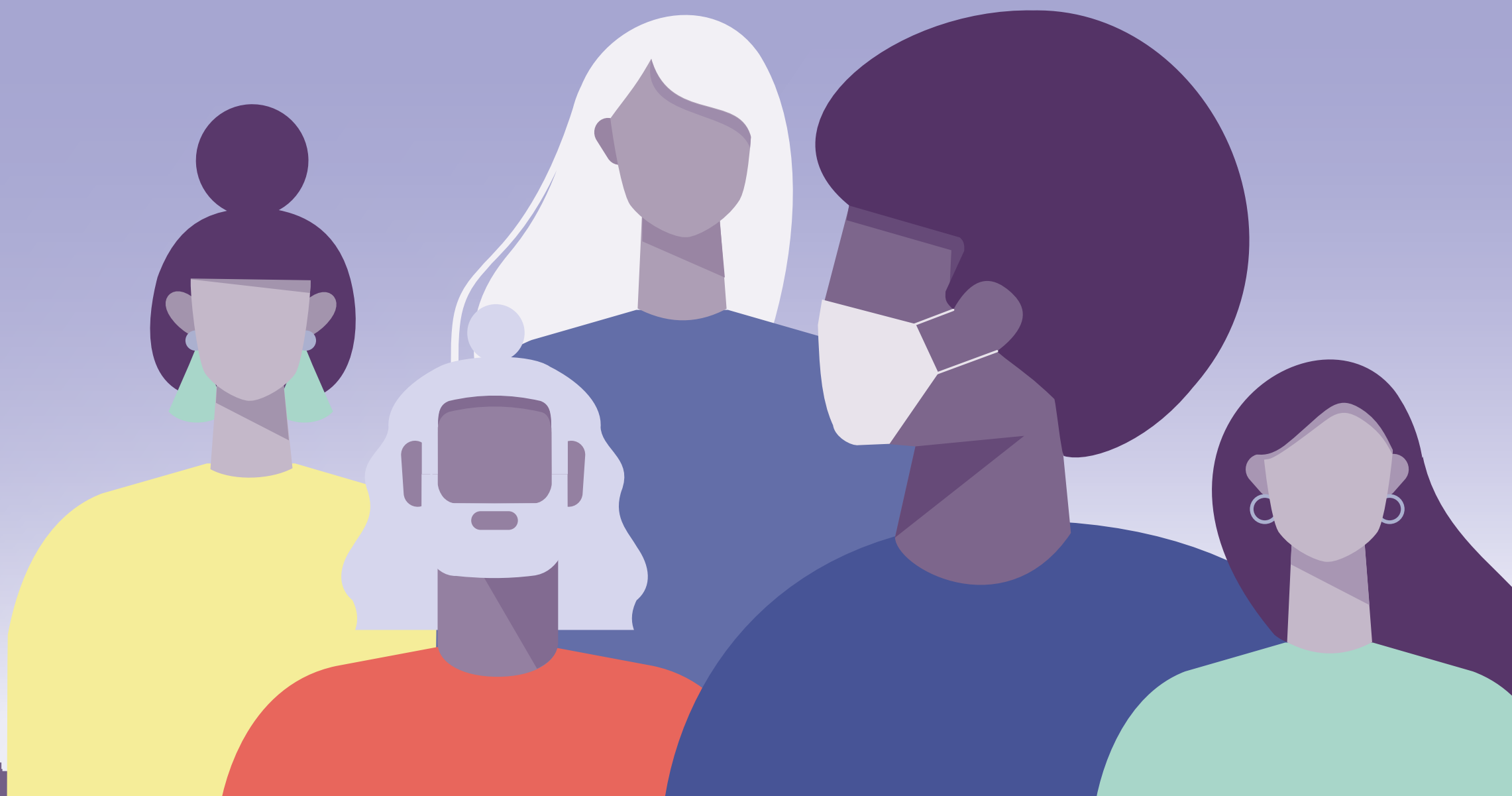


# PEOPLE BUILD COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL REPORT 20/21



## Introduction



## Theme 1

Community Support  
& Capacity Building



## Theme 2

Community Resource  
& Finance Services



## Theme 3

Community Health  
Development



## Finance: Income & Expenditure



## Board, Staff and Members





# Introduction

Chair & Executive Director



Welcome to our annual report covering the April 2020 – March 2021 period. Like everyone who is reading this, April 2020 to March 2021 was a very different year to any previous years through our 50-year history. We adapted accordingly with staff working from the office and from home. We thought it was important, for the sector in East, that we at least provided some sort of normal functioning as an organisation and continued to try and deliver, as best we could, for the community sector in East Belfast.

This is the first year of reporting on our 5-year strategy “People Build Communities”. This report is a slightly different format to other years, as we are reporting all of our work under our three themes agreed in the strategy 2020-2025, these are;

## Theme 1 - Community Support & Capacity Building:

To assess the needs of the community sector and work with other key organisations to:

- recognise the principles and values of adopting a community development approach
- draw up support programmes that develop the community sector
- plan projects that lead to more collaborative working
- develop plans and strategies that build capacity
- advocate on behalf of and with communities
- seek to influence the policies of community, voluntary, government and statutory agencies.

