

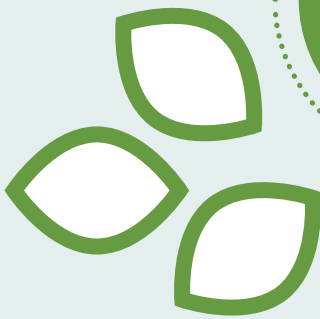


**East Belfast
Community
Development
Agency**

PEOPLE BUILD COMMUNITIES

Annual Report

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017



Full Members

Age Concern East Belfast & Castlereagh (IND)

Ballybeen Women's Centre
Ballymac Friendship Trust
Ballymacarrett District LOL No 6 District
Ballymacarrett Somme Festival
Bloomfield Community Association
Boring Wells
BRACE (Ballymac Regeneration & Comm Enterprise)

Clarawood Community Association
Connswater Community Group
Connswater Womens Group
Cregagh Community Association
Cregagh Retired Active Gentlemen

Dundonald Sea Cadets

East Belfast Mission
East Belfast Wise Mens Shed
EBIAC - East Belfast Independent Advice Centre
Engage With Age

Friends of Mullen Mews

Greenway Women's Centre

Knocknagoney Area Forum
Knocknagoney Community Centre

Lagan Village Youth & Community Group

Mountpottinger Methodist Church

Newtownards Road Elim Pentecostal Church
Newtownards Road Womens' Group

Oak Partnership
Oasis Caring In Action
Oasis Trading

Round Tower Community Project

Short Strand Community Forum
Short Strand Festival
Short Strand Partnership
St Columbas' Ladies' Guild
Stranstown Primary School
Survivors of Suicide Support Group

The Aslan Association
The Hopefuls
Tullycarnet Community Support Services Ltd

Walkway Community Association
Wandsworth Community Association
Willowfield Parish Church
Willowfield Parish Community Association

Associate Members

Alison Wghtman
Ashfield Boys' High School

Belfast City Council
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (Comm Dev)
Belfast Interface Project
BRO South & East Team

Charter for Northern Ireland
Chung Do Kwan NI
Connswater Homes Ltd
Contact NI

Dundonald Green Belt Association
Dundonald Townswomens Guild

East Belfast Alternatives
East Belfast Area Youth Project
East Belfast Learning Disability Services

GEMS Northern Ireland Limited
Glen Jordan
Green Action

Hosford

Inverary Community Centre

Links Women's Group

Newtownbreda Women's Institute
NI Housing Executive

Ravenhill Presbyterian Men's Fellowship
Ravenscroft Nursery School
RNIB NI

Start 360

Tuesday Mother & Toddlers

Wilgar Community Forum

Youth Action Northern Ireland
Youth Initiatives

Chair & Executive Director

Welcome to our annual report covering April 2016 – March 2017. In keeping with our 5 year strategy theme “People Build Communities” we have followed the same format as last year and present a more graphic representation of our work over the past 12 months. This allows us to compare and contrast changes and differences each year, whilst presenting a more readable format for our members and funders with the intention of making it easier to understand and to allow us to show you the impact and outcome of our work.

As in previous years, this report can only give you a brief flavour of the extent of our work. We have focussed a lot on recording the impact of our work. We are continually refining the recording process to ensure we are measuring the impact in an appropriate way, focussing on our Mission and our Theory of Change, which are:

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.

Our three themes, detailed below, form the day to day basis of our work

Theme one Community Support & Capacity Building

To assess the needs of the community sector and work with other key organisations to draw up programmes, projects, plans and strategies that build capacity.



Theme two Community Resource & Finance Services

To promote good financial management practice in the community sector by offering financial management advice, training services and a community accountancy service.



