



Tyrrelstown Development Group

Tyrrelstown, Our Future

A Report on the Needs of our Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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Foreword

This executive summary, *Tyrrelstown, Our Future - A Report on the Needs of our Community* is the product of a 15-month research project for the Tyrrelstown Development Group (TDG). A crucial part of this project was hearing from our whole community through community workshops, surveys, focus groups and interviews with local residents and stakeholders. TDG members would like to thank everyone who participated in this process for sharing their insights and feedback. Without your engagement, this report would not have been possible.

Our focus was to understand needs of the community and priorities for the coming years. We have achieved this, and now have a strong sense of what we would like to achieve, and how to best engage with local stakeholders to accomplish this work. We are grateful to Robert O'Donoghue and the team at Quality Matters as well as Conor Ryan from Empower for their assistance with the research and development put into this report.

We would also like to acknowledge the local service providers who were vital to setting-up the focus groups and community workshops with local residents, as well as helping to guide this research. Lastly, the Tyrrelstown Development Group would like to thank Fingal County Council and Empower for the financial support to undertake this project, and their involvement throughout the process.

The Tyrrelstown Development Group hopes this report will benefit all of our community, our residents, our businesses, our services and community groups, and all those who live and work in Tyrrelstown. We hope this report encourages you to take part in making this future happen.

Nuala Kane
Chair of the Tyrrelstown Development Group

Background to the Report

This executive summary outlines the main findings and recommendations from a community needs analysis of Tyrrelstown, which was completed in early 2020.

Tyrrelstown is one of the youngest, fastest growing and most diverse communities in the country. This brings with it a number of challenges for local residents, community groups, businesses and local services. This needs analysis was commissioned by Tyrrelstown Development Group to understand important issues for this growing community, and what can be done in the coming years. The perspective of local residents and stakeholders was core to achieving our research aims, which were:

- To understand issues or needs of most concern for people living in Tyrrelstown
- To gather feedback from local stakeholders on the underlying causes of issues
- To identify solutions or actions to effectively respond to identified issues
- To develop a series of recommendations for Tyrrelstown Development Group, with consideration for how changing Covid-19 restrictions may affect this work

Quality Matters, a research charity, in-partnership with Conor Ryan from Empower were asked by Tyrrelstown Development Group to undertake this research and to support development of recommendations.

To access the full report please go to:
<https://tyrrelstowncc.ie/needs-analysis-full-report/>

What was the methodology?

- 1 Workshop with Tyrrelstown residents
- 2 Semi-structured phone interviews with local services and organisations in Tyrrelstown
- 3 Four focus groups with community residents and local community groups
- 4 Creation and distribution of online and on-street survey
- 5 Analysis of stakeholder feedback
- 6 Development of sociodemographic profile based on Census data and HP Deprivation Index
- 7 Workshop with Tyrrelstown Development Group and development of report recommendations

About Tyrrelstown Development Group

Tyrrelstown Development Group (TDG) was established in 2007 with a goal to bring local services and agencies together to understand and progress the needs of Tyrrelstown and its residents. In 2008, TDG with the support of its member agencies, commissioned its first research document “A Profile of the Needs of the Tyrrelstown Community”. This research supported the formation of the Tyrrelstown Residents Association who along with the various groups, including TDG, were key to supporting the community to engage in important decisions about the Community.

Members of the Tyrrelstown Development Group, at the time of developing this report were:

- Nuala Kane, Empower (Chair)
- Rob Webb, Tyrrelstown Community Centre CLG
- Conor Ryan, Empower
- Claire Clifford, Tyrrelstown Residents Community Council
- Lawrence Carvalho, Community representative
- Megan Reilly, Foróige
- Marc Gallagher, Foróige
- Rafe Costigan, Fingal County Council
- Shane O’Neill, Tyrrelstown Community Centre