## Theme 2 - Community Resource & Finance Services:

To manage our human and physical resources and promote good financial management practice in the community sector by:

- offering financial management advice and guidance
- providing financial training and support services
- providing a payroll and community accountancy service
- managing and maintaining East Belfast Network Centre
- ensuring the sector is up to date in charity compliance.

## Theme 3 - Community Health Development:

To encourage, support and facilitate the provision of community health programmes and projects that:

- seek to influence the health policies of community, voluntary, government and statutory agencies
- promote and provide opportunities for health education and training
- support the community sector to recognise the value of adopting a community development health approach in their work
- builds the capacity of the communities in East Belfast to develop collective solutions to their health problems
- plan and deliver health projects that lead to more collaborative working.



## Mission

East Belfast Community Development Agency exists to provide resources, support and capacity building programmes for community groups that are based on partnership, equal opportunities and sustainable outcomes.

## Theory of Change

EBCDA's job is to add value to the activity undertaken by groups in local areas and to work with key organisations to ensure the continued development of a community sector in East Belfast that is recognised, valued and effective.

We seek to support successful community development, encourage reflective practice and promote cooperation and locally based solutions.

## Thanks

We are grateful to our staff team and Board of Directors for their time, effort and commitment to EBCDA. Thanks also to our funders, Department for Communities (DFC) Belfast City Council (BCC), the Public Health Agency (PHA), The Executive Office and the Community Empowerment Directorate (CED). Thank you also to our members for their support and working closely with us to build towards achieving our strategy for 2020-2025 “People Build Communities”

**Karen Purdy**, Chair

**Michael Briggs**, Executive Director



**Belfast**  
City Council



Department for  
**Communities**



**Northern Ireland**  
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Agency



# Theme 1

## Community Support & Capacity Building



To assess the needs of the community sector and work with other key organisations.

