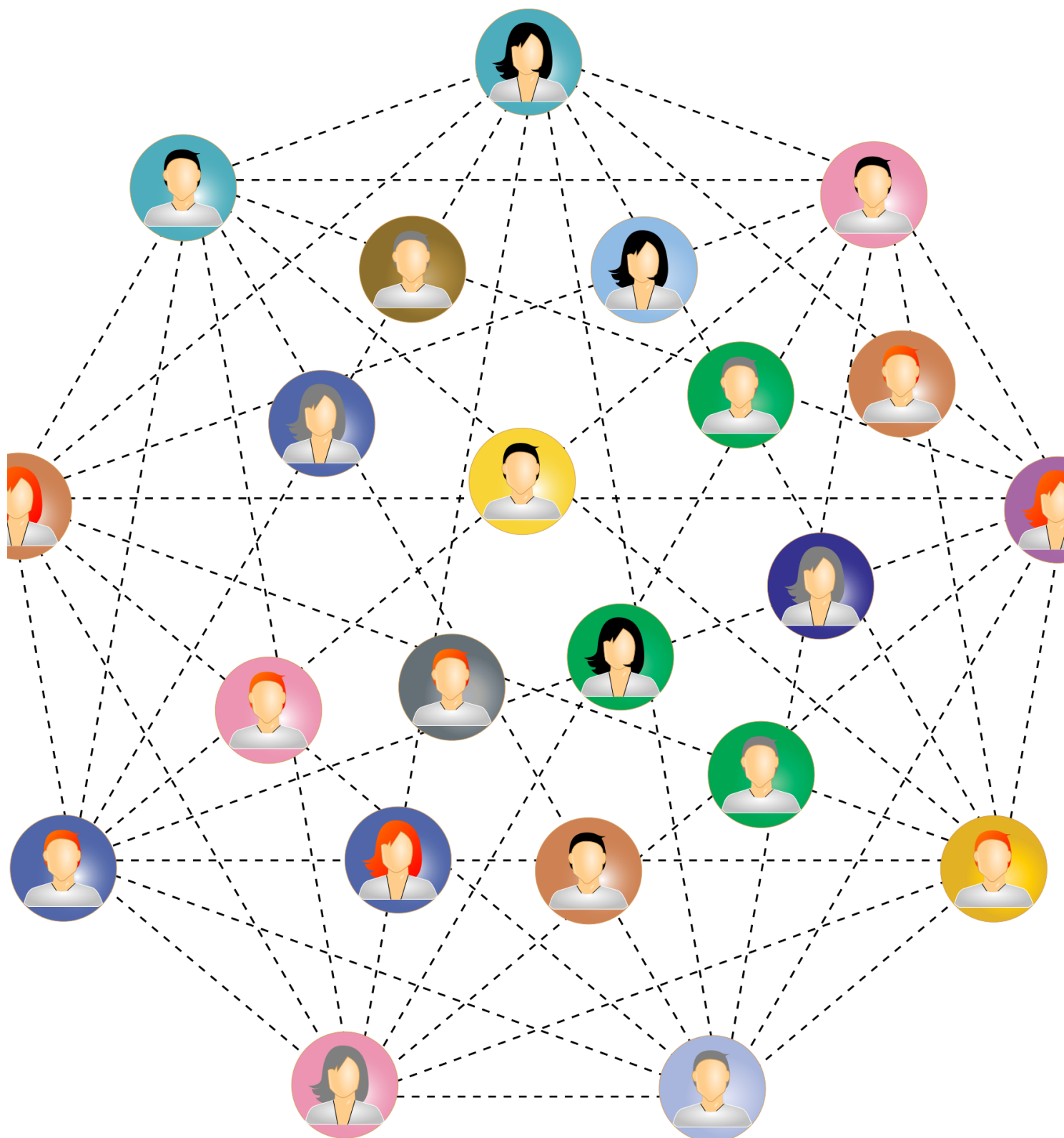


Impact Report

2022-2023



What did we achieve?

Because of the big increase in people attending training, we have invested in a new training database to cope with demand. This required a lot of administration but we managed this within the existing team. We also were able to test out the database for events with the Stakeholder Strategy Consultation event. We feel confident the database works for a range of different activities and events. However this is the first step in a plan to use technology more and encourage customers to book online.



In 2022-23 we delivered 102 courses and helped 1,359 staff across 123 organisations develop their practice.

We re-started TILII's Staff Induction Training which as expected, is going really well. This is delivered to Trusts and in the community. We have also started creating short films showing TILII members' thoughts, views and experiences to be included within other training topics.



In 2022-23 TILII Translates produced 47 Easy Read documents and 13 TILII TV films.

We created a number of Easy Read documents to help people with a learning disability get accessible information on a number of important topics such as the Muckamore Public Inquiry.

Our TILII members completed accredited training in film making as part of our plan to offer a new accessible film service linked to TILII Translates. The Department of Health asked us to develop a number of films about Advanced Care Planning, which was a new policy in Northern Ireland. This was a huge success.

We led a project at the request of IMPACT, a UK adult social care research centre, that brought lots of people together, many of who were new to ARC NI. This included family carers and people supported. The topic we worked on was 'Choice & Control' and we talked about how Self-Directed Support in Northern Ireland can be improved.

We supported Politicians and key decision-makers to hear the experiences of the learning disability community. Issues we discussed included Muckamore and Resettlement, Meaningful Day Opportunities funded by European money, and difficulties finding and keeping staff to support people.



In 2022-23 ARC NI facilitated over 450 meetings, connecting over 3,800 people.

We also brought back our community newsletter and feedback has been really positive.

So what for 2023-24?

'Changing thinking, changing practice, changing lives'

ARC has a new strategy for 2023-2026 and we will be sharing this explaining who we are, what we do and how you can help us.

We have already asked the Learning Disability Community what the big issues they think we should work on in the year ahead. They told us they were:

- Learning Disability Policy
- Learning Disability Workforce (staff)
- Living Options for people with a learning disability (home)
- Politics listening to the learning disability community

We are also planning a new website and secured money to help us build it. We are looking at our social media accounts and thinking of ways we could make them better and reach more people. And we will be asking for the learning disability communities help!

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