeing Programme throughout Offaly, calling to all Travellers homes to check out fire safety equipment and replacing same. Logged fault/repair reports to OCC.
- Worked with the Traveller Tenancy Support Officer Offaly County Council advocating for housing issues for Travellers
- Organised a 6-week carers course with Family Carers Ireland manager for Laois/Offaly for Traveller Community. Hosted in Family Carers Ireland, Tullamore.
- Outreach in the community
- Worked closely with OTM Social Worker on complex cases.
- Supervised and mentored students on placement from IT's/Universities.
- Engaged with Community Gardai.
- Represented the Traveller community on the BOM of Offaly Domestic Violence Support Services.
- Referred service users to FLAC.
- LTACC Subgroup; OCC/OTM/HSE/TMS Housing Group with multiple services to improve living standards for community on Kilcruttin Halting Site
- Supported individuals/families with one-to-one support, advice, and advocacy.
- Worked with PHC workers weekly.

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# Promotion of Traveller Culture & Ethnicity

## Traveller Pride Family Festival 2022



On July 23rd at Charleville Castle in Tullamore, a powerful celebration of culture, resilience, and unity took place in the form of the Offaly Traveller Movements Traveller Pride Family Festival. This extraordinary event not only shed light on the rich traditions and contributions of the Traveller community but also fostered a sense of pride and belonging among its participants. By bringing together over 400 people from diverse backgrounds and promoting understanding, the festival proved to be an inspiring showcase of the strength and resilience of the Traveller community.

The Offaly Traveller Movement Traveller Pride Family Festival 2022 stood as a testament to the importance of embracing diversity and fostering inclusion. The festival created a safe and inclusive space for people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds to come together and celebrate the unique heritage and customs of the Traveller community. By opening its doors to the wider public, the event

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successfully promoted cross-cultural understanding and respect, breaking down barriers and challenging stereotypes.

At the heart of the Traveller Pride Family Festival was the celebration of the Traveller community's rich cultural heritage. From traditional music and dance performances to cultural exhibitions, and children's entertainment, the festival showcased the vibrancy and artistic prowess of the Traveller community. By providing a platform for local artists, musicians, and performers, the event allowed attendees to immerse themselves in the captivating beauty of Traveller culture and gain a deeper appreciation for its significance in Irish society. People had the opportunity to engage with members of the Traveller community, listen to their stories, and gain insights into their lived experiences.



The Offaly Traveller Movement Traveller Pride Family Festival 2022 stands as a shining example of the power of community, culture, and resilience. By bringing together people from all walks of life, the festival showcased the vibrant traditions and contributions of the Traveller community while fostering cross-cultural understanding and promoting social change. This remarkable event served as a reminder of the importance of embracing diversity, challenging stereotypes, and building inclusive societies. Through the Traveller Pride Family Festival, Offaly has set a precedent for celebrating culture, fostering unity, and empowering communities, inspiring others to follow suit.

This family fun day was funded by the Department of Children Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and coordinated by Offaly Traveller Movement, as part of a series of events held throughout the country for National Traveller Pride week. Traveller Pride events nationally, aim to improve partnerships between Traveller and settled communities, and promote cultural awareness of Travellers in Ireland.



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## Traveller Pilgrimage to Fatima 2022 - A Journey of Faith and Unity



In July 2022, the Offaly Traveller Movement embarked on a transformative pilgrimage to Fatima, a sacred site nestled in the picturesque landscape of Portugal. This spiritual journey brought together members of the Traveller community and non-Travellers, fostering a sense of unity, faith, and deepening their connection to their shared heritage. The Offaly Traveller Movement's pilgrimage to Fatima served as a powerful testament to the enduring strength of their community and their



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unwavering devotion to their beliefs.

**Discovering Fatima:** As the pilgrimage unfolded, participants were captivated by the rich history and significance of Fatima. The town is renowned worldwide for the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, in 1917. These apparitions and the messages conveyed have since become a cornerstone of Catholic devotion.

**Embracing Spiritual Renewal:** The journey to Fatima provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection for the Offaly Traveller Movement participants. In the peaceful surroundings of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, they immersed themselves in prayer, seeking solace and guidance in their personal and collective challenges. The sacredness of the site evoked a sense of awe and reverence, fostering a deep connection with their faith.

