

If you would like to become a member of EBCDA, please fill out the form below.

We would like to become members of EBCDA:

Organisation Name:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

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I am also interested in the following (please tick):

Understanding Community Development

Developing Partnership Working

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.

For further information please contact:

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Supporting Community Development in East Belfast





EBCDA is the ‘umbrella organisation’ supporting community development in East Belfast.

Our membership is made up of community groups drawn from an area that contains almost 109,000 people. It is representative of a broad range of interests and needs within communities and encompasses a variety of groups, including local residents’ associations, faith based organisations, sports clubs, older people’s projects and women’s groups.

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.



Values and Principles

PARTICIPATION

We will work proactively to ensure that people have the opportunity to fully contribute to, and share in, decision-making processes in relation to policies and programmes that will affect them.

INCLUSION

We will support and promote work which builds communities that include groups and people that have been most marginalised.

FAIRNESS

We oppose harassment, victimisation and prejudice of any kind. We are committed to ensuring that we do not discriminate against anyone within, or in contact with, the Organisation on the grounds of gender, race, nationality, ethnic origin, disability, and responsibility for dependents, sexuality, age, economic status, religious or political belief or marital status. This includes all the groups highlighted in Equality Legislation as outlined in Section 75 of the (1998) Northern Ireland Act.

GOOD PRACTICE

We value learning from other places and will promote identified good practice amongst our members and other stakeholders. The application of these values and principles to our work will contribute to:

- A greater awareness that the principles of community development are fundamental to successful regeneration in East Belfast.
 - Equal access to a wide range of development opportunities for people living in areas of recognised disadvantage.
 - All relevant agencies and organisations being involved in promoting community participation and consultation in developing policy and practice.
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Strategic Aims

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:

- Administrative support;
- Promotion of best practice;
- Co-ordinating local networks;
- Consultations;
- Partnership working;
- Infrastructure;
- Health development;
- Volunteer development.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND FINANCE SERVICES

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

- Financial and professional services;
- Use of premises;
- Provision of resource materials.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

To encourage, support and facilitate the provision of quality community development education and training opportunities:

- Provision of advice;
- Information;
- Support for training.

ADVOCACY

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 from this.

- Acting as an advocate for the community sector in East Belfast.
 - Representing the sector on partnership projects and with key stakeholders.
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