

Appendices

UK Fiscal Restraint: Implications for NI Community Organisations

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Appendix One – What is essential to survival of your work?

suitable premises
Funding for core staff
Funding for salaries
Core funding in support of overheads and running costs
Overhead costs/insurance to maintain our offices/base
salary costs
Affordable local Training
skilled flexible staff
core running costs
office
Core running costs
Recognition by Government of the value and need for our work and support and resources to do it!
funding for programmes
STAFF
become more effective
Political Lobbying to Government Departments
official recognition
funding for coordinator and part time admin
Funding Salaries
Proper funding
Grant support based on full cost recovery
Salary costs
PROJECT FUNDING
Continued, sustainable funding
Money to sustain the work
salary costs (high proportion at least) for required staff
core funding
Securing Core Funding
Funding
Core salaries
Funding
salary for management
Recognition of good work already carried out
Funding for educational provision
Project costs

funding
community support
Administration support
salary costs
STAFF SALARY COSTS
funding for training
PREMISES
Salaried Full Time Staff (admin & coaching)
Funding for premises
Visitors
Minister McGimpsey reversing his policy of delivering all social care services in-house by the Health and social care Trusts
longer term funding
Funding
membership uptake
Funding for projects/programmes
funding
Funding for Salaries
Childcare support - staff costs - sunstained funding
Core funding
Training workshops
Our specialist fitted out workshops space for training
Staff costs
premises
core staff costs
Overheads and running cost
Core salary funding
Admin Support
Funding to run the Community House
Client service offer
core funding stream
Support with insurance overheads
salary costs
The abolishment of 50% vacant rating
Securing contracts from public sector organisations
A place to meet at a reasonable rent.
core running costs
Salary Costs
Current DSD contract sustained £65Kpa
staff and running costs
experienced core staff
core coast
Core costs
Long Term Investment rather than sporadic grant aid
Premises
Local Council support for our activities
Funding for Core costs

salary costs -Admin	
paid worker	
RUNNING COSTS	
core costs for community development staff	
core costings funding	
salary costs	
Salary Costs (admin)	
Overheads and running cost	
Funding to develop programmes	
Staff salaries	
Financial Support for Wages	
Core funding	
a 3 year fixed term budget	
funding	
project overhead costs	
Measurable results	
Money	
Need for services	
Support Officer	
Staff	
financial income	
Funding to cover Premises	
Admin Salary costs	
premises	
CAPACITY TO NETWORK	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
salaries (staff & admin)	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Funding for project costs - services, classes, mentoring	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Funding for running costs of programmes	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Need to continue to develop social economy approaches	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Programme costs/to keep the vital progs running	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
project costs	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 4
Running cost assistance	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 4
good leadership	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
salary costs	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
overheads running costs	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Government continue to commission services from Community & Voluntary sector	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Full time staff	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
funding for staff	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
PROJECT RESOURCES	Mon, Sep 6, 2010 9
Funding for core running costs	Sun, Sep 5, 2010 1
partnership working with local council	Sat, Sep 4, 2010 8:
resources to support and develop womens groups in urban & rural areas	Sat, Sep 4, 2010 4:
Running Costs	Sat, Sep 4, 2010 2:
Low cost transport	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 7:
Support to deliver services on a regional basis	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 1:
Programme costs	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 9:
ACCESS TO EXPERT ADVISE	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 8:

Open communication between different sectors	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 7:
Recognition of past successes and general learning	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 7:
Adequate office space but could be shared	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 5:
partnership working	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 3:
Retaining core/skilled staff & Board	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 3:
Premises	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 2:
Core running costs	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 2:
Public Interest	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 2:
salary for administration	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 1:
Removal of problems associated with match-funding	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 1:
Investment towards site improvements	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 1:
Core costs	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 12:
staff	Fri, Sep 3, 2010 12:
money	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 1
Funds to reimburse volunteers	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 1
running costs	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 9
VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND EXPENSES COSTS	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 8
funding for equipment	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 8
SUPPORT	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 8
Full time office space	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 7
Funding for salaries	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 7
ACNI funding (project and revenue)	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 7
Open tendering on a level playing field with HSCTrusts in N.Ireland	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 7
unrestricted funding	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 6
Networking and partnership with other organisations	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 3
core funding	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 1
Overhead and running cost	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 1
government support & recognition	Thu, Sep 2, 2010 1
Funding for Overheads	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
Admin & Finance - staff costs - sustained funding	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
Core Funding for Advice, Training & Childcare	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
Creche & transport provision	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
Our creche, essential for our women trainees kids	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
Running costs - even if marginal	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
salaries	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
running costs	Wed, Sep 1, 2010
Project Cost	Tue, Aug 31, 2010
Availability of premises	Tue, Aug 31, 2010
Overhead costs & insurance	Tue, Aug 31, 2010
Funding to secure a Development Officer	Tue, Aug 31, 2010
Core staff	Tue, Aug 31, 2010
revenue costs	Sat, Aug 28, 2010
Better insurance deals	Sat, Aug 28, 2010
Continued funding for community organisations	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
Forboth councils and the Assemblerly be consistent.	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
wages	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
Projects costs	Thu, Aug 26, 2010