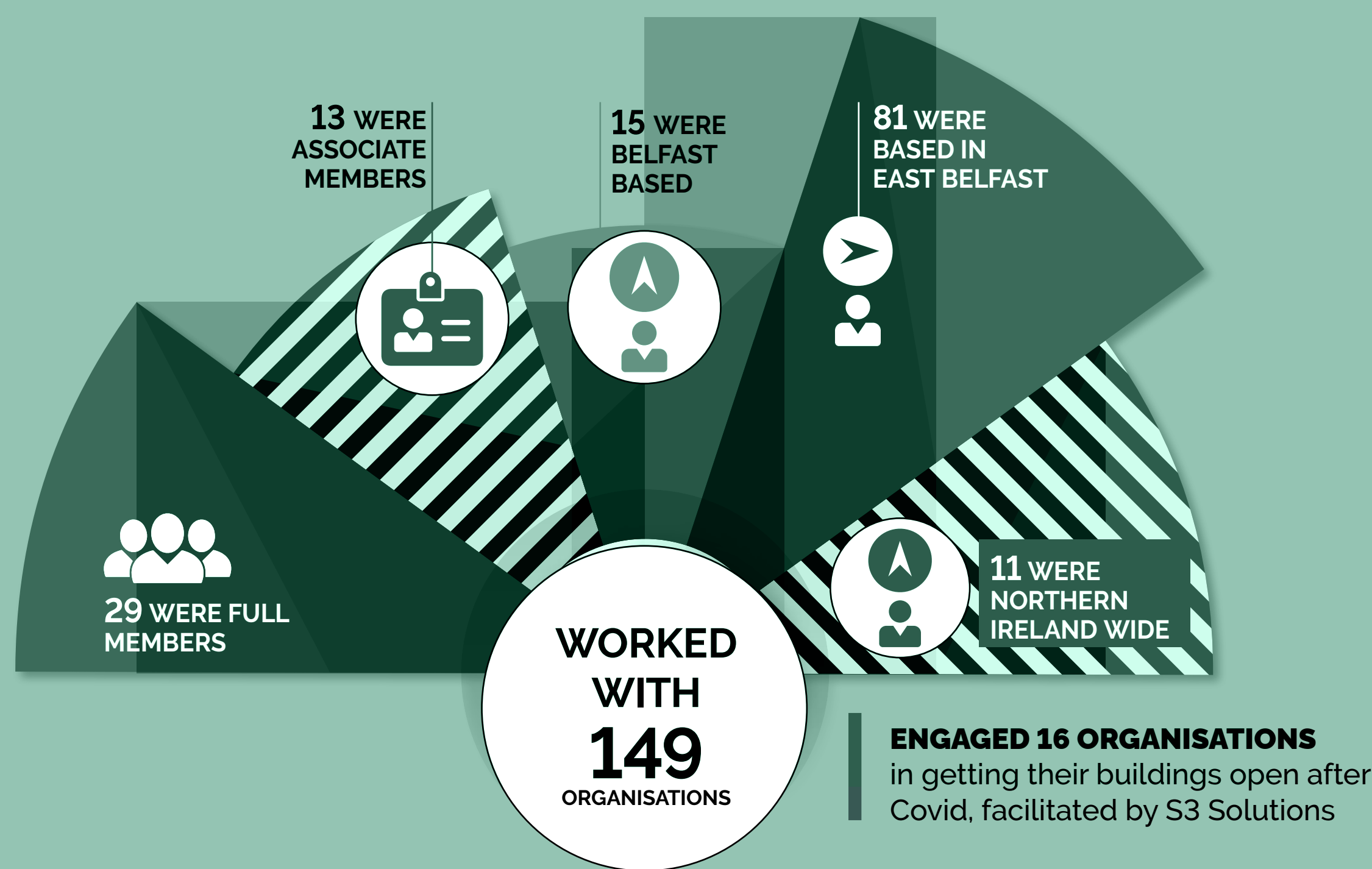
Worked directly with **2,232 People**

delivered a service to **over 10,000 people** in conjunction with other partners in East Belfast.