Breakdown of Research Participants

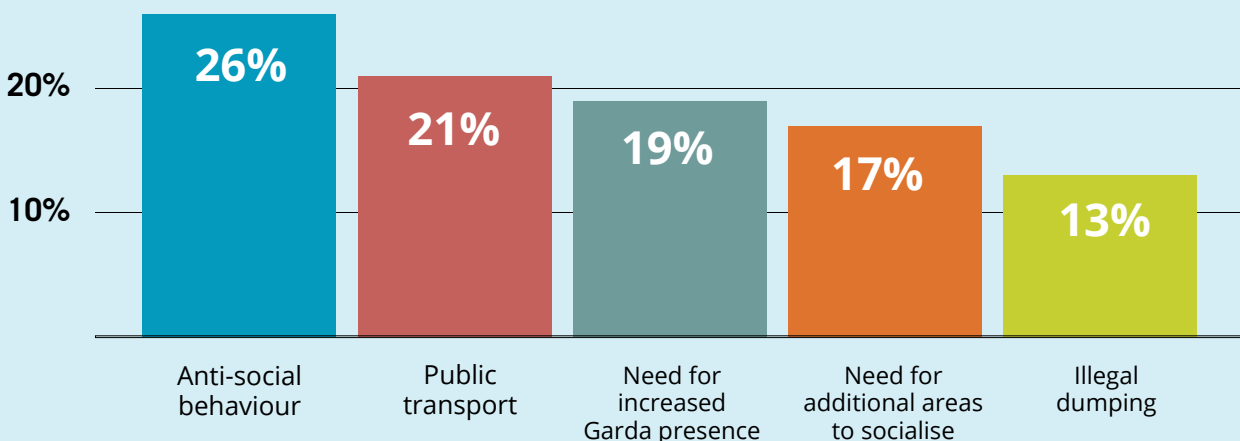
People who took part in the research

PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED BY	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Surveys	355
Focus Groups	28
Community Workshops	24
Interviews	8



Issues of Greatest Concern

The top-five concerns for the local community were:



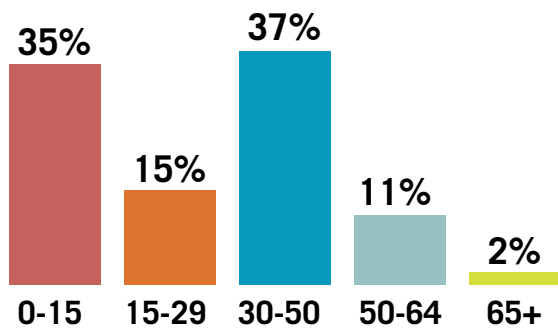
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Findings on the Needs of our Community

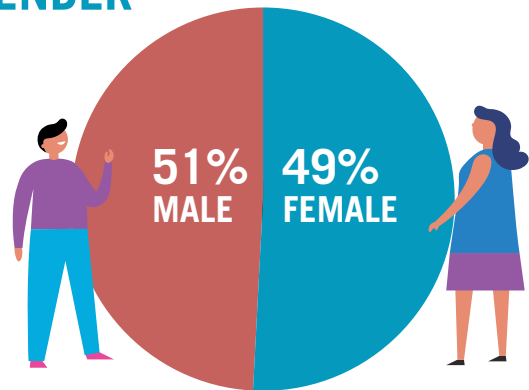
DEMOGRAPHICS¹

POPULATION 6,996

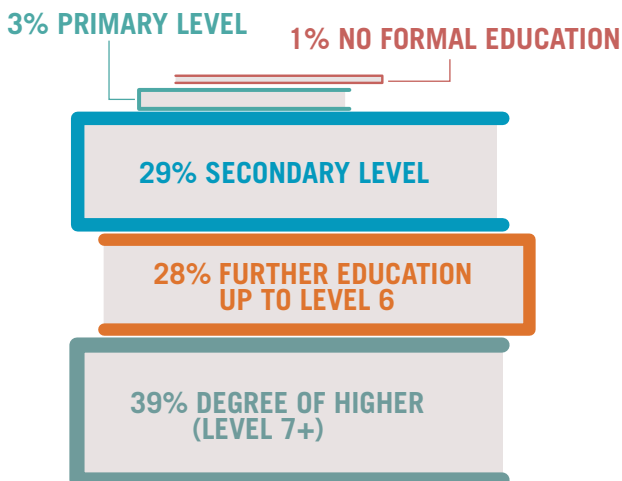
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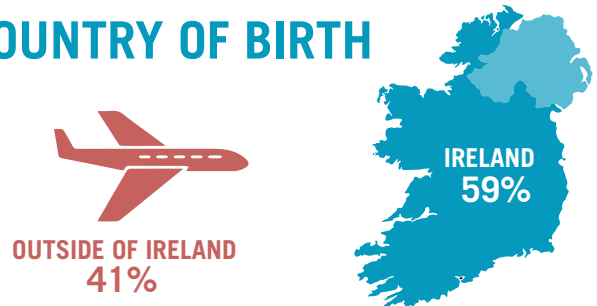
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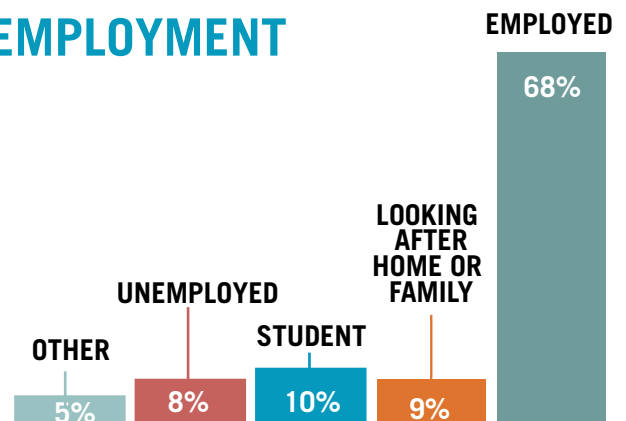
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION



COUNTRY OF BIRTH



EMPLOYMENT



¹ All sociodemographic data is drawn from the Central Statistics Office's 2016 Census (www.cso.ie).

INFRASTRUCTURE

PARTICIPANTS SAID THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH

66%

Car parks near public transport

77%

Public transport

94%

Recycling facilities

85%

Sufficient library services

60%

Sufficient lighting in the public park



We are isolated from public transportation unless you want to go to Blanchardstown to get a bus.

There is a real lack of parking spaces available locally.

We need another community centre as the current centre is operating at full capacity.

A library can be used as a place to study for young people to meet.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

PARTICIPANTS SAID THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH

73%

Opportunities for people from different culture to come together

84%

Garda presence

93%

Places for people to socialise

57%

Think Tyrrelstown is a pleasant place to live

58%

Agreed would get involved in community activities

63%

Intend to continue living in Tyrrelstown

We are missing spaces where the community can meet and mix.

Community policing works really well and would benefit the whole area.

It is difficult for people to come together due to cultural barriers and a lack of communal spaces.

Facilities should be opened up to more people in the community.

EDUCATION



PARTICIPANTS SAID THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH

60%

Pre-school places

60%

Secondary Schools

64%

After-school activities for young people?

66%

Adult education courses

64%

Alternative education options for early school leavers

There is a struggle to get secondary school places for kids in Tyrrelstown.

We need more adult education courses for people who don't speak English.

There are not enough support services available for young people that left school early.



EMPLOYMENT

PARTICIPANTS SAID THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH

52%

Supports for local businesses

69%

Local employment supports

There is no local chamber of commerce for Tyrrelstown.



A local Intreo centre would be good for signposting people to local employment opportunities.

Recommendations

The full report contains 17 recommendations across four thematic areas that were developed collaboratively by the Tyrrelstown Development Group. This section is a summary of the recommendations, which are further detailed in the full report and available online. It is important to note that since the start of Covid-19, the Tyrrelstown Development Group has adjusted and refocused its plans to engage with local government, agencies and service providers. While we may not be able to meet, Tyrrelstown Development Group will make every effort with meet online and continue to engage virtually with local stakeholders until it is safe for this work to resume in-person.

The recommendations are summarised below:

1. IMPROVING EDUCATION

Improve educational supports for children and young people, as well as offer more alternative education options for adults in Tyrrelstown.

- Advocate for the development of a new secondary school in Tyrrelstown
- Work with Fingal County Childcare Network to deliver new afterschool activities
- Work with local youth and educational services to explore strategies for keeping young people in mainstream education
- Work with local training services to offer increased adult education courses
- Work with early years services to explore scope for additional pre-school places

2. INCREASING EMPLOYMENT

Improve supports for local businesses and increase the availability of employment supports for people who are not in employment, education or training.

- Partner with the Local Enterprise Office to promote engagement with businesses in Tyrrelstown
- Work with Intreo and Citizens Information Centres to offer employment supports in the local area

3. BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Make Tyrrelstown a more social and safer community for the people who live here.

- Work with the local authority to attract more local businesses where residents can meet and socialise as well as support community/voluntary organisations to develop social enterprises where people can socialise locally
- Work with An Garda Síochána, Safer Blanchardstown and local community groups to promote awareness of existing forums and build connections between the Gardaí and the local community
- Develop a community calendar of local events and activities
- Help local clubs with accessing grant funding for sports and recreational activities
- Work with local representatives to set up political clinics for residents

4. ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE

Enhance local infrastructure for a growing population.

- Advocate for improved public transportation through Bus Connects
- Engage with Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána to resolve parking/traffic issues in the area
- Work with Fingal County Council to improve lighting in local parks and green spaces
- Increase number of recycling facilities
- Explore possibility of bringing additional library services to Tyrrelstown

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