Ability to remain in Community Centre free of charge	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
funding opportunities	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
premises to operate from	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
volunteers	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
salary costs	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
Robust evidence of social and economic impact of work	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
Staff	Thu, Aug 26, 2010
Sponsorship from local companies	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Funding for Programme costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
running costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
premises	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
ADMIN SUPPORT	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
programme costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
retention of staff	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
overheads and running costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Salary Costs (other)	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Project Cost	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Running Cost of our Centre	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Basic running costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Financial Support Project costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Premises	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
opportunity to reprofile budget to meet changes	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
volunteers	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
staff costs	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Strategic partnerships	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Volunteers	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
staff	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Admin Support	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Community based programmes	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
qualified and committed staff	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Salaries	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
Up to 50% running costs, to include ICT and telephone	Wed, Aug 25, 2010
staff	Wed, Aug 25, 2010

DELIVER PROJECTS AND SERVICES

organisational independence

Premises

Demonstrable outcomes in all areas of activity

Help with recruitment

partnership with Gov

single identity funding

budget for running programmes

Government fund Mental Health work as a priority

Networking with groups with similar aims

ability to innovate

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Volunteer Development Programmes

women's sector recognition and credibility

premises

Respect and understanding from funders who realise we can not change our objectives just to meet their money

A SENSE OF WORTH

Support staff

Realistic working budget

flexibility and independence

Effective Financial Management & budgetary control

Admin support

Disposable income of public

project costs

Capacity

partnership

clear aims + objectives

sharing ideas and good practice

ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD COSTS- INSURANCE ETC

funding for day to day expenses

NETWORKING

Communication network with clubs and other stakeholders

Training

public demand

opportunity to plan strategically

Ability to provide training & support to local urban/rural women

Budget for Training

Sensible percentage cuts we can handle, specific cuts of jobs or other resources are impossible

Training - sustained funding

Running costs for building

Project costs

networking opportunities

project budget

Access to expert help and advice.

Support from local community/stat&vol sector

Capacity to pool resources with other groups

Ability to network with other local groups

Operating base

strong input from committee

Help with marketing eg experts with launching web site

Ring fenced budgets for evaluations, planning etc.

People coming together to help one another.

Affordable Transport

partnership work with others in the same field

networking

understanding that we provide excellent value for money

Networking, collaboration and mergers to increase quality

Potential funding is getting harder to secure

Access to Training and Information/Advice

project costs

programme costs

COLLABORATIVE WORK

admin and management support

commitment and confidence from stat body to deliver

training opportunities and budget for volunteers

Having Premises

Networking Capacity

Staff to develop our programmes

Project costs

Training oppourtunities

Restoring trained staff

acceptence of on line banking, to reduce costs

Community Support

sustainability

Core & Project funding

sustainability

volunteers

Premises

maintained community centre

Funding to cover overheads and insurance

overhead costs

Appendix Two – Why did respondents make the choices they did about service withdrawals with the greatest impact?

building community capacity
As a support network our impact is wide, cutting our support would cause a ripple effect to hundreds of groups and individuals.
We offer classes, advice & guidance in all areas to older people, vulnerable people, lone parents, youth groups without this support and services to the community it would be a great loss and these groups would not feel confident enough to travel further to gain these services.
We are an umbrella organisation providing support to local groups and to the community in general
Our organisation is all about community development as well as understanding and interacting with other communities.
for many older people to whom we provide services we are the only point of contact ,the only older people many people see regularly
We see an essential role for the Association as providing access to information and advice to meet the needs of people living in or visiting the area.
Our work is with vulnerable adults, enabling them to deal with their current situations and re-integrate into community. Social Economy projects are central to our success going forward.
this is the main focus of our work and if we could not continue the loss of these activities would have a major impact as no other group is in the position to provide.
Current services include social economy project (cafe) incorporating lucheon club, meals on wheels, respite for carers, podiatry services for Older People. Also cross community integration work with funding from IFI & Peace III.
Our organisation delivers home based services to parents of all ages with children birth - 5 yrs some of them suffering isolation, illness, no employment. Within the Lifestart programme we cover home safety and also are the key to many other agencies in the county as we have the home visit with sometimes people who will not

access group services
all economic downturns hit those communities in need of support, enviable job cuts impact directly upon advice service providers, on top of the reviews taking place within welfare reform, we centre and prioritise our services upon people, in the changing times, money spent on the beautification of communities, sounds like Marie antoinette quote let them eat cake
We are a community group which focuses on providing servies for families, young people, and older people
These are the type of projects that we believe are very important for our community to develop.
It's Essential for our group to be able deliver these projects, his type of project helps maintenances contact with residents with out this work some Residents would not even leave their homes
The programme is designed specifically to develop capacity to increase community cohesion address inter ciommunity relationships and reduce violence
There is no statutory input in the area and the project delivers programmes to address these voids
* we work in partnership to provide oppourtunities for older people to connect with their communities which has an impact on their health and wellbeing. If this service was withdrawn their quality of life and health would suffer, and the cost would have to be met by the statutory sector.
tHESE ARE ALL AREAS OF WORK CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN
We have the ability to work across a range of services and can change direction when needed i,e, interface problems, YCA, racial and sectarian issues
Lack of provision would affect the young people adversely in a remote area
Our group operates in a Rural environment and any cut-backs do have a tendency to impact greater in this area, as they have traditionally been under-funded anyway in the past.

