ANNUAL REPORT

2025/26

Sliabh Sneacht Centre CLG

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I would like to welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting and thank you for taking the time to join us.

It has been a very successful year for The Sliabh Sneacht Centre, with a wide range of programmes and activities delivered, new initiatives developed, and continued progress made in strengthening the services we provide to our community.

The Centre continues to play an important role in local community life, providing opportunities for people to come together, learn new skills, improve their health and wellbeing, and build social connections. From educational and cultural programmes to fitness, creative activities and social supports, our aim is to offer something for everyone and to ensure that people of all ages and backgrounds feel welcome and included.

A key part of our work is listening to our community and responding to its changing needs. We recognise that the needs of our community continue to evolve, and we remain committed to developing relevant programmes, creating new opportunities and ensuring that the Centre continues to be a valuable resource for the people we serve.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers and partners, whose contributions are central to the success of the Centre. Their commitment enables us to deliver a varied and meaningful programme of activities and services throughout the year. I would also like to thank our Board members for their continued guidance, support and the time they generously give to the Centre.

Looking to the future, long-term sustainability and continued development remain important priorities. We want to build on the progress we have made by expanding our training and support programmes, strengthening community development initiatives, and continuing to enhance our social and wellbeing services. We also see opportunities to build on the natural beauty and heritage of our area, particularly through the development of local tourism and the nationally recognised trails on our doorstep.

As we move forward, our focus will remain on ensuring that The Sliabh Sneacht Centre continues to meet the needs of our community, makes the best use of available opportunities and resources, and provides a welcoming and inclusive space where people can connect, participate and thrive.

I am confident that, with the continued commitment of our staff, Board, volunteers, partners and community, we can build on our successes and continue to make a positive difference in the years ahead.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and for being part of the Sliabh Sneacht Centre community.

Thank you.
Charlie McDaid, Chairperson

MANAGER'S REPORT
CENTRE OVERVIEW

I am delighted to report that the Centre has had another very busy and successful year to date, with a recorded footfall of over 16,808 people. We continue to play an important role in community life, providing a welcoming space for learning, social connection, health and wellbeing.

Throughout the year, we have delivered a diverse programme of community education courses, social and recreational activities, and health, fitness and wellbeing classes. These programmes support lifelong learning, encourage participation, reduce social isolation and respond to the varied needs of our rural community.

Our modern training facilities and flexible room layouts continue to accommodate a wide range of activities, including education and wellbeing programmes, community gatherings, conferences, programme launches and business meetings. This versatility enables us to maximise the use of our facilities and provide opportunities for a broad range of groups and organisations.

Securing funding to improve our facilities and support the Centre's ongoing development has remained a key focus. We have made progress in securing funding for important Centre upgrades, including the development of the '*Youth Beacon*' portacabin, which will provide additional opportunities for youth engagement and further community development programmes.

Environmental sustainability also continues to be an important consideration in our work. We are particularly proud to have received our Sustainability Passport certificate from Changemakers for our environmental sustainability efforts, acknowledging our commitment to responsible practices and the development of a more sustainable community resource.

The nationally recognised trails in our local area present exciting opportunities to promote outdoor recreation, showcase Inishowen's natural beauty and heritage, and attract visitors to the region. Our newly established partnership with Inishowen Bike Hire supports this potential by creating opportunities to connect people with local trails and outdoor activities, while contributing to the development of local tourism and enterprise.

Community engagement has remained central to the Centre's work. Highlights included a community clean-up, tea dances for older people, various coffee mornings supporting local charities, our annual Christmas tree light switch-on and Christmas Craft Fair. These activities brought people together, supported community participation and provided opportunities to celebrate local talent and enterprise.

Looking to the future, our priorities remain focused on the long-term sustainability of the Centre, securing further funding for facility improvements, expanding our programme of activities and strengthening partnerships. We will continue to identify opportunities that respond to the changing needs of our community, with a particular focus on inclusion, education, youth engagement, health and wellbeing, environmental sustainability and community development.

