

# East Belfast Community Development Agency

East Belfast Supporting the  
Community Sector in East  
Belfast  
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## Annual Report 2005

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# ***Chair's Comments***



## **Chair's Comments**

As always, we are presenting this report as a reflection on some of the work of the Agency over the past 12 months. We hope this report



gives you a flavour of developments during this period and a general idea of the work which EBCDA carries out.

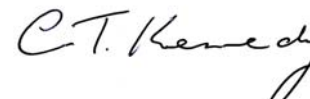
During these past 12 months we have continued to drive our work forward and develop the work within our four strategic aims of Community Support, Advocacy, Education and Training, Resource and Finance Services.

You can see from the sections within this Annual Report, the extensive and comprehensive work we have done throughout the 2005 period.

We are grateful to Belfast City Council, BRO South & East Team, DSD Voluntary & Community Unit and Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (CFNI) for their continued support. Towards the end of 2005 we received funding from Wellnet (EHSSB) to employ a Health & Social Connections Worker which we will report on more extensively in 2006.

The Board of Directors elected in September 2004 have now completed their first full year and they are pleased to be finishing 2005 with the production of a new strategy for 2006-2010 which will act as our compass as we continue our work in supporting the community sector in east Belfast.

I would like to thank our Funders, the Staff and Board of Directors and our volunteers for the continued commitment to EBCDA and the Community Sector in East Belfast.



**Cliff Kennedy, Chair**



# ***Director's Report***



## **Director's Report**

This has been another exciting, although challenging year for EBCDA. We have continued to provide our core support services of *Community Support Programme* and *Resource and Finance Services* for the Community Sector in east Belfast. We have also developed some new and fresh ideas to complement these core services.

### **Conference 2005**

The Conference in 2005 was set against a backdrop of a changing east Belfast. Political changes, funding changes, population changes and



environment changes, if embraced, will all contribute to a new, confident and vibrant community sector in east Belfast.

Within this context we facilitated our second annual Community Development Conference, looking at how the community sector might better prepare itself and east Belfast for these future changes.

The conference was held in CFC Church and included guest speakers, workshops and a historical talk about east Belfast, and a series of displays were set up by local groups to showcase their work. The conference was attended by 93 people from the community sector in east Belfast.

### **Local Community Fund**

2005 was the third and final year of the Local Community Fund (LCF) in east Belfast. We acted as agents for CFNI in administering nearly £460,000 of the fund in east Belfast. Whilst this has generated a massive amount of work for our small staff team, it has made the process of delivery for groups somewhat easier.



## **Research/Consultations**

In addition to the alternative side of dealing with stress we also conducted research to try and come to some understanding as to what the day-to-day stresses and strains were for community development workers and what created these. This turned out to be an excellent piece of research, although the findings were somewhat frightening.

We conducted a community consultation that would assist Belfast City Council in delivering the Albertbridge Road Arterial Routes Programme. The process, which allowed us to gain views and opinions from local residents, businesses and the primary school, resulted in some very practical ideas to complement the overall plan for the road.

## **Networking and Advocacy**

We represent a view from the sector in east Belfast to the wider environment in Northern Ireland and beyond. In 2005 we did this by developing and maintaining contact with BCC, Inner East Forum, E B Partnership, Castlereagh Council, NICVA, S&E Health & Social Care Group, Community

Development Networks Forum and Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership.

## **Northern Ireland Community Builders**

In 2005 I participated in this programme to New York. The programme lasted 4 weeks and was split between Columbia University and a work placement. Although it was a tough programme (*being in New York eased that somewhat*) it was wonderful experience for me and something which I will always be learning from.



## **Thanks**

I would like to thank our Chair, Board of Directors, Funders and Staff for their continued support and commitment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Briggs'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is located below the 'Thanks' section.

**Michael Briggs, Director**



# ***Community Resource and Finance Services***





## **Community Resource and Finance Services**

As most people will know, this is an area of work EBCDA has been offering to the community sector throughout our 35 year history. What we provide within Community Resource and Finance Services doesn't change much from year to year - what does change is the demand for the service at various times throughout the year. This year we were pleased to have Rose Sidey join us as part-time admin support.