Limited resources for a group means that without development workers helping volunteers to run projects events will be limited, as volunteers can only give a certain period of their own time to help out whereas a worker can source funding, deal with the paperwork organise and take the pressure off the volunteers

We are interested in really making an impact on poverty and the nefarious legacies of civil conflict so take a progressive universal approach to social regeneration and economic evolution so we try and offer as wide a range of activity and service as possible

in a rural area its so difficult to have sufficient resources and is difficult to get social economy projects off ground

We are an organisation that leverage in other projects & programmes ensuring they are legacy projects which can exist without the SRCF. our major programmes going forward are the education programme with Stranmillis college & the physical/economic renewal programme and it is important that we have staff in place to drive these projects through

Provision of transport for the rural community

I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO PULL TOGETHER WHEN TIMES ARE HARD BECAUSE THEN HOPEFULLY WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The choices identify the area's greatest need

These are at the core of the services we offer, they are the services people are using and asking for

We offer an advice/signposting service and projects which assist the integration of ethnic communities. No other group offers these services in our council area.

Our core offer to over 20,000 young people each year is based on these elements.

We work very closely with the youth of the estate, this area was identified as an area of high deprivation by the department of Social Development. The work that we do with the youth enables them to take part in activities that they normally wouldn't get the chance to, we also run projects that improve on and teach the youth new skills which they can take out to the wider community. If funding was to stop it would have a detrimental effect on the youth of the estate.

<p>Very successful Over 55's Luncheon Club and Parent & toddler group in the area</p>
<p>Our core work is supporting families and children in need in an area of high deprivation. If these services were withdrawn, there would be a severe negative impact to the development of local families and the wider community.</p>
<p>These type of projects are essential to build a strong cohesive community and without them it would be impossible to engage with our local residents.</p>
<p>This community organisation acts as the main resource for community development activities in the area. It works with all local/voluntary groups and all residents. The service offered within the organisation are vital to addressing the level of deprivation within the area and reduction in any of the service would negatively impact on this community</p>
<p>These are the areas we work the most in and where the impact would be felt within our catchment area</p>
<p>These are the core services that our member groups provide in local communities.</p>
<p>WOMEN'STEC deliver non-traditional training programmes to women across NI either in our own specialist/equipped workshops or in their own space. We provide a creche which enables mothers to train in a trade as well as providing a host of supplementary training & site visits, i.e. First Aid & Manual Handling, Enterprise & Money Management training which is bought in from specialist providers. We do not receive ANY core funding & are therefore totally dependent on public money. We do have a social economy project, TRADESWOMEN NI, which is still growing & brings in very little. So if public funding is cut for these services, we will not survive. Mergers & collaborate working is not an option for us as we are the ONLY organisation doing what we do throughout NI & Ireland.</p>
<p>WOMEN'STEC enable women into non-traditional training & employment. With reduced public funding all of this provision will be lost.</p>
<p>Falls Women's Centre provides a holistic service for women. We can only do this by ensuring advice, training and childcare are provided.</p>
<p>Working in an area with an interface and the success of dealing with the interface issues is because of workers roles and local commitment.</p> <p>We provide key information, advice and guidance to community based organisations</p>

and we see the success in various communities.
All the choices above are essential enable our group to connect with residents and building a strong safe community. They generate the opportunities to engage hard to reach elements within our community.
The core mission and business of our organisation is to ensure 3rd sector leaders are given the support, advice, information, training and networks they need to be most effective in their strategic roles.
We are a grass roots organisation that supports and develops women's groups. Any reduction in our services ie support and networking and training will leave women more isolated and disadvantaged.
we work in the area of trauma recovery at community level and conflict transformation at a regional level.
our community development is made by hosting workshops within the gallery and outside the premises
Activities provided by us provide the flow of participants through all levels of organisation from grass roots to high performance
they are the only ones that apply to our group
All these services are of most importance to community way of life
Concentrate on integrating those who are geographically / socially isolated (65 years and above) back into the community
we want to change public perception of disability
Main area of work is providing support and guidance to parents and family members, without the funding this service could not continue.
Our members provide daily telephone calls, support, guidance and practical help to older and vulnerable adults to help reduce loneliness isolation and fear of crime. Older and vulnerable people are most effected and at increase risk in times of economic crisis

We are an environmental organisation running curriculum based programmes for school groups and providing employment opportunities for long-term unemployed in an area of high unemployment. We look after an area of woodland that, without a regular presence, could become a hub for anti-social behaviour. We also provide leisure facilities for the local area and provide training.