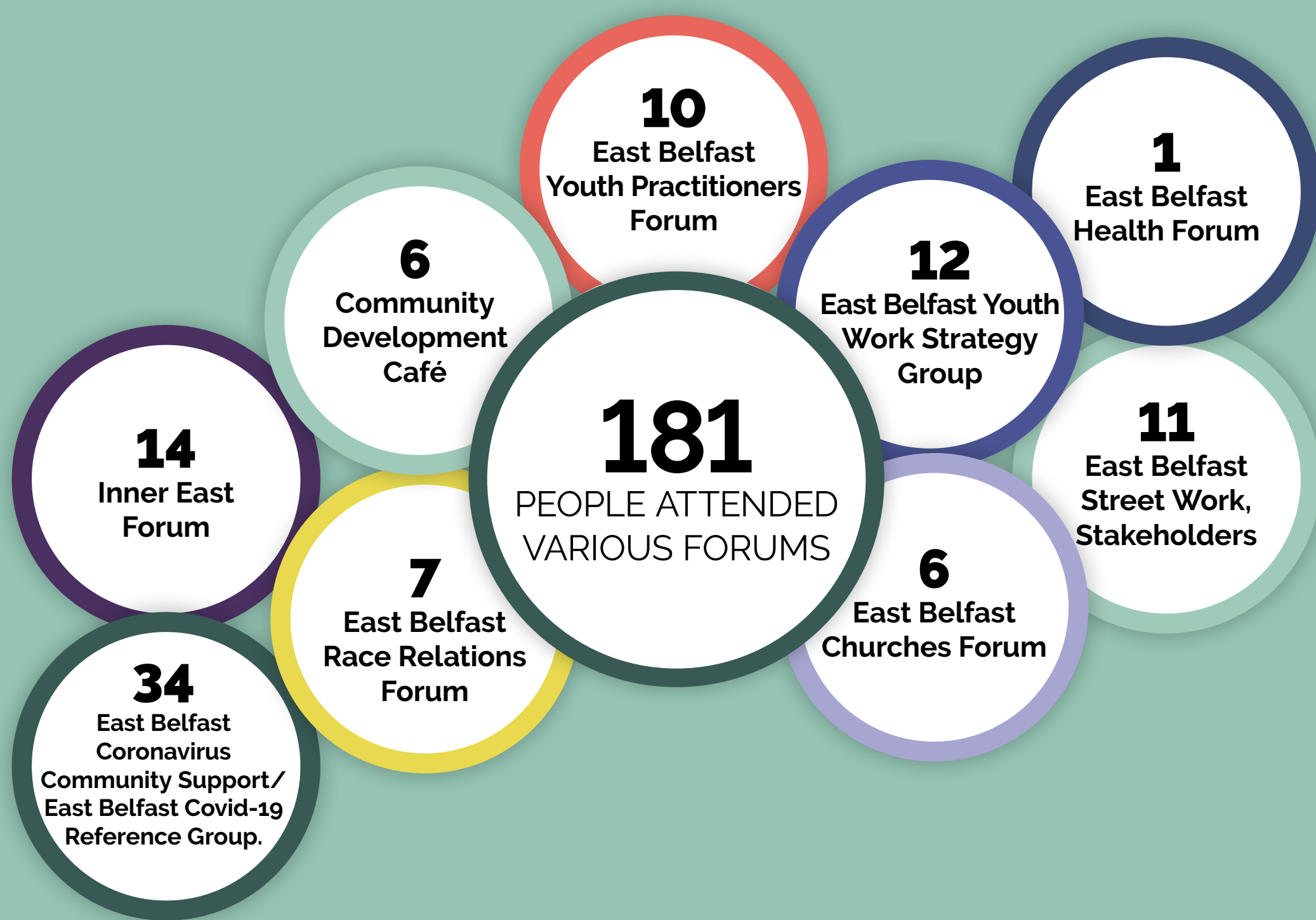
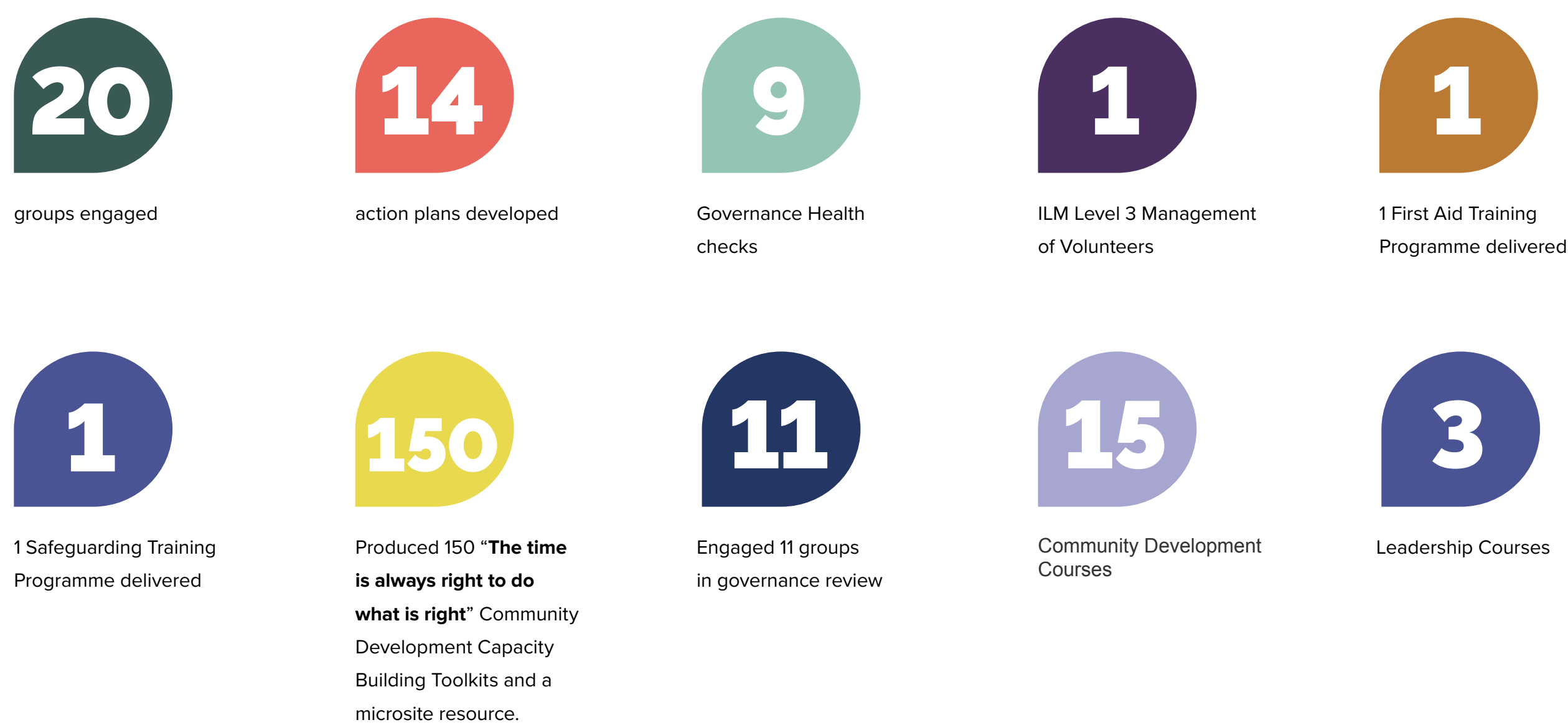
The people involved were

69% Female

31% Male



Worked closely with NICVA to deliver the Communities in Transition (CiT) Capacity Building programme



**1 online**

Transformative Leadership Programme delivered to **18 people**

**90 ebulletin**

produced and distributed to **280 subscribers**



Provided an East Belfast view at online meetings, conferences and seminars with the Public Health Agency, Belfast City Council, NICVA, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, Department for Communities, The Executive Office, Community Empowerment Division.



## Theme 2

### Community Resource & Finance Services

To manage our human and physical resources and promote good financial management practice in the community sector.