We continue to photocopy, produce tickets, posters, leaflets for groups, and offer a mailing and collating service, and with the purchase of our new photocopier which can cope with a much heavier demand, this has allowed us to expand these services. It has allowed for organisations to produce small amounts of full colour professional leaflets, letters and information, without incurring a massive cost.

We also kitted out our meeting room with new tables and full multimedia system so people can use the room and make presentations directly through our system.

We continue to provide payroll services, independent examinations and finance advice, but our biggest piece of work this year has been the administration of £460,000.00 for the Local Community Fund 2005/2006. Whilst we are aware how this process allows for the smooth running for the community sector, it put additional demand on our time which needed careful management, but has been very worthwhile.

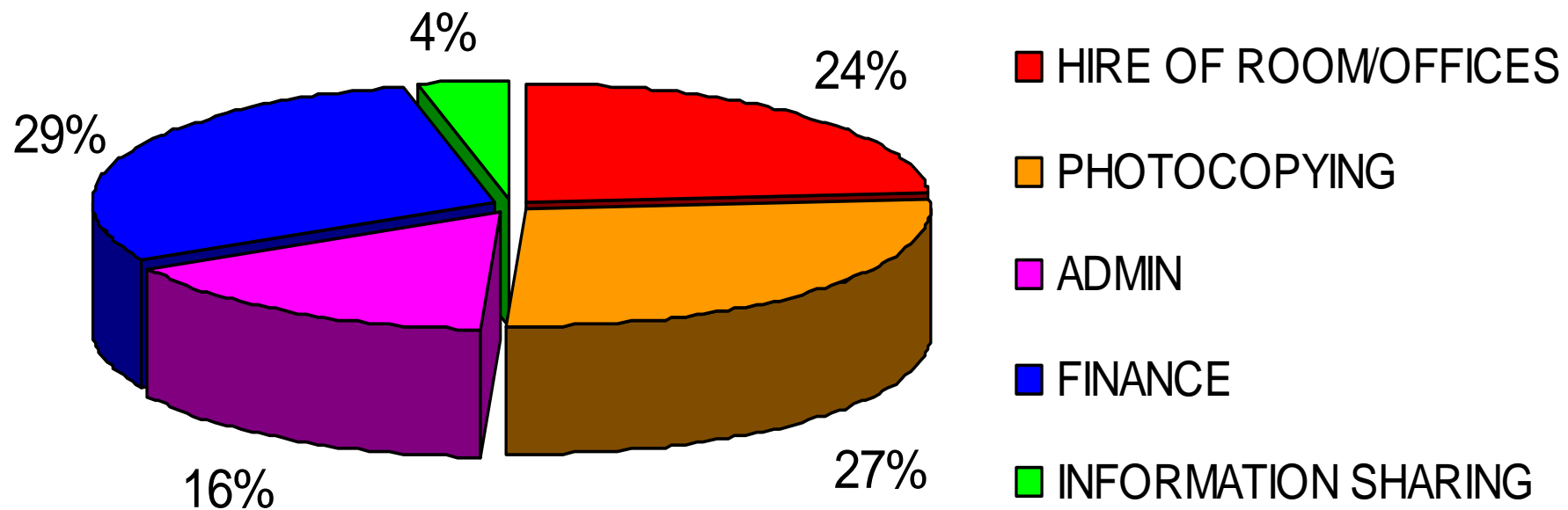
Community Resource and Finance Services provide financial management for EBCDA, as well as managing the building and any services related to this. It is also our responsibility to ensure that the Agency is up-to-date on all health, safety and employment related issues which can affect all elements of our work as well as the community sector. We also make all our written policies available to the sector in east Belfast for adaption and reference purposes.



**Kim Wightman, Finance/Office Manager**



## BREAK-DOWN OF COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND FINANCE SERVICES USED BY GROUPS



# ***Community Support Programme***



## **Community Support/Capacity Building**

The Community Support/Capacity Building Programme has, over the year, continued to provide EBCDA with further opportunities to develop links and networking within east Belfast, share information and provide support to its continually developing and expanding Community Sector.