Without the delivery of training and childcare women will continue to be unfairly disadvantaged by the current system in finding work and being able to support their families.

we deliver within one of the worst Neighbourhood renewal area, free provision of activities for children & young people, older people/women's groups/lone parents and vulnerable adults are essential to the health and well being of the whole community.ethnic communities)

Many do not apply to our sector

Based on services we provide.

The community we work is the LGBT community. Specific support services that are accessed are around support and advice relating directly to their sexual orientation and not other issues.

Our main work is concentrated in encouraging and promoting community development in local areas especially in areas of greatest need. If we are not able to provide advice and support to those most in need, nor able to work "on the ground" to benefit those inhabitants then these areas of disadvantage and in particular the individuals and groups in those areas will be seriously disadvantaged.

community development support for older people's groups and isolated older people covers a wide range of issues including advice and information etc. Older people rely on this organisation for regular contact with their community

Provision for services on the ground has the greatest impact on people's lives and these choices ensure the support systems are in place to feed into these.

Because we work in the CR sector

WE PROVIDE ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO OUR ELDERLY CLIENTS AND THIS WOULD PUT PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT RISK

The services of CTA in NI ensures there is support and advice provided to enable communities to deliver accessible transport solutions for older people and people with disabilities. Removal of this support will devastate the entire community transport sector in the region

they are important to our group

We aim to deliever good community safety initiatives and also have only started to develop a new social economy project.

our core work is to reach out and reduce isolation and empower women to make decisions.and engage with their community to become active citizens so that there is a sense of belonging that brings responsibility to challenge inequalities in society.

We have worked for 10 years on a project to benefit the community, without ANY financial support. We have wide contacts with our community and try to give it voice. A very modest amount of money, e.g. £ 500 a year would save our own personal money.

We have three main projects in community development, youth work and community relations and without funding we would be unable to survive as an organisation to deliver these programmes. We need staffing and running costs as our volunteer base is too low!

experience

ALWAYS BEEN CORE TO THE BUSINESS OF THE ORGANISATION AND ARE WHAT OUR MEMBERS CONSISTENTLY TELL IS THEY VALUE

We provide direct services to people affected by depression. Our choices therefore are related to the need of the people we provide services to. we deliver a programme to young people also. Lack of funding would have a severe negative impact on our preventative work.

We wrok in the field of community relations particularly with the two main traditions. This work continues to be undervalued and under resourced reading the papers every day and listing to the news reminds us of the importance of reducing tension and promoting understanding amongst young people. If this work is not fully supported the future stability of the community is at stake

our service is available by telephone and face to face throughout Ni and is accessed by all ages 4-100 so it will have a great impact on all but particularly the most vulnerable as it is a crisis helpline

we work with members of the Protestant population in Co Armagh who are still in the early stages of grasping the full concept of community development and the benefits that can be achieved with community activities

the area i work in is very disadvantaged unemployment is high pensioners isolated we provided opportunities for these people

These relate to our core provision and while some of these services are provided by the state it is rarely the most effective at reaching marginalised groups or best (most empathetically) addressing their needs. Our society is far from stable and the withdrawal of critical services which our sector provides will serve to exacerbate this.

There are currently no other schemes for youth, elderly and parents and families available or affordable locally and transport costs and availability are always a huge problem.

There is no cinema, swimming pool or positive activities available here. just pubs

Our organisation is based in a area of high deprivation and the programmes we deliver are for the young people through homework club and youth club. Our health prog and senior citizen groups are vital to the area and provide a range of courses and activities that the local people normally would not be able to access.

Because of the nature of our work as a family centre providing support for vulnerable parents, children and young people. We are the only community based provider of family therapy and child therapy in the Craigavon/Banbridge area.

Our Centre is also one of the few community based organisations accessed by all sections of the community here regardless of background.

The communities need services which address mental health issues. Communities that are particularly ghettoised do not avail of these statutory services as well. R.A.F.T fills this gap. project beneficiaries avail of counselling and then avail of classes which develop confidence, social skills, then mentoring which leads to employment and return to education.

From assessment and experience.

Appendix Three – Does the work of your group save public money and if so, how?