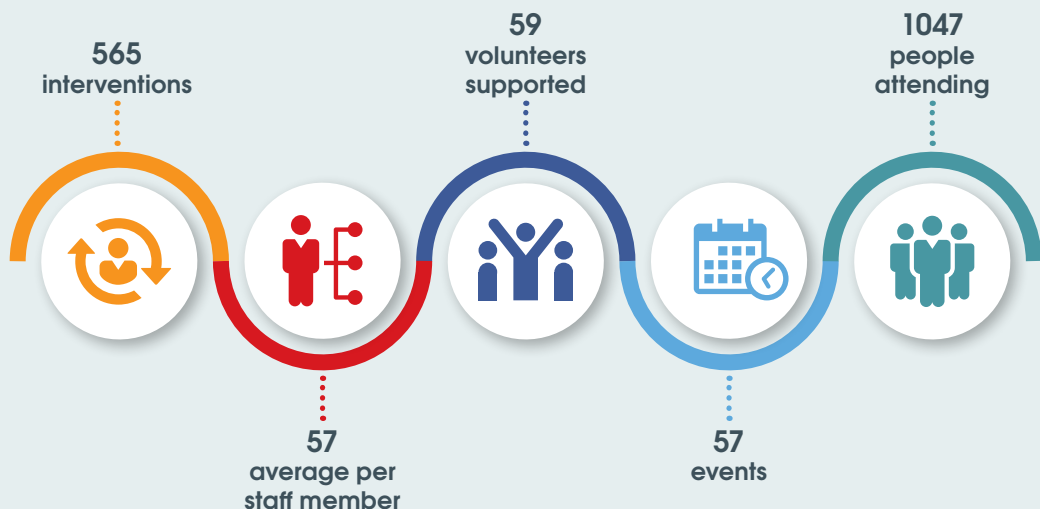
Theme three

Community Development Training, Education & Advocacy








To encourage, support and facilitate the provision of quality community development education and training opportunities. To seek to influence the policies of community, voluntary, government and public agencies so that they recognise the value of adopting a community development approach and that the community sector in East Belfast might benefit.

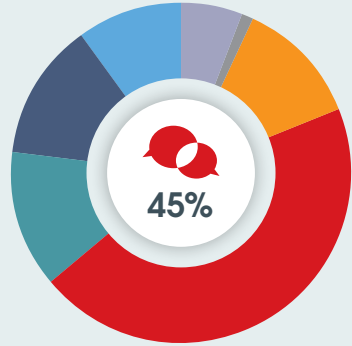


How our work has impacted East Belfast



They heard about the event through






 Facebook	6%
 Twitter	1%
 Weekly ebulletin	12%
 Word of mouth	45%
 Email invite	13%
 Letter	13%
 Other	10%

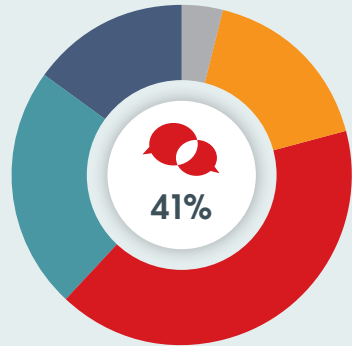


EBCDA accessed an additional **£40,000** to develop the work with groups

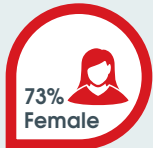
EBCDA worked with **4190** people

In the following age groups






 18-25	4%
 26-40	17%
 41-60	41%
 61-74	23%
 75+	15%

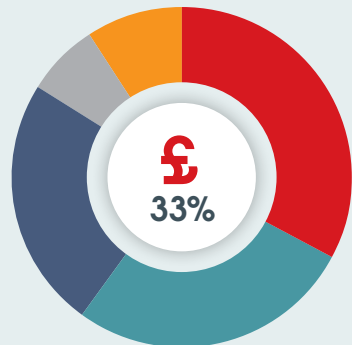


The people involved were

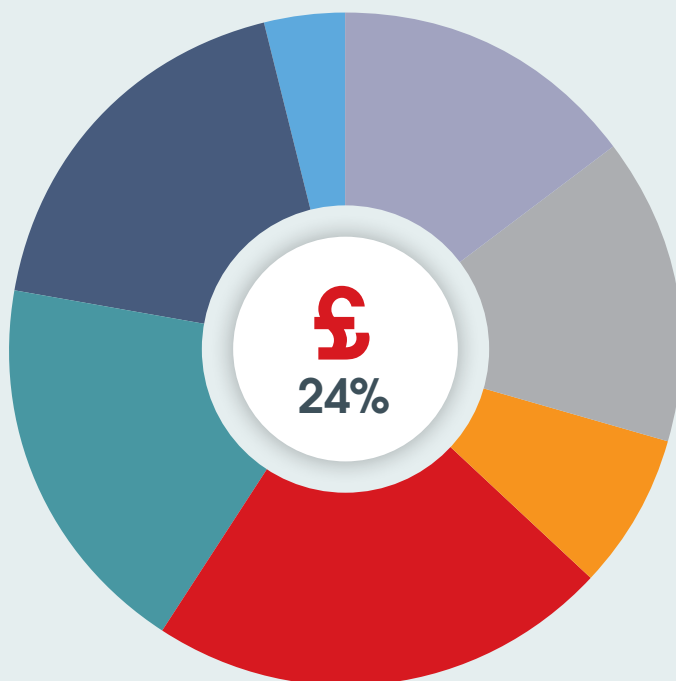


These people had an income of

 £10,000 <	33%
 £10,001 - £20,000	27%
 £20,001 - £30,000	24%
 £30,001 - £40,000	7%
 £40,001 >	9%