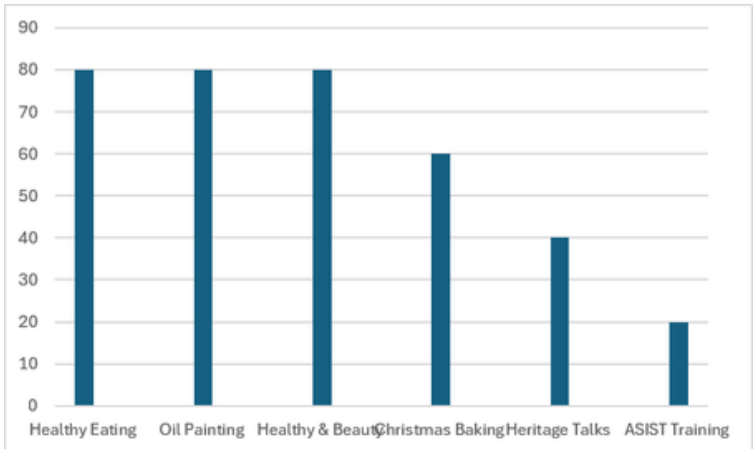
The continued support of our staff, volunteers, Board members, funders and community partners are essential to the Centre's progress. Their commitment enables us to build on our achievements and continue providing valuable services and opportunities for the people of Inishowen.

Thank you. Lorna Porter, Centre Manager

JULY - DECEMBER 2025 FOOTFALL

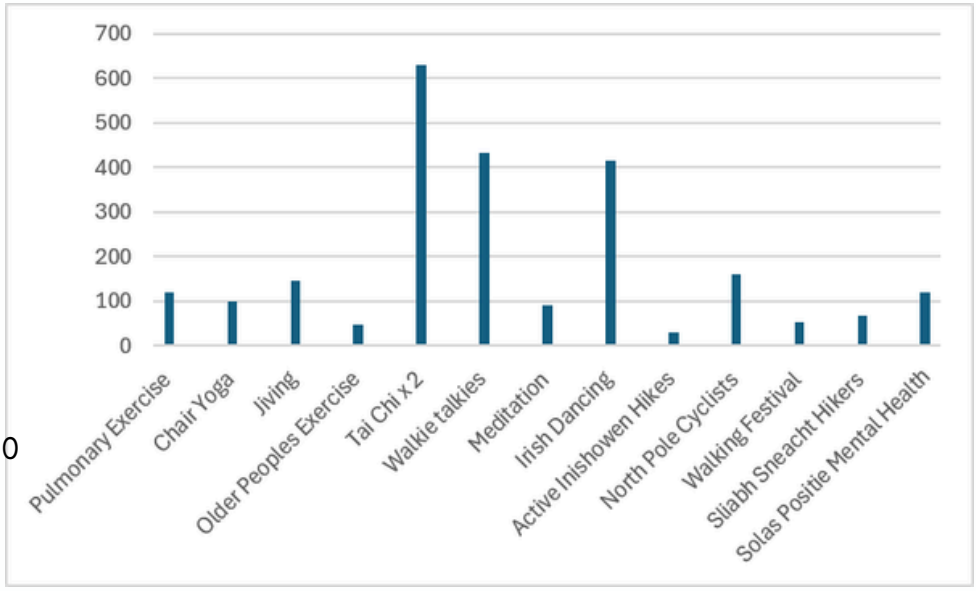
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

HEALTHY EATING - 80
OIL PAINTING - 80
HEALTHY & BEAUTY - 80
CHRISTMAS BAKING - 60
HERITAGE TALKS - 40
ASIST TRAINING - 20
SUB TOTAL = 360