<p>Suicidal tendencies not completed Reduction in prescription drugs Family breakdown averted</p>
<p>Less call hours of statutory services, More people returning to employment and education, less use of medication, less violent reaction - less police services/probation, prisons service.</p>
<p>Unquestionably! Early intervention in troubled families anticipates and prevents decline and breakdown of the family and saves the public purse the expense of children being placed in the care system or juvenile justice system. It also reduces the dependence of vulnerable parents on the mental health services.</p>
<p>As a community development support organisation our work saves public money in a number of ways. For example year on year we have successfully used our core funding to lever in additional resources to provide a range of services and programmes that complement public service delivery e.g. training, advice and information and developing and supporting a range of programme activities.</p>
<p>provision of homework club gives young people the one to one support they do not get in school, health prog gives people a better out look in life and a health and well being and less need to attend doctors. The youth activities provides young people with a vehicle to develop and less anti social behaviour.</p>
<p>our primary aim is to promote volunteering and build the capacity of the volunteers</p>
<p>our group spends many voluntary hours and provide many services free or at low cost locally thus saving much public money</p>
<p>We have a health project that saves the health service money by preventing people going into secondary care. We have almost 200 volunteer hrs per month</p>
<p>It can be shown that those engaging in learning are healthier, more invested in their communities, support their families and build formal and informal skills to enhance their employability. All these help to lessen dependence on Gov. The actual monetary savings I can't give as we don't have the resources to make comparisons between our provision and that of the stat services.</p>
<p>all volunteers</p>
<p>Yes we prevent calls to emergency services and policy by counselling people by telephone to prevent suicide attempts, we prevent people turning up in A&E with attempted suicide and we prevent people presenting to GP with suicidal thoughts. This represents huge savings to the statutory Health sector. We support the work of out of hours GP, social services, psychiatry and crisis response teams.</p>
<p>Our work can save the DHSSPS money by promoting positive mental health. People with positive mental health are less likely to need the support of the health service.</p>
<p>Many many voluntary hours and definately less call on voluntary services.</p>
<p>YES AS IT ASSISTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP RELEVANT ACTIONS TO ADDRESS POVERTY AND DISADVANTAGE THROUGH SELF-HELP PROGRAMMES</p>
<p>less call on statutory services, we save the council and PSNI money with our work</p>
<p>our work reduces demand on health services ie mental and physical as women are motivated and become less isolated. Less demand on social welfare as women return to training, education and skills are upgraded to enter employment.</p>

We have saved our council a very large amount of money in "consultant fees" as we have done major development work from our own knowledge resources and from our contacts with the university world where student studies have been very valuable.
We save money on behalf of all the stat agencies by our work not only through volunteer hours but by our service delivery.
The work of the CTA has provides over £5million savings per year through: investment and provision of volunteer drivers, bulk purchase agreements, sharing of community resources (best utilisation of community minibuses) and non profit delivery of government transport initiatives
provides respite care at excellent vakue fo rmoney so reduction on statutory service budget
WITH THE SERVICES THAT WE SUPPLY IT HELPS AND SUPPORTS OUR CLIENTS FROM GOING INTO NURSING HOMES BEFORE THEIR TIME ALL VOLUNTEERS
volunteer hours, information advice and guidance to students and staff, voluntary peer-led approach for students, training provision to students
By supporting groups to engage in sectarian and racism issues before they escalate further.
Volunteer hours and the actual provicon of a wide range of services either provided cheaper or provided full spot as wouldn't be there without the community provision
Yes, through maximising community resources through partnership working there is less call on statutory services eg GP's, social services, home carer etc
large, active, volunteer base. augment statutory provision by; shared management with derry city council for a range of outdoor leisure facilities, play park, muga, minigolf community garden etc... anti graffiti programme in partnership with NIHE - NIHE provide paint we provide volunteers and people on government programmes (new deal/kick start to work/steps to work etc..)
Yes. We are a volunteer recriting and promoting organisation. We work in partnership with Local and National Government. We work with statutory bodies and provide services "on the ground" to those that the statutories cannot reach/find it difficult to rach.
We provide direct services at a cost substantially lower than that of statutory services. These include counselling, sexual health and advice and sexual health clinics.
Volunteers
Yes. By offering training we offer women to take advantage of employability opportunities when they come along thus reducing their need to make use of aid from the government.
Yes, we have 50 volunteers and support statutory agencies in dealing with cases.
all work is voluntary
Volunteer are used to deliver the services and cover geographical areas within the SE Health & Social Care Trust. Services can reduce feelings of depression and loneliness and encourages the elderly to integrate back into social networks / communities. Helps over 65's stay in their own home as long as possible
yes, volunteers help to improve the way of life for all sections of the community thus saving the public purse.
We are a free? service which frees up the statuary emergency services and as the only people with the skills to do our work a great saving is made as others do not have to be trained at some expense

To a certain extent, our volunteers eliminate the need for contractors at events and although events each have a self generated income, our organisation as a whole is publically funded.
Volunteers cover staff when they are off instead of hiring a temp. We do not provide catering for events unless it is a launch or special event
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volunteer hours less call on stuautory services
Volunteers Less callon emergency services Salaries ,Terms and Conditions are around 30% less than H&SCTrusts in N.Ireland Less call on hospital admissions
Yes, We save public money by empowering women to make choices and to avail of opportunities which impacts on their wellbeing and that of their families. There is less call on health organisations and less call on social welfare.
Yes. Effective, innovative and efficient leaders are an essential part of the 3rd sector devising and delivering creative solutions to the vulnerable people they serve. Effective leaders will make the difficult decisions and hold the difficult conversations that need to take place in navigating todays challenging and difficult landscape
The work carried out by our group greatly reduces the amount of times the PSNI have to respond to call out in our area. We also carry ouy work for the NIHE which again saves tem money and time.
indirectly through supporting organisations to work more efficcantly and effectively thereby making every pound of public funding work. Guiding organisations to involve volunteers which can lead to enhancing existing services and offering services which complement those that the stat and public sector offer. .
We provide guidance, advice and specialist community development support to neighbourhoods who rely on volunteers we help them manage developments in the local area and helping them develop working relationships with statutory organisations
All of the work we provide is matched by volunteer contribution e.g. staff + volunteer we work in conjunction with statutory bodies ensuring that those most in need get the best possible support
We work closely with and receive referrals from social services, CPNs, Doctors. Through the support and advice within the centre we save public money on the mental & physicial health & well-being on women,
Approximately 30% of our trainees are referred through orgs such as Women's Aid, Gingerbread, Niacro & social services. When such women get back on track there are huge savings for relevant statutory bodies, as well as the immense benefits for women's families & communities in social & economic terms.
The North Belfast Interface Network has had a Social Return on Investment carried out on some of its work by independant consultants and it was estimated that NBIN has a Social Return on Investment of fourty pounds for every pound invested.
While in general we do not provide 'front-line services' we lobby extensively for organisations who do. We also engage in capacity building with these organisations so that they can continue to do the work that they do. The organisations we support deliver a range of services that statutory agencies can't or don't - or they deliver them in areas where they are 'best placed' to do so.
Yes. All management committees are voluntary and we have 23 member groups. We