Where our money came from

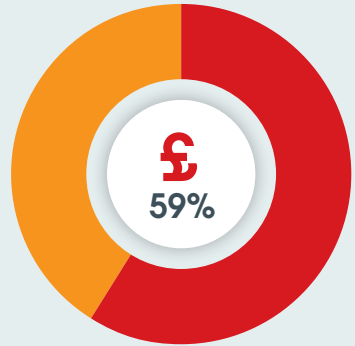


● Belfast City Council	£89,232	16%
● DFC - Belfast Regeneration Directorate	£90,274	16%
● DFC - Community Invest Fund	£43,018	8%
● PHA - Healthy Living & Strategy	£135,568	24%
● PHA - Investing For Health	£111,394	20%
● Small Grants And Donations	£60,462	20%
● Self-Generated	£24,363	4%
Total	£554,311	

How we spent our money

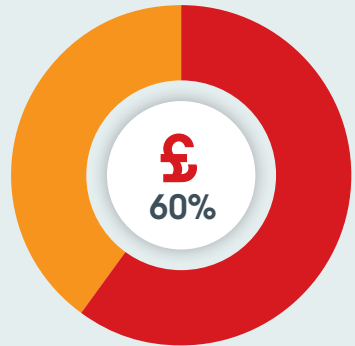
Charitable Activities

● Staff Costs	£251,251	59%
● Programme Costs	£175,938	41%



Support & Governance Costs

● Staff Costs	£82,481	60%
● Running Costs	£54,751	40%



Total £564,421

Community Development Support



7

groups provided with payroll services for 32 staff

5

independent financial assessments carried out

14

groups supported to register with Northern Ireland Charity Commission

50

weekly ebulletins distributed to 478 recipients'

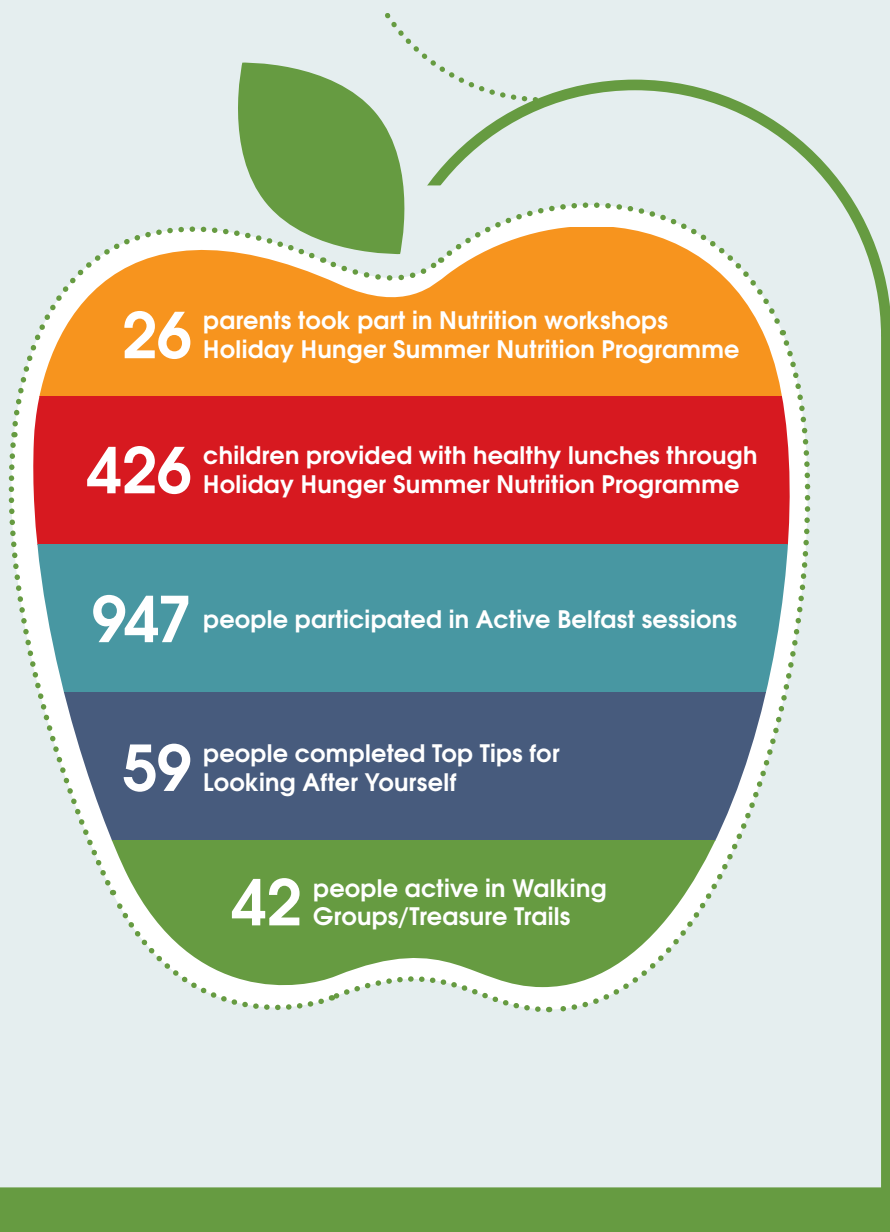
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enhanced Access NI checks countersigned