**Unity and Solidarity:** The Offaly Traveller Movement's pilgrimage to Fatima was not only a journey of personal spiritual growth but also a chance to strengthen the bonds of unity within their community. As they shared in prayer, attended mass, and engaged in communal activities, they discovered the profound support and solidarity that emerges from walking a spiritual path together. The pilgrimage served as a reminder of the strength they draw from one another and the resilience of their community.

**Cultural Celebration:** The pilgrimage to Fatima also provided an occasion for the Offaly Traveller Movement to celebrate and showcase their unique cultural heritage. Through music, dance, storytelling, and traditional arts and crafts, they shared their traditions with fellow pilgrims from different backgrounds. The vibrant colours, lively tunes, and joyful expressions of the Traveller community created an atmosphere of inclusivity and appreciation for cultural diversity.

**Return Home: Carrying the Spirit of Fatima:** As the Offaly Traveller Movement's pilgrimage to Fatima drew to a close, participants returned home carrying the spirit of Fatima within their hearts. The experiences and insights gained during their time in Fatima would continue to guide them on their individual and collective paths. They would cherish the memories of their shared journey and carry the lessons learned into their daily lives, becoming ambassadors of peace, compassion, and unity within their community.

The memories and lessons from this pilgrimage will continue to inspire and guide them in their ongoing pursuit of spiritual growth and cultural preservation.

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## Offaly County Council Volunteer Community Awards 2022

Offaly County Council Volunteer Community Awards 2022 recognised the remarkable efforts of the Offaly Traveller Movement in promoting inclusivity and supporting minority groups. The prestigious award, bestowed upon OTM, acknowledges their tireless commitment to advocating for the rights and well-being of Travellers in Offaly. This recognition highlights the organisation's invaluable contributions to fostering a more equitable and inclusive society.



The Offaly Traveller Movement has consistently demonstrated its dedication to empowering and uplifting marginalised communities, striving to create a more just and inclusive environment for all. By engaging with local authorities, educational institutions, and various stakeholders, OTM has been instrumental in raising awareness about the unique challenges faced by the Traveller community.

The Volunteer Community Awards provide a platform to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional efforts of individuals and organisations that make a positive impact on society. OTM's recognition in the 2022 edition serves as a testament to their remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to social justice.

Through their numerous initiatives, OTM has made significant strides in advocating for Travellers' rights, promoting social inclusion, and addressing discrimination. Their dedicated staff team works

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tirelessly to support Travellers in areas such as education, health, accommodation, and employment, ensuring that they have access to equal opportunities and resources. By organising workshops, seminars, and community events, they foster understanding, encourage dialogue, and challenge stereotypes surrounding the Traveller community.

The Offaly Traveller Movement's collaborative approach has been crucial in establishing partnerships with local authorities, community organisations, and government agencies. These partnerships have led to positive policy changes and improved services for the Traveller community. By engaging in constructive dialogue and advocating for their rights, OTM has successfully influenced decision-making processes and brought about positive change.

The recognition of the Offaly Traveller Movement by the Offaly County Council Volunteer Community Awards 2022 demonstrates the acknowledgment and appreciation of their significant contributions. This honour serves as an inspiration to others, encouraging further efforts to promote inclusivity and support marginalised groups.

The Offaly Traveller Movement's dedication to improving the lives of Travellers in Offaly is truly commendable. The award received from the Offaly County Council Volunteer Community Awards 2022 is a well-deserved recognition of their tireless work and unwavering commitment. The impact of their initiatives will continue to resonate within the community, fostering greater equality, understanding, and social cohesion.

# Thanks to our Funders

The resources to support OTM's work come from a number of sources, including government departments and state bodies, grants received for specific projects and donations from individual supporters. OTM is deeply grateful to all our funders who have shown their commitment of greater respect and equality for members of the Traveller community in Offaly. This funding enables us to provide vital services and support within the community and to effect and drive change.

In 2022, we are very proud to have welcomed more funders than ever before. The financial support has accorded OTM a stronger voice championing greater equality and respect for Travellers in Offaly.

To our funders – your continued support is much appreciated.