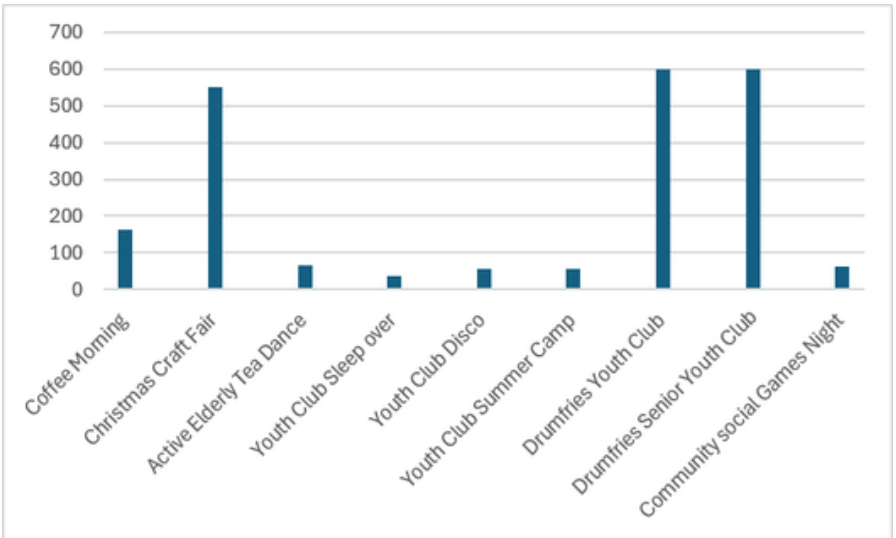
COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELL-BEING

PULMONARY EXERCISE - 120
CHAIR YOGA - 100
JIVING - 147
OLDER PEOPLES EXERCISE - 48
TAI CHI X 2 - 630
WALKIE TALKIES - 432
MEDITATION - 90
IRISH DANCING - 416
ACTIVE INISHOWEN HIKES - 30
NORTH POLE CYCLISTS - 160
WALKING FESTIVAL - 54
SLIABH SNEACHT HIKERS - 68
SOLAS POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH - 120
SUB TOTAL = 2415



COMMUNITY SOCIAL & EDUCATION EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING - 164
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - 549
ACTIVE ELDERLY TEA DANCE - 65
YOUTH CLUB SLEEP OVER - 35
YOUTH CLUB DISCO - 57
YOUTH CLUB SUMMER CAMP - 56
DRUMFRIES JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB - 600
DRUMFRIES SENIOR YOUTH CLUB - 600
COMMUNITY SOCIAL GAMES NIGHT - 61
SUB TOTAL = 2188

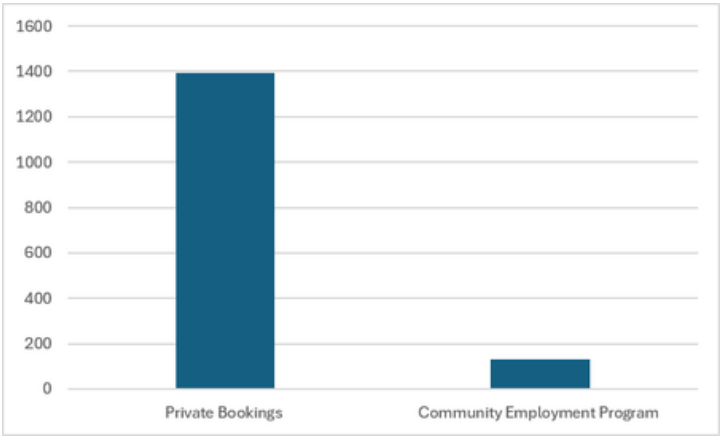


JULY - DECEMBER 2025 FOOTFALL

PRIVATE BOOKINGS
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Private Bookings - 1394
Community Employment Program - 130