100+

provided an East Belfast view at meetings, conferences and seminars with the Public Health Agency, Belfast City Council, NICVA, NI Community Development Networks Forum, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, Department for Communities, The Executive Office, Belfast Regeneration Directorate.

Health Development Support





22 participated in Self-Defence training

43 introduced to Boccia

17 smoking cessation information stands sessions provided

97 took part in drop-in donation Yoga

29 took part in drop-in donation Pilates

How do we know?

(information gathered from Intervention Record Forms)

As part of the process, staff were asked to record comments, within the Intervention Record Form, **under 6 sections**. What follows is an example from the 120 Intervention Record Forms



How was initial contact made or developed with this group?

- Group contacted us to discuss governance review and help with Charity Commission registration.
- We contacted group to discuss them becoming part of a local forum relevant to their work.
- Offered opportunity for group to host and become part of a series of training events



Intended Impact

(What Difference Did We Want To Make)

- To explore how EBCDA and the organisation might work more collaboratively together.
- To contribute to the development of the group and to offer resources to support their work locally.
- Demystify the registration process of Northern Ireland Charity Commission and help group think through the yearl reporting process.



Unintended Impact

(What Additional Difference Did We Make)

- Health will be on the weekly residents meeting agenda
- Put the group in touch with another East Belfast based organisation who can offer specialist support to local vulnerable people.
- Assisted group in realising and understanding the impact they were having in their community and on peoples lives on daily basis.



Your View On Impact

(Will Impact Be Long Term)

- Developing improved partnership working will bring a variety of benefits for both staff and clients
- Encouraged the group to become involved in the various network opportunities in East Belfast including Forums relevant to their work.
- Establishing a planning group to focus on this work will enable the group to better connect with agencies and ensure that awareness is raised on key services, connections are made from the ground up and that there is a more collaborative approach to engaging people.



Groups View On Impact

(Impact Statements)

- We hadn't realised we would have to have a number of other policies in place. Developing the budgets for each project and having this on the computer made it much easier to manage our finances. Developing an operational plan will help us keep an eye on the progress of our work.
- We found the workshop useful and the resources given are very good as we can use these on an ongoing basis. It was really helpful in raising our awareness, how we respond and react.
- We need to ensure we don't get caught up in the big picture, it's important that we are aware of the big picture but our impact has to be within and for our local community.

We are grateful to our staff team and Board of Directors for their time, effort and commitment to EBCDA. Thanks also to our funders, Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO) Department for Social Development (DSD) Belfast City Council (BCC) and the Public Health Agency (PHA). Thank you also to our members for their support and working closely with us to build towards achieving our strategy for 2015-2020 "People Build Communities".

Board of Directors

Cliff Kennedy	Chairperson (Until October 2016)	Sammy Douglas
Karen Purdy	Chairperson (From October 2016)	Tommy Sandford
Bernie McConnell	Vice Chair (From October 2016)	Rachael Davison
Rev Mervyn Gibson	Hon Treasurer	Liz Osion
		Margaret Ferguson (Until October 2016)
		Glenn Jordan (Co-Option)
		Janice Cherry (Co-Option)
		Bobby Ellison (Co-Option)
		Richard Williamson (Co-Option)

Staff Members

Michael Briggs	Executive Director	Alison Coulter	Health Connections Worker
Kim Briggs	Resource & Finance Director	Clare Flynn	Suicide Prevention & Information Officer
Jonny Currie	Community Development Director	Linda McCracken	Receptionist & Administrative Support Officer
Linda Armitage	Health Development Director	Jean Higginson	Admin Support Officer
Narendra Munna	Health Development Worker	Marie-Anne Templeman	Finance Manager
Sharon Traynor	Health Development Worker		

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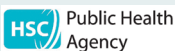
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