provide services which can lessen and reduce social isolation in rural areas
Our community organisations provides additionality for statutory organisations operating within the area, in terms of a large volunteer base whcih is involved iin a range of activities including diversionary work, environmental preservation, community education and festivals. In addition our staff work with all residents in terms of advide and advocay, health and education needs. These key services bridge the gap in provision for the area. The Ligoniel area has historically received minimum funding from statutory providers and the locally based group work with service providers and voluntary organisation to draw in funding for projects and programmes to address social deprivation The organisation helps to promote skills in the social economy, through aiding groups in grant applications and identifying social economy blueprints and by forging connections with programmes such as Social Economy Belfast. In terms of working with statutory agencies the organisation works with organisations such as Belfast City Council, DSD, the Community Fund, North and West Trust, NIHE, LSP, education and library boards, NICVA and CRC
he work undertaken by the group saves public money by reduceing the number of hours and call outs by the PSNI and NIHE.
Yes, by providing services and activities where participants are deirectly referred by statutory agencies (e.g. social services, Probation, PSNI, justice system, etc.) thereby supporting clients to improve their quality fo life and having less reliance on the statutory services.
Most of our projects are run by volunteers
Yes, again if you look at the youth we are keeping them off the streets and possibly committing crime i.e, Anti-Socail Behaviour we are helping the public and local police by ensuring that a full plan or activities are organised so that this doesn't happen.
We have maximised public money through the addition of private sector support for over 25 years. This support is dependent on public money coming in. We have a bank of over 50 private sector companies contributing to our programme, this will be lost if the programme ends.
Our group has built up a level of expertise and has the expereince of delivering an effective service to a wide cross section of clients. Based on this we have direct contcat with clients which is absent form most government based programmes
Yes it does save money we have 20 volunteers on various sporting, recreational and social need support services.
We take young people off the street reducing police call outs
yes
Our group operates with 12 volunteers who are dedicated and with one only part time administrator who works one day per week and is paid by the groups own resources. With the present economic climate and local enterprise at an all time low we are faced with 50% of vacant rating. We have 9 units with only 3 let at present and are under threat of closure should the 50% vacant rating remain.
We all do our best for our community. we dont get paid we try but hopefully make a differece even in a small way.
Volunteer hours less call on statutory services
Yes volunteer drivers delivering a much neede service for isolated rural communities
2 staff oversee the strategy across a number of themes working closely with statutory & government partners. They manage the volunteer programme within the area of

over 25 volunteers, have leveraged in and additional an approx £250k over last 2 years into area
voluntary work, we have delivered several programmes for statutory bodies and they have not allowed for staff costs. so in effect we did their work on the ground voluntary and this is a problem for voluntary groups...exploitation by stat sector!
Yes we have over 100 volunteer hours per week, we provide support to those most vulnerable around the issue of addiction and make sure that there is less call on emergency services, Gp and hospital. We provide detached youth work, again reducing the number of call outs from the PSNI due to young people causing anti-social behaviour. We also provide a venue for the Community Safety Partnership and other community groups to meet and train.
All volunteers within this organisation live and help out in the local area and volunteer to make area a better place to live in socially, environmentally through taking pride of the Area they live in
Public money is saved through a range of value for money services and activities including getting prepared for employment, employment, stress reduction- less pressure on hospitals etc, quality childcare and reduction of tension and propensity to violence for example Tour of North going off without no incidents so no bill for police or damage to property etc
Volunteer hours in organising events, carrying out clean-ups in the village and planting out flowers, therefore less call on Council
All of the members of the group are volunteers, including the management committee and hence put alot of man-hours into the organisation.
the youth club is run entirely by volunteers
We save them 100's of volunteer hours per month, work with PSNI on a Hate Crime Card Scheme, HEX on sectarian and racist problems, NEELB and interface problems with youth
Yes by delaying and sometimes preventing people getting into the health system, less call on GP's and other services.
VOLUNTEER HOURS REPRESENTING COMMUNITY AT INTERAGENCY MEETINGS - GETTING THINGS DONE! DEALING WITH LOCAL ISSUES RATHER THAN STAT GROUPS AND BODIES LESS NEED FOR PSNI,FIRE SERVICE, ETC
Through programmes implementation there is a reduction on health,youth and environmental service provision
Cairde has a good Volunteer staff who take part in developing their community.
90% of the work we conduct saves public money. if this government is really serious about saving money and being more efficient, then speak directly to the community and voluntary sector we are the real experts
Yes we have a huge amount of volunteers who run our projects along wiith a few staff members. We also provide counselling which would otherwise have to be paid for by the government and we also provide a large amount of youth work which the statutory sector would have to pick up on otherwise.
Yes, volunteer board of directors, core fund raising group, careful use of resources to ensure services reach the people who need them most. Reduction in home safety issues, less time spent with child related issues at doctors with education
Yes. We help prevent relapse for a broad spectrum of vulnerable adults from mild