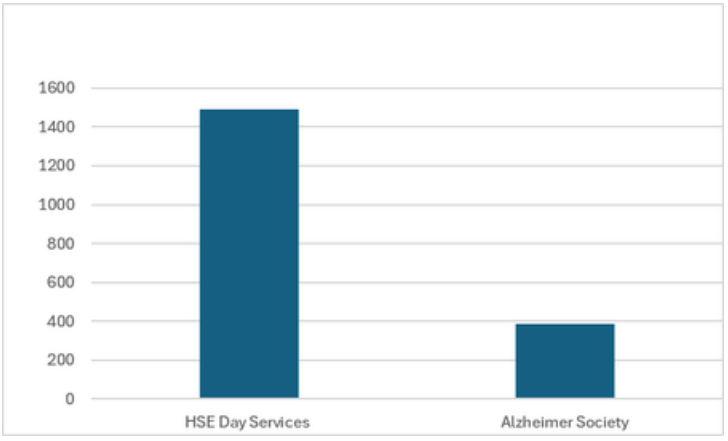
Sub total = 1524



ANCHOR TENANTS

HSE Day Services - 1492
Alzheimer Society - 384

Sub total = 1876







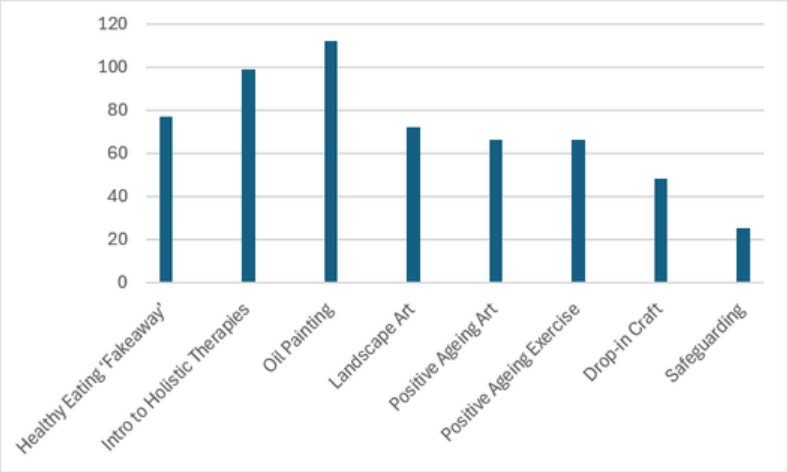


CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

JANUARY - JUNE 2026 FOOTFALL

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

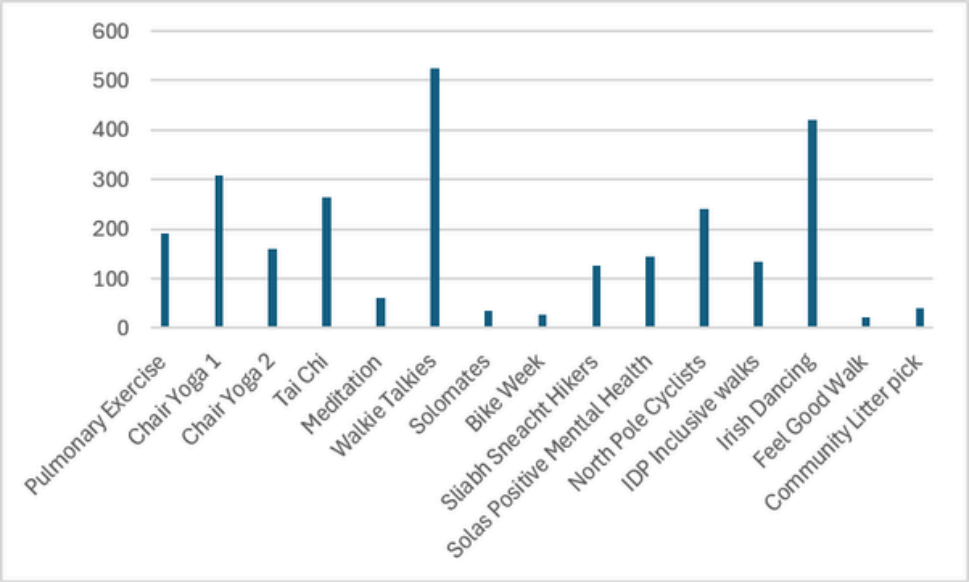
Healthy Eating 'Fakeaway' - 77
Intro to Holistic Therapies - 99
Oil Painting - 112
Landscape Art - 72
Positive Ageing Art - 66
Positive Ageing Exercise - 66
Drop-in Craft - 48
Safeguarding - 25