### **East Belfast Community Workers' Forum**



The Programme continues to facilitate, support and develop the work of the Forum in conjunction with the generosity of those groups who have hosted meetings during the year, and provided lunch. Attendance at these meetings has flourished and both new staff and those who are more experienced have found the discussions, information sharing and networking opportunities extremely valuable

### **Support and Advice**

Over the year the Programme has provided support to groups through assistance with sourcing funding, completing application forms, setting up as a new group, registering as a charity, complying with funders' regulations and completing returns, etc. New members now all receive an advice pack, developed last year, and, with funding from the Local Community Fund, 20 groups have developed a PR and publicity package, and 12 groups received professional advice from a community consultant.

Support and advice was also given to many groups organising individual projects and events, such as Streetreach 2005, which have had a lasting impact on east Belfast.



## **Special Events**

EBCDA, recognising the stresses and strains that the community sector in east Belfast operates under, initiated a

Stressbusters – Relax to Work Programme in partnership with EBCHIP and South Belfast Highway to Health. Through this we organised



two free therapies day, allowing those involved in community work to sample taster sessions in Reflexology, Massage, Reiki, Acupuncture, etc – all while enjoying a cup of tea and a ‘squeeze’ of their complimentary stress ball!

In December we organised a funding week featuring one-to-one finance training, grant-tracker sessions, training on how to complete a successful funding application and a Funding Information night. Nine funding bodies set up stands at the evening event and after some formal presentations, individuals

talked with funders face-to-face, picked up application packs and browsed the masses of other information available.

## **Information, Resources and Training**

Sharing and providing information to our members remains a main focus. We do this through a range of methods including mailings, face-to-face contact and our quarterly newsletter and clash diary, which are still going strong. Resources offered include a training and resource library, consultations and access to Grant-tracker (22 groups used this in 2005).

Courses included media skills, first aid at work, committee management skills, and how to put together a successful funding application.



***Sonia Anderson, Community Support Worker***



# ***Membership***



**Full Members**

- Ace Ventures
- Ardcarne Residents' Association
- Ashfield Boys' High School
- Ashmount Community Association
- Aslan Association
- Ballybeen Improvement Group
- Ballybeen Men in Focus
- Ballybeen Women's Centre
- Ballymac Friendship Trust
- Ballymacarrett Arts & Cultural Society
- Ballymacarrett Group of Churches
- Ballymacarrett Self Help Group
- Ballymacarrett Visual Arts
- Ballymacarrett Youth & Community Project
- Belfast Community Housing Association
- Belfast East Seniors' Forum
- Belmont Council of Churches
- Belmont Tower
- Blind Centre for N Ireland
- Bloomfield Community Association
- Bytes Computer Centre
- Carryduff Playcare/Playgroup
- CEHT
- Clanmil Housing
- Clara Park Tenants' & Residents' Association
- Clarawood 50+ Club
- Community Creche
- Community Restorative Justice
- Connections
- Contact Youth Counselling Services
- Cregagh Pre-School Playgroup
- Crown Project
- Dalry Park Residents' & Tenants' Association
- Dee Street Community Centre
- Doyle Youth Club
- Drug Awareness
- Dundonald Cultural Society
- Dundonald Village Regeneration Group
- East Belfast Anti-Racist
- East Belfast Alternatives



- East Belfast Churches Forum
- East Belfast Community Education Centre
- East Belfast Community Focus
- East Belfast Concerned Women's Group
- East Belfast Enterprise
- East Belfast Independent Advice Centre
- East Belfast Mission
- East Belfast Talking Newspaper
- East Belfast Youth Forum
- Entertainers' Group
- Friends of Edgcumbe ATU
- Gae Lairn
- Glenluce Quality Caring Centre
- Great Wars Historical & Cultural Group
- Greenway Women's Group
- Happy Tots Playgroup
- Inner East Forum
- Inner East Youth Project
- Inverary Community Centre
- Inverary Community and Environmental Group
- Joel's Place
- Kinross Residents' & Tenants' Association
- Kirn Park Residents' & Tenants' Association
- Knocknagoney Community Centre
- Ledley Hall Playcare Club
- Leven Park Residents' & Tenants' Association
- Lochinver Residents' & Tenants' Association
- Longstone Community Association
- Lord Street Tenants' & Residents' Association
- Man Akin
- Men United
- Mersey Street Area Residents' Association
- Mersey Street Primary School
- Moneyrea Women's Institute
- Newtownards Road Elim Pentecostal Church
- Newtownards Road Women's Group Ltd
- Oak Partnership
- Oasis – Caring in Action
- Old Mill Senior Citizens' Club
- Oval Club
- Round Tower Community Projects
- Short Strand Afterschool Club





