



**East Belfast  
Community  
Development  
Agency**

# PEOPLE BUILD COMMUNITIES

**Annual Report**

1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

## Full Members

Addiction NI  
African Community Trust  
Age Concern East Belfast & Castlereagh  
Ardcarn Residents  
Ballybeen Women's Centre  
Ballymac Friendship Trust  
Ballymacarrett District LOL No 6 District  
Ballymacarrett Somme Festival  
Belfast East Seniors Forum  
Bloomfield Community Association  
Boring Wells  
BRACE (Ballymac Regeneration & Com Enterprise)  
Braniel Community Association  
Carryduff Play Care /Playgroup  
Clonduff Community Association  
Connswater Women's Group  
Connswater Community Group  
Cregagh Community Association  
Cregagh Retired Active Gentlemen  
Dundonald Sea Cadets  
East Belfast Enterprise  
East Belfast Mission  
EBIAC - East Belfast Independent Advice Centre  
Engage with Age  
Friends of Mullan Mews  
Friends of Victoria Park  
Friends of Edgcumbe  
Greenway Women's Centre  
Inner East Youth Project  
Inner East Forum  
Inverary House  
Knights Men's Group  
Lagan Village Youth & Community Group

Links Women's Group  
MACARA Women's Group  
Mountpottinger Methodist Church  
Newtownards Road Elim Pentecostal Church  
Newtownards Road Women's Group  
Oak Partnership  
Oasis Caring in Action  
Oasis Trading In Action  
Palmerston Residents Association  
Round Tower Community Project  
Short Strand Community Forum  
Short Strand Festival  
Short Strand Partnership  
Silver Liners Group  
Skainos  
Solway Stars FC  
Survivors of Suicide Support Group  
Sydenham Gardening Association  
Sydenham United FC  
Tagit Fishing Club  
The Aslan Association  
The Hopefuls  
The Rivers Community Project  
The Well Project  
Titanic School Project  
Tullycarnet Community Support Services Ltd  
Victoria PACT  
Walkway Community Association  
Wandsworth Area Residents' Group  
Wandsworth Community Association  
Willowfield Parish Church  
Willowfield Parish Community Association  
Wise Men of the East Network

## Associate Members

Alison Wightman  
Ashfield Boys' High School  
Avoniel Leisure Centre  
Avoniel Primary School  
Belfast City Council Youth Forum  
Belfast City Council  
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (Com Dev)  
Belfast Interface Project  
Belfast Regeneration Office  
Bracken Beacon Day Support  
Castlereagh Community Safety Partnership  
Charter for Northern Ireland  
Citizens Advice Belfast  
Clara Park Tenants & Residents' Association  
Connswater Homes Ltd  
Contact NI  
Creative Exchange Artist Studios  
Dundonald Green Belf Association  
East Belfast Alternatives  
East Belfast Area Youth Project  
East Belfast Learning Disability Services  
GEMS Northern Ireland Limited  
Green Action  
Hosford House

Inverary Community Centre  
Knocknagoney Community Centre  
Knocknagoney Primary School  
Live by the Word of God Ministries  
National Trust NI  
Newtownbreda Women's Institute  
NI Housing Executive  
Start 360  
Ravenhill Presbyterian Men's Fellowship  
Ravenscroft Nursery School  
RNIB (Belfast Activity Programme)  
Sport Tae Kwan Do NI  
The Junction Club  
The National Trust NI  
The Ullans Academy  
The Ultra Rare Diseases Disorders & Disabilities Foundation  
Tuesday Mother & Toddlers  
Tullycarnet Yarnspillers  
Wligar Community Forum Association  
Willowfield Credit Union  
Youth Action  
Youth Initiatives

## Chair & Executive Director

Welcome to our annual report covering April 2015 – March 2016. Following the theme of our 2015 – 2020 Strategy 'People Build Communities', we want to present a more graphic representation of our work over the past 12 months, we hope, to make 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. These 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

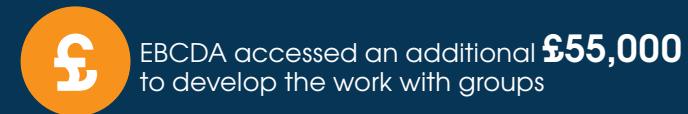
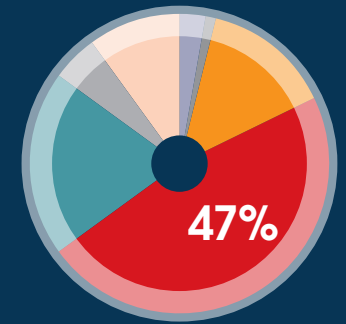


consisting of governance, finance support, charity registration, applying for funding, developing programmes, developing and implementing policies, health programmes focussing on the 5 themes of healthy hearts, healthy minds, healthy bodies, healthy communities, healthy relationships

EBCDA held **53** events with 1,021 people attending. These events were conferences, seminars, consultations, forums, training, community development café