**Managed EBCDA and TAS Trust** day to day finance.



**Managed an additional £578,000** (approx. £500,000 related to Covid funds from BCC and DfC)

Worked closely with East Belfast Coronavirus Community Support/East Belfast Covid-19 Reference Group to facilitate the management and delivery of the following with 30 East Belfast Groups:

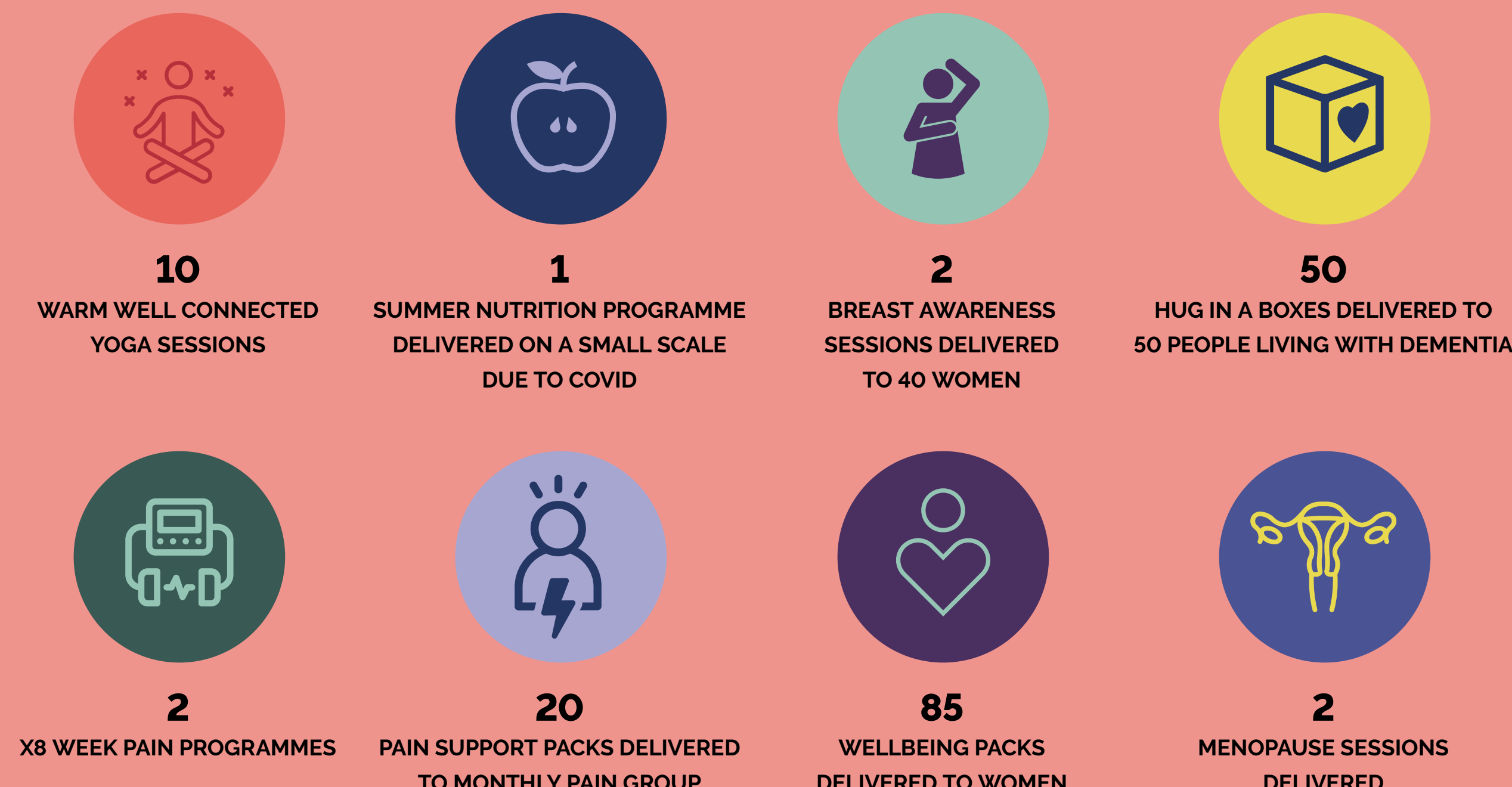
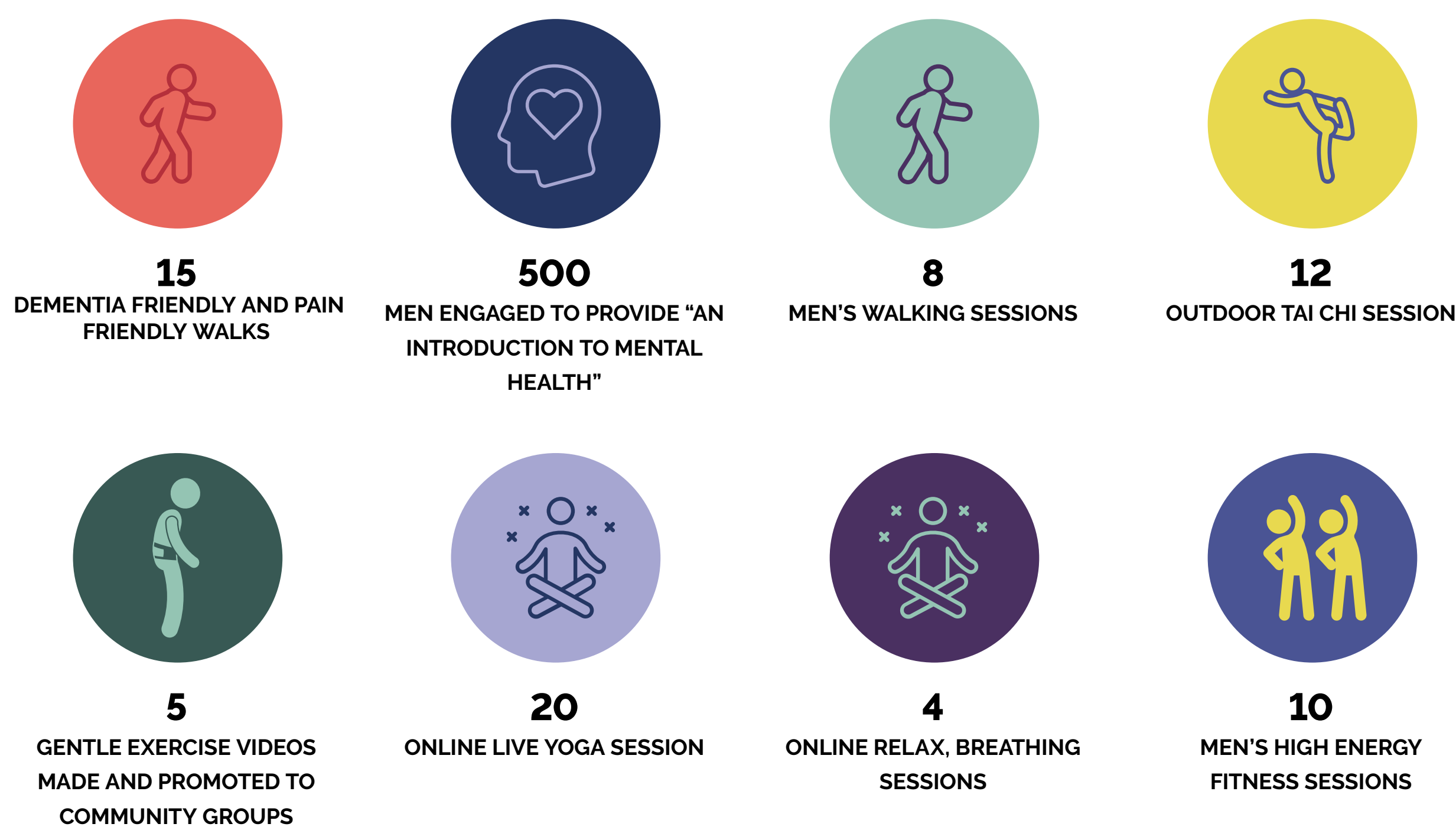