mental health through to addictions - reducing the burden on health spending. We help to reduce crime by working with probation on the development of offenders, helping to reduce re-offending. We rely heavily on volunteers to deliver our service.
Yes, as stated previous, luncheon club, meals on wheels etc.
voluntary hours. services which enable older people to stay at home longer
We provide outreach services which would be outside the financial means of more centralised services.
we save the whsct money by providing lunches to older people if we did not exist the western trust would have to provide carers to provide meals
Huge amount of volunteers are used to sustain the programme, recruited and led by the support worker.
less on statutory services
Youth Intervention, reduction of crime, community education and health; advocacy; Information, counselling, advice; community based services,
YES - Less call on statutory services, increased community capacity, value for money, volunteer hours
volunteer hours less call on statutory services Reduction in crime better environment

Appendix Four – Non-monetary value

SUPPORT INFORMATION ON SOCIAL INCLUSION
The project builds capacity in communities which have been adversely affected by the Conflict. It has led to a 'critical number of individuals' living within communities who have addresses emotional and psychological issues, who are actively as a result engaging in social activism and changing the direction of attitudes and beliefs in their communities. Currently 18% of beneficiaries have returned to some form of education or employment due to the benefits of R.A.F.T.
Our counselling /therapy service certainly has been responsible for saving lives. We have made a number of interventions in cases of self harm and threats of suicide. The value of this intervention cannot be calculated in monetary terms. Further, intervention in the life of a vulnerable child or young person is a contribution lasting for the lifetime of the young person. Our service also supports mothers to return to education; educational attainment by mothers has a significant impact on the future academic attainment of their children
The community development approach taken has enabled active local participation and promoted engagement between the statutory sector and often those communities least able to assert their needs. This has led to improvements in conditions within local areas through groups / individuals building their capacity and taking greater responsibility for the factors affecting their everyday lives, enhanced educational attainment levels, training skills and personal development.
reduction in anti social behaviour, more community spirit, better quality of life, independent living for older people, young people getting on better in school due to fitting in as they have their homework completed each day.
social cohesion, building better community relation within and between communities, building capacity of volunteers to access funding to deliver programmes
The activities of this group provide much more than monetary value, kids love homework and youth club for the opportunities and experience they gain, its a good social outlet and a chance to have fun with others. The same is true for the seniors club and many of the participants speak of their gratitude for that opportunity
Generally enhances the quality of people's lives - greater confidence in themselves, better relations (including cross-community)
we help educate get people back into work mix people with learning difficulties & mental health problems into our classes work with isolated pensioner as well as children
we support people to take control of their lives and overcome crisis so they are less likely to go into crisis again and they are supported to be able to help themselves in the future rather than having to rely on statutory or other services. They improve quality of life by improved mental health and well being, improved problem solving, improved relationships.
We run a series of training programmes to hundreds of people a year. These programmes are invaluable in allowing people to take control of their lives and recover or prevent depression and help others.
By providing programmes for young people that promote inclusion understanding and helping them to understand the nature of sectarianism and division. In other words promoting good citizenship as a way forward for them to grow as individuals and as a community