They heard about the event through

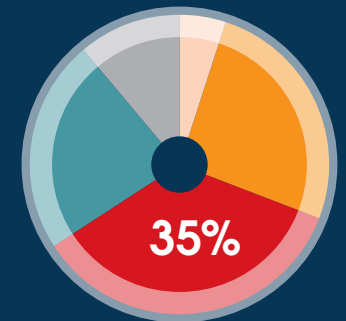
Facebook	3%
Twitter	1%
Weekly ebulletin	14%
Word of mouth	47%
Email invite	20%
Letter	5%
Other	10%



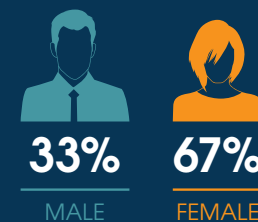
EBCDA worked with **4178** people

In the following age groups

18-25	5%
26-40	26%
41-60	35%
61-74	23%
75+	11%

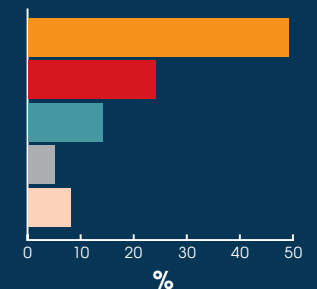


The people involved were



These people had an income of

£10,000<	49%
£10,001 - £20,000	24%
£20,001 - £30,000	14%
£30,001 - £40,000	5%
£40,001>	8%



# 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?

- This group is an ongoing concern, facilitated by EBCDA.
- Contacted by group and asked for information on training, programmes and information.
- Connect to local communities; to hear local concerns/issues/ ideas, promote programmes, service delivery and training provision of EBCDA, to support local health focused work and increase local participation.



## Intended Impact

(What Difference Did We Want To Make)

- The aim of the group is to bring together community groups, services providers and statutory agencies to look at issues relating to enforcement, awareness raising and education, services and support.
- To build the capacity of group to apply for funding.
- Connect to local communities; to hear local concerns/issues/ ideas, promote programmes, service delivery and training provision of EBCDA, to support local health focused work and increase local participation.



## Unintended Impact

(What Additional Difference Did We Make)

- Helped to coordinate a response to drug dealing and drug paraphernalia in the Titanic halt area.
- Created more work for EBCDA! (in terms of drawing up research template and gathering responses)
- Influenced funding application to reduce duplication of programmes and enabled complementary work across East.



## Your View On Impact

(Will Impact Be Long Term)

- The group has a long-term plan but needed some support like this to get started with some "quick wins."
- Medium if funding is successful but it could lead to long term impact if further funding is sought.
- Participant's were able to recognise what causes them stress, how they currently deal with it and provided strategies to enable them to manage this better in the future.



## Groups View On Impact

(Impact Statements)

- 13 groups involved are grateful for EBCDA's support in coordinating new collaborative work in place
- Easy to understand information provided and great interactive display of resources that attracted interest and encouraged participation
- Support from EBCDA has allowed us to think differently about how we approach our work in the community



## Training Programme Details

- Personal Development and Parent & Teen Communication
- First Aid in The Work Place
- Introduction to Community Development

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  
Karen Purdy  
Bernie McConnell  
Rev Mervyn Gibson  
Sammy Douglas  
Tommy Sandford  
Rachael Davison

**Chairperson**  
**Vice Chairperson**  
**Hon Secretary**  
**Hon Treasurer**

Margaret Ferguson  
Liz Oslon  
Glenn Jordan (Co-Option)  
Janice Cherry (Co-Option)  
Bobby Ellison (Co-Option)  
Richard Williamson (Co-Option)

## Staff Members

Michael Briggs	<b>Executive Director</b>	Alison Bryans	<b>Health Connections Worker</b>
Kim Briggs	<b>Resource &amp; Finance Director</b>	Katy Gaston	<b>Volunteer Development Co-Ordinator</b>
Jonny Currie	<b>Community Support Director</b>	Trisha McQueen	<b>Receptionist &amp; Administrative Support Officer</b>
Linda Armitage	<b>Health Development Director</b>	Jean Higginson	<b>Admin Support Officer</b>
Clare Flynn	<b>Suicide Prevention Development Officer</b>	Marie-Anne Templeman	<b>Finance Manager</b>
Alan Houston	<b>Health Development Worker</b>	Lynn Heatley	<b>Community Support Worker (Ballybeen)</b>
Sharon Traynor	<b>Health Development Worker</b>	Diane Allison	<b>Admin Officer (Ballybeen)</b>

**East Belfast Community Development Agency** T 028 9045 1512  
East Belfast Network Centre  
55 Templemore Avenue  
Belfast BT5 4FP  
E info@ebcda.org  
[www.ebcda.org](http://www.ebcda.org)



ebcda



East Belfast Community Development Agency



**Belfast  
City Council**