**Ensured East Belfast Network Centre remained open** and Covid safe so the groups based in the building could access their offices to deliver their services.

## Theme 3

### Community Health Development

To encourage, support and facilitate the provision of community health programmes and projects



#### CiT Health Programme

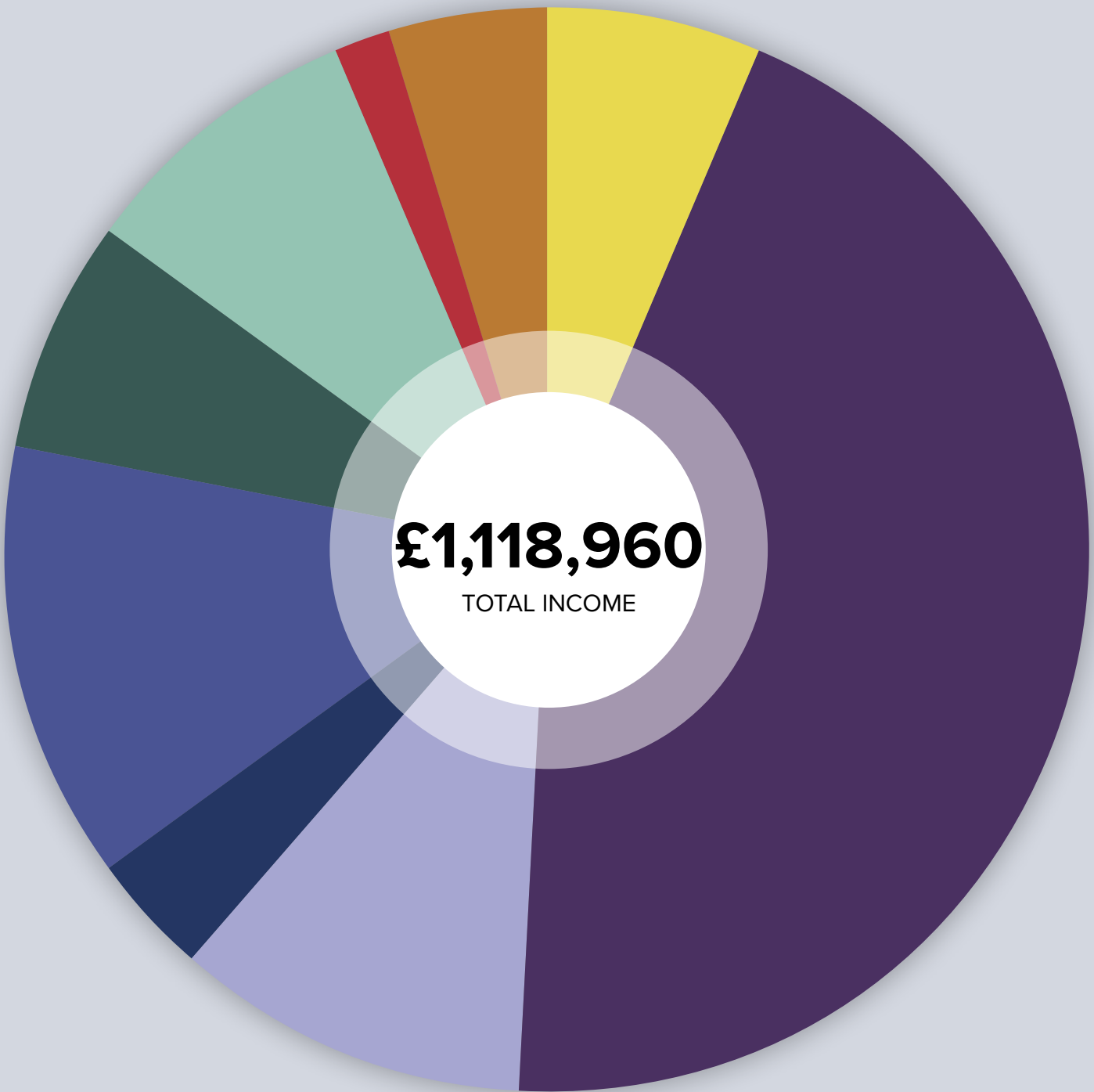
Deliver the Communities in Transition (CiT) Health & Well-being Programme in Ballymacarrett and The Mount





