

Transforming Ireland one church at a time...





## Dear Friends...

This has been an important year for Thrive Ireland. Not only did we increase the number of churches who have begun their transformation journey and develop vital partnerships that will enable many more communities across Ireland to be holistically transformed. We also took a pause to reflect on what we do well, re-wrote our mission and planned a future focused on amplifying our efforts.



## Our New Vision and Mission

Vision: Ireland Transformed!

Mission: Churches inspired and equipped to bring holistic transformation to the lives of those in their local community.

23 individual churches equipped

41 new facilitators trained

“The CCT process... forced us to think about the community we are a part of and ask hard questions about our relevance and place in Waringstown. It gave structure to conversations, grounded our discussions in Scripture and enabled us to translate conclusions into action.”

Rev Philip Thompson

1 external evaluation completed

61 individual leader support sessions

“We’ve seen a change in anti-social behaviour. We’ve seen the crime figures change from the highest to the lowest in East Belfast.”

John Beattie,  
Knocknagoney Parish Church





8 Podcast episodes broadcast

1100 downloads



## What did we do this year?

### **We envisioned and equipped churches for holistic missional engagement in their local community:**

- We journeyed with a group of 7 churches in County Fermanagh, unlocking their understanding of the bible around integral mission, their own resources and their local community.
- We completed successful a three-year journey with two groups of leaders from disadvantaged and marginalised communities – bringing connection to like-minded leaders, new skills and understanding and renewed hope and purpose.

### **We increased and strengthened partnerships and collaboration for greater reach and impact:**

- In partnership with Christians Against Poverty UK we have developed a Church Community Transformation manual to train up to 6 facilitators in at least 20 churches across Ireland and the wider UK.
- The Las Casas Institute for Social Justice are partnering with us in contextualising a resource to unlock the potential of Catholic Parishes, renew faith and refresh understanding of Catholic social teaching.
- The Rural Community network understand the potential of the local church and are supporting the Church and Community Transformation process.

### **We created resources to inspire a movement of Christians passionate about bringing transformation to Ireland:**

- A CCT manual to support the training of facilitators across Ireland and the UK.
- Developed and designed two information booklets to enable people to understand the CCT process.
- We launched a successful 8 episode Podcast, Inspired to Act showcasing the ministries of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.
- We recorded a storytelling video in partnership with CAP to bring the CCT process to life.

### **We strengthened our capacity and began our task of mobilizing more resources:**

- We took time to reflect and recast our vision and mission
- We moved to a more secure financial position
- We were able to increase our staff capacity with the appointment of a part time Development Manager.



“The LSP provided me with renewed energy, skills and companions in order to offer the best of myself in my ministry and I would highly recommend the programme.”

Leadership Support Programme evaluation





# Thank You

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