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,  
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt  
Department of Justice



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Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí  
Department of Social Protection

# Financial Report 2022

## Schedule of Income and Expenditure for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	€	€
<b>Note 1: Income</b>		
NTP	103,128	100,125
NTP Surplus Funds	4,005	-
Youth DCEDIY/LOETB	54,416	49,823
LOETB Magic Show Traveller Pride	325	-
Health Service Executive	230,914	227,485
HSE Mental Health-T2WB	98,237	68,729
HSE - THU	7,930	6,542
HSE - Mediation	-	2,214
HSE - Covid Emergency Response Team	-	4,464
HSE - Men's Shed	20,891	3,926
HSE - Building Repairs Men's Shed	3,000	-
HSE - Men's Shed Rent	-	3,500
HSE - Lotto Grant	4,605	4,900
HSE - Men's Health Initiative	712	-
HSE - Mental Health Research Project	11,318	-
HSE - Women's Shed	2,794	-
HSE - Mental Health Ireland	10,292	-
HSE - Inflation Support Funding	-	-
TUSLA	4,411	3,119
Tusla - Cultural Awareness	-	350
Traveller Pride Week	2,000	2,500
National Traveller Helpline	1,425	516
General Income	32,058	26,354
Lotto Grants	-	3,300
Miscellaneous Grants	3,242	9,384
DECDIY Minor Grants	2,259	-
Offaly County Council Grants	-	750
Offaly Local Community Development Committee	-	975
LOETB - MAEDF 2021 Grant to Organisation	-	4,995
LOETB - Women's Shed	550	-
LTI	110,519	110,958
Community Foundation - OTM Goes Digital	-	5,000
NTP - Surplus Funding	-	2,000
OCC - Wagon Project	8,890	-
Midlands Health Network	5,329	-
UN Poverty Grant	3,000	-
Exchange House	463	-
Mental Health Engagement & Recovery	12,000	-
TUS Tuition Grant	121	-
LCDC - Community Activity	2,700	-
Rent	1,085	-
	<u>742,619</u>	<u>641,909</u>

**Tullamore Travellers Movement Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	31 December 2022		31 December 2021	
		€	€	€	€
<b>Income</b>	<b>1</b>		742,619		641,909
<b>Expenditure</b>					
NTP	2	104,096		101,060	
Youth DCEDIY/LOETB	3	54,742		49,822	
Health Service Executive	4	233,017		225,381	
Health Service Executive - Men's Shed	5	20,856		7,426	
Health Service Executive - Health Networks	6	5,329		720	
Health Service Executive - TTM THU	7	7,930		6,542	
T2WB	8	98,180		68,729	
TUSLA	9	4,411		3,119	
Traveller Pride Week	10	2,000		2,504	
Lotto Grant	11	1,000		3,300	
General Expenses	12	33,616		17,449	
HSE Mediation	13	-		2,214	
HSE - Covid Emergency Response Team	14	-		4,464	
HSE - Lotto Grant	15	-		4,900	
Community Foundation - OTM Goes Digital	16	-		5,000	
Covid 19 National Traveller Helpline	17	1,945		516	
Offaly County Council Grant Expenditure	18	-		750	
LTI	19	110,518		110,948	
OCC - Community emergency Relief	20	-		959	
National Lottery	21	4,605		-	
TUS Athlone	22	121		-	
Health Service Executive - Women's Shed	23	2,794		-	
Mental Health Engagement & Recovery	24	12,000		-	
HSE - Mental Health Ireland	25	10,292		-	
HSE - Covid 19 Hygiene Packs	26	-		775	
LOETB - Mitigating Against Educational Disadvantage	27	-		4,995	
UCD Social Worker	28	-		295	
Horse Project Activities	29	-		1,827	
NTP Surplus Funding	30	2,500		2,000	
OCC Wagon Project	31	6,395		-	
DECDIY Minor Grant	32	2,261		-	
HSE Mental Health Research Project	33	13,956		-	
UN Poverty Grant	34	3,000		-	
Exchange House	35	462		-	
LCDC Community Activity	36	2,700		-	

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**Tullamore Travellers Movement Company Limited by Guarantee**

LOETB - Women's Shed	<b>37</b>	550	-
Unrestricted Funds	<b>38</b>	9,199	-
HSE Men's Health Initiative	<b>39</b>	712	-
LOETB Magic Show Traveller Pride	<b>40</b>	325	-
		<u>749,187</u>	<u>625,695</u>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year</b>		<u>(6,568)</u>	<u>16,214</u>