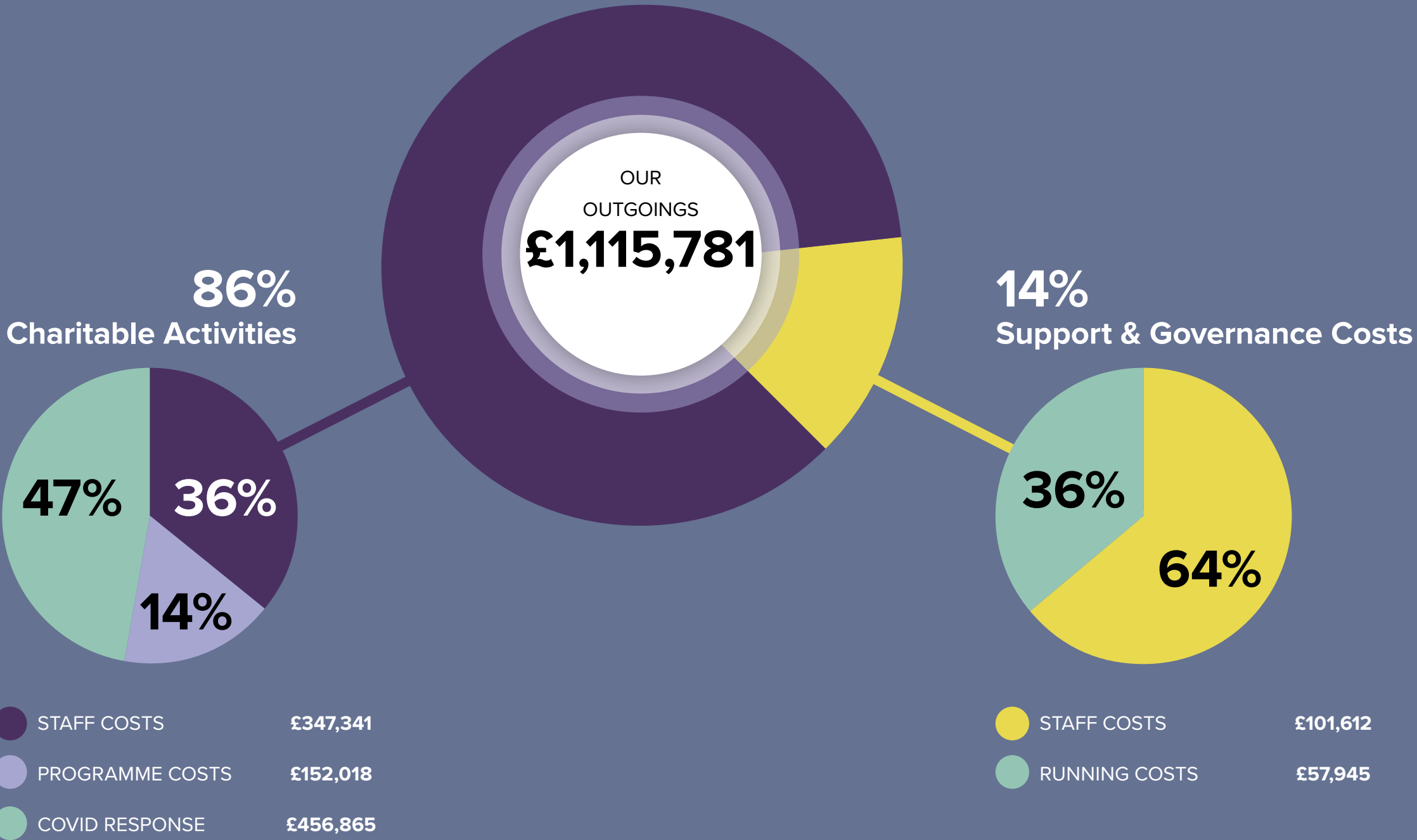
# Finance: Income & Expenditure

## Our Income and Outgoings



### OUR MONEY CAME FROM:

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL – GRANTS	£73,275
BELFAST CITY COUNCIL – COVID RESPONSE GRANTS	£496,802
DFC – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT DIVISION	£117,902
DFC – COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND	£41,687
PHA – HEALTHY LIVING & STRATEGY	£146,148
PHA – INVESTING FOR HEALTH	£77,766
TEO – COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION	£94,433
SMALL GRANTS AND MISC	£20,051
SELF-GENERATED	£50,896
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,118,960</b>



# Board, Staff and Members



## Board of Directors

- **Karen Purdy** *Chairperson*
- **Bernie McConnell** *Vice Chair*
- **Rev Mervyn Gibson** *Hon Treasurer*
- **Sammy Douglas**
- **Mervyn Cleland**
- **Annie Cook**
- **Emma Shields**
- **Rachael Davison**
- **Liz Oslon**
- **Richard Williamson** (Co-Option)
- **Glenn Jordan** (Co-Option until May 2020)
- **Yvonne Cowan** (Co-Option from November 2020)

## EBCDA - Full Members

Oasis Caring In Action  
Knocknagoney Area Forum  
Connswater Community & Leisure Services Ltd  
Age Concern East Belfast & Castlereagh (IND)  
Arthritis Swimming Club  
East Belfast Mission  
Hosford House  
Lagan Village Youth & Community Group  
Tullycarnet Community Support Services Ltd  
Walkway Community Centre  
East Belfast Alternatives  
The Hopefuls  
The Salvation Army  
St Clement’s Parish Church  
East Belfast Sure Start  
Willowfield Parich Community Association  
East Belfast Independent Advice Centre  
Ballymacarrett District LOL No 6  
Ballymacarrett Somme Festival  
Wandsworth Community Association  
Short Strand Community Forum  
The Aslan Association  
The Oak Project  
East Belfast Community Counselling  
East Belfast Enterprise Ltd  
Recycled Teenagers  
ST Columba’s Parish Church  
Survivors of Suicide  
Ravenhill Presbyterian Mens Fellowship  
Bloomfield Community Association  
Wise Men Of The East Network  
Greenway Women’s Centre  
Round Tower Community Project  
Dundonald Sea Cadets

## Staff Members

- Michael Briggs** *Executive Director*
- Kim Briggs** *Resource & Finance Director (Company Secretary)*
- Jonny Currie** *Community Development Director*
- Linda Armitage** *Health Development Director*
- Jim Bailey** *Health Development Co-Ordinator*
- Davina Kelly** *Health Development Co-Ordinator*
- Marie Anne Templeman** *Health Connections Co-Ordinator*
- Richard Maguire** *Communities in Transition (Health) Project Co-ordinator*
- Gillian Hamilton** *Emotional Well-Being Co-Ordinator*
- Amy Ashe** *Inner East Youth Work Co-Ordinator*
- Alexsandra Lojek** *Ethnic Minority Co-Ordinator*
- Linda McCracken** *Receptionist & Administrative Support Officer*
- Jean Higginson** *Administrative Support Officer (until December 2020)*
- Joan Baird** *Finance Manager*
- Eleanor Gibson** *Administrative Support Officer (from March 2021)*

## EBCDA - Associate Members

RNIB NI  
Alison Wightman  
Green Action  
Choice Charity Fundraising Group  
Knocknagoney Community Centre  
Dundonald Green Belt Association  
Thrive Ireland  
Alzheimers Society  
Connswater Homes  
Dundonald Townswomen’s Guild  
Newtownbreda Women’s Institute  
Cregagh Pre-School  
NI Housing Executive  
Bloomfield Collegiate School  
Ashfield Boys’ High School  
Dreamscheme NI  
Start360  
Polish Language Culture and Affairs  
Belfast City Council  
East Belfast Area Project  
Templemore Avenue School Association  
Boring Wells  
Canoe Association of Northern Ireland  
Dee Street Community Centre  
Inverary Community Centre