- Short Strand Community Centre
- Short Strand Community Forum
- Short Strand Festival
- Short Strand Men's Group
- Short Strand Parent & Toddlers
- Short Strand Playcare Group
- Short Strand Residents' Group
- Short Strand Special Needs
- Short Strand Women's Group
- St Matthew's Community Association
- St Matthew's Darts Club
- St Matthew's Guide Unit
- Strandtown Primary School
- Swann Training Services
- Sydenham Cross-Community Support Centre
- Synergy Park
- TAGIT
- The Academy of Ulster-Scots (Ullans) Ltd
- The Beat Initiative
- The Bridge Community Association
- The Centre
- The Hopefuls
- Tra Ghearr Ex-Prisoners
- Tullycarnet Community Forum
- Tullycarnet Young Men's Group
- Vionville Residents' Association
- Walkway Community Association
- Walkway Women's Group
- Wandsworth Area Residents' Group
- Willowfield Parish Community Association
- Women's Weekly
- Workmatters Job Club
- Young Men's Education Group
- Young Women's Group



### **Associate Members**

- Age Concern East Belfast & Castlereagh
- Arches Drama Group
- Ashfield Girls' High School
- Avoniel Leisure Centre
- Avoniel Primary School
- Ballyoran Old Tyme Dance & Social Group
- BCC Community Support Unit Level 5
- BCC Neighbourhood Office
- Beechfield Primary School
- BELB Creative Youth Partnerships
- Belfast City Council/NI Housing
- Belfast Education & Library Board
- Belfast Gems
- Belfast Interface Project
- Belmont Church Lunch Club
- Belvoir Thursday Night S.C. Club
- BIFHE
- Bloomfield Baptist Parents & Toddlers
- Bloomfield Community Initiatives
- Braniel Over 60s Club
- Campbell College
- Castlereagh College
- Castlereagh Community Safety Partnership
- Castlereagh Local Strategy Partnership
- Castlereagh Youth Office – SEELB
- Community Services, Castlereagh Council
- Creating Common Ground
- Dundela Forum Association
- Dundonald Green Belt Association
- East Belfast Area Youth Project
- East Belfast Beacon Centre
- East Belfast Citizens' Advice Bureau
- East Belfast Open Learning Centre
- East Belfast Partnership
- East Belfast UUP Advice Centre
- EBCHIP (East Belfast Healthy Living Centre)
- Elmgrove Primary School
- Engage With Age
- Enterprise Ulster
- Euston Street Primary School



- Evergreens, Cregagh Presbyterian Church
- First Friends
- Golden Years Club
- Green Action
- Highway of Holiness Ministries
- Home-Start East Belfast
- Inner East Belfast Sure Start
- Investing for Health
- Knock Parent & Toddler Group
- Knocknagoney Over Sixties Club
- Lagan Watersports Centre
- Laganside
- McArthur Nursery School
- McMordie Scout Group
- Mersey Street Mums & Tots
- NI Political Collection, Linen Hall Library
- NEA (NI)
- Nettlefield Primary School
- Newtownbreda Women's Institute
- NICAS
- NIHE District 2

- Northern Ireland Childminding Association
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Park Avenue Free Methodist Church
- Pedestrians' Association/Living Streets
- Playboard
- PMS & PND Support
- Probation Office (Newtownards Road)
- Rubicon
- S & E Belfast Health & Social Services Trust
- S & E Belfast Health & Social Care Group
- S & E Belfast Trust Community Development Unit
- Short Strand Drugs Awareness Group
- Strand Presbyterian Church
- Strandburn Residents' Association
- Strathearn School
- Sydenham Infants' School
- The Bytes Project
- The Church's Ministry of Healing
- The Junction Club
- Tidy Lagan
- Tor Bank School