Sub-total = 565

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELL-BEING

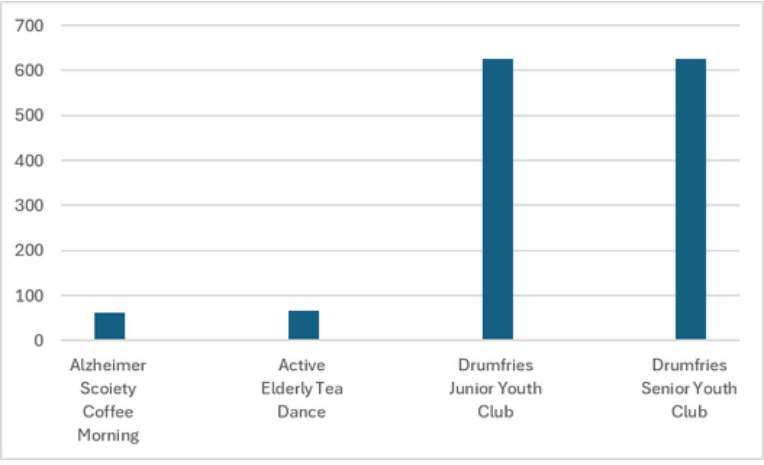
Pulmonary Exercise - 192
Chair Yoga 1 - 308
Chair Yoga 2 - 160
Tai Chi - 264
Meditation - 60
Walkie Talkies - 525
Solomates - 35
Bike Week - 28
Sliabh Sneacht Hikers - 125
Solas Positive Mentlal Health - 145
North Pole Cyclists - 240
IDP Inclusive walks - 135
Irish Dancing - 420
Feel Good Walk - 22
Community Litter pick - 39



Sub total = 2,698

COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & EDUCATION EVENTS

Alzheimer Scoiety Coffee Morning - 62
Active Elderly Tea Dance - 65
Drumfries Junior Youth Club - 625
Drumfries Senior Youth Club - 625

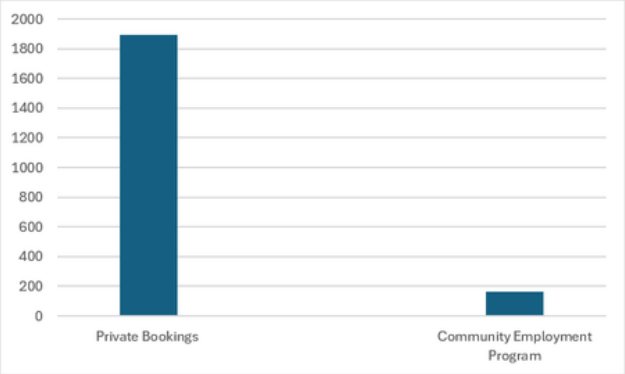


Sub Total = 1,377

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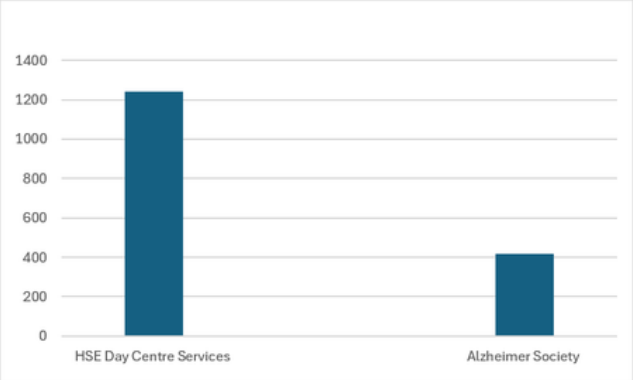
PRIVATE BOOKINGS
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
Private Bookings - 1894
Community Employment Program - 165

Sub total = 2,149



ANCHOR TENANTS
HSE Day Services - 1240
Alzheimer Society - 416

Sub total = 1,656



TOTAL FOR YEAR JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026 = 16,808

ADJUSTABLE ROOM SET-UP







WALKIE TALKIES WALKING GROUP





INISHOWEN WALKING FESTIVAL





ART CLASS



DAY CENTRE SOCIAL DANCE



'BIKE WEEK 2026'













SMILES ALL ROUND



CRAFT CLASS



YOGA SET-UP



TAI CHI



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP





Guided Hill Walks







WALL MURAL



ACCESSSIBLE BIKE







THANK YOU