- Tots & Co (Mothers & Toddlers)
- Tuesday Mother & Toddlers
- Tullycarnet Library
- Tullycarnet Presbyterian Indoor Bowling Club
- Tullycarnet Primary School
- Tullycarnet Yarnspinners
- Ulster People's College
- Wandsworth Community Association
- Willowfield Church of Ireland
- Youth Conference Service, Youth Justice Agency
- YouthAction Northern Ireland



# ***Board of Directors and Staff***



**Board of Directors**

- Cliff Kennedy - *Chair*
- Janice Cherry - *Vice-Chair*
- Bernie McConnell - *Hon Secretary*
- Billy Kennedy - *Hon Treasurer*
- Rev David Brown
- Rachael Davison
- Sammy Douglas
- Jim Ferguson
- Rev Mervyn Gibson
- Anne Lappin
- Des Meredith
- Paulene Morton
- Sam Lamont – *Co-Option*
- Jan Costello – *Co-Option*
- Gordon Walker – *Co-Option*

**Staff**

- Michael Briggs - *Director*
- Sonia Anderson - *Community Support Worker*
- Kim Wightman - *Finance/Office Manager*
- Justine Brown – *Health & Social Connections Worker*
- Jean Higginson - *Payroll/Finance Administrator*
- Barbara Haig - *Project Support/Admin Worker*
- Rose Sidey – *Part-time Project Support/Admin Worker*



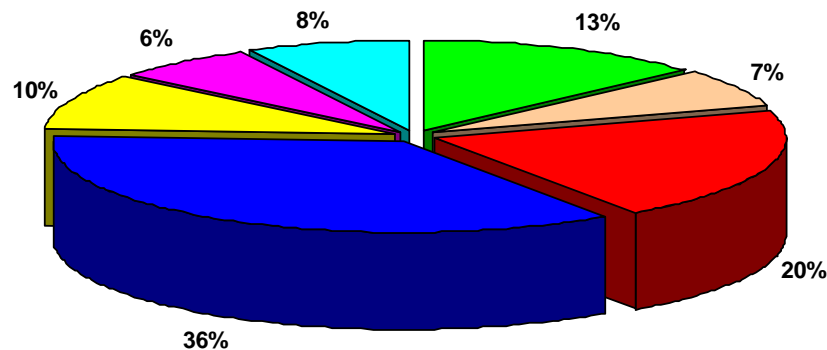
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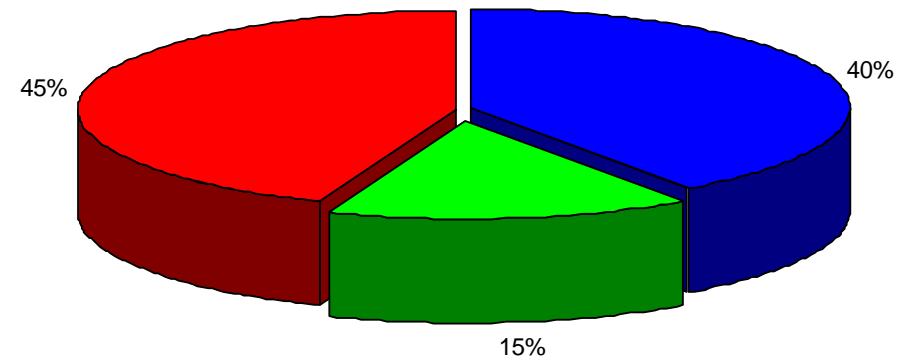
The Agency's total income for 2004/2005 was £361,215 and total expenditure was £301,945. Therefore income exceeded expenditure by £59,270. The graphs below show where our money came from and how it was spent. A full set of our accounts can be obtained from the offices of EBCDA.

### WHERE OUR MONEY CAME FROM



- BELFAST CITY COUNCIL £47,691
- BELFAST LOCAL STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP £25,032
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR N.I. £72,718
- DSD - BELFAST REGENERATION OFFICE £129,838
- DSD - VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY UNIT £35,582
- S & E BELFAST HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE GROUP £22,917
- SELF-GENERATED AND DONATIONS £27,437

### HOW WE SPENT OUR MONEY



- STAFF COSTS £121,655
- RUNNING COSTS £46,731
- PROJECT COSTS £133,559





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