<p>INCREASES COMMUNITY COHESION, SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN HAVING A SAY IN THE DECISIONS THAT IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES</p>
<p>social quality of life</p>
<p>vocational and non vocational training social inclusion help marginalised people Assist young people who are not involved in any other extra curricula programme Reduce tensions in the armagh city area significantly</p>
<p>Bringing women together to share experiences, raises self esteem and confidence, have fun and encourages women to avail of opportunities "feel the fear but do it anyway" this also has positive impact on children and partners.</p>
<p>We have developed a project - for a multi purpose centre in Newcastle to provide joined up services relating to recreation, health promotion, environmental conservation, social inclusion, energy conservation - to name a few. We give this as a gift to the public authorities, to actually build and open for the benefit of all our people.</p>
<p>We have helped build a strong community infrastructure and provide many work placement opportunities for people. This would be badly damaged.</p>
<p>CTA provides support that enables affordable accessible transport solutions to be delivered within rurally isolated communities. This in turn has reduced rural isolation and social exclusion. It is proven to reduce the number of missed GP and hospital appointments, reduced illness within communities through improved access to services, education, health and social activities</p>
<p>Quality of life, reduction in isolation, awareness raising around brain injury</p>
<p>WE SUPPLY LOTS OF SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES KEEPING THE CLIENTS BUSY, THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE IS A LOT BETTER AND AGAIN THESE ACTIVITIES ARE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL BEING</p>
<p>Increased self-esteem among young people who volunteer and those who participate in the training increased educational attainment, increased awareness of mental health among 16-25 year olds, social responsibility of volunteers - giving something back to their community</p>
<p>Work is of a preventative nature on issue of interfaces etc To provide communities with skills to engage statutory bodies etc on key issues and to be able to understand the position of 'the other'.</p>
<p>All work we are involved with is based on improving the quality of life for disadvantaged and marginalised community - how do you put a value on that. also involved in several P&R projects so community cohesion and mutual understanding developed /improved also which can not be assessed in money terms</p>
<p>The work we do minimises social isolation and connects older people with their community and each other, so positively adding to their quality of life but also their physical and mental health. Training and skills development gives participants the confidence and knowledge to take part in community planning activities and consultations with statutory bodies.</p>
<p>improved self esteem, sense of pride in community through environmental and infrastructural improvements, improved quality of life, less fear of crime due to community safety projects, improved health and fitness, etc...</p>

<p>We advocate on behalf of those who are marginalised and "give a voice" to those who would not otherwise be heard. We increase the quality of life in disadvantaged neighbourhoods and encourage social responsibility and caring for the needy. We provide Community Education and Learning to those who may not have benefitted from the Education system and provide training in IT etc to help them gain employment. We help to reduce community tensions, create awareness and encourage good governance with and between groups.</p>
<p>We provide people with social support, social oppertunities, personal development, advocacy which all impact on quality of life as well as equality of oppertunity.</p>
<p>Benefits: arts education / quality of life / youth arts intervention projects / social outlet</p>
<p>Our work allows women to build up their self-confidence in order to help them in all aspects of their life be that socially or educationally.</p>
<p>Educational: reaching upwards of 4,000 students per year Quality of Life: providing outdoor activities in a deprived area of Belfast/Lisburn Social: working with various groups to provide job-placements for long-term unemployed, aiming to help them regain employment Environmental: caring for a precious green space on the edge of Belfast</p>
<p>We support all families and parents. This supports the children. Our main goal is prevention and early intervention, which can help prevent cases becoming high risk, which in turn saves resources.</p>
<p>all work is voluntary</p>
<p>As above; quality of life improved by widening social participation and integration into society.</p>
<p>we aim to provide services that encourage young/old to participate and learn a wide range of skills within their own community</p>
<p>Basic life saving which cannot be priced</p>
<p>There is a good social scene among officials and acquaintences. Volunteers also get benefit of training and experience in event management.</p>
<p>Community integration Cultural enlightenment a facility to improve career development in the arts Creative engagement with the community tourist attraction</p>
<p>accredited training for staff and volunteers increasing their chances of employment. Social Policy. Reduction of stress, health improvement.</p>
<p>People who were forgotten about in hospital back wards have been integrated into local communities and introduced to work activities resulting in first ever experiences of self worth and self esteem</p>
<p>Women are empowered to take an active role in their communities and through gained skills and confidence contribute to active citizenship.</p>
<p>The work our group is engaged in helps build a strong safe community, bringing residents of all ages together for either social or educational programmes leads to a better understanding of their need , fears and concerns which has lead to reductions in anti social behaviour in the area. A monetary value can not be placed on this work.</p>
<p>the c& v sector are much more flexible in being able to react to community needs quicker than the public secotr and offers services which the public sector will not provide.</p>
<p>Helping communities improve their areas and thus improving their quality of life.</p>

<p>Providing direct contact for statutory providers and providing specific guidance for communities as to how they develop a working relationship with statutory providers.</p>
<p>We provide essential life skills training Parenting class- basic first aid response - basic hygiene - all free of charge which offer people not only an opportunity to experience perhaps for the first time that a) treated equally b) time & space for themselves(c) intergenerational learning (d) coping skills in order to sustain themselves through difficult times (a sense of community & citizenship)</p>
<p>We work out of hours providing advocacy and support to women suffering mental health issues. We accompany women to hospital, court, doctors, legal advice etc. We accompany women and settle them into mental health hospital, we accompany women into alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre.</p> <p>Through our training we encourage women back into education. we are accredited to level 4 counselling and ICT which enable women to seek employment. Affordable childcare and free childcare enable women to access training and seek employment. Childcare builds on the social, educational and emotional well being of children. It develops their skills and enable them to interact with other children.</p>
<p>Through training at WOMEN'STEC, women develop their confidence & this is monitored as part of our overall evaluation, so we can say with certainty that increases in women's self-esteem benefits not just the individuals social & economic development but also their children & wider family circles.</p>
<p>The North Belfast Interface Network has contributed to the reduction in violence in Interface areas of North Belfast. This has created a lowering of tensions and in some instances stability in some areas that has had a profound knock on effect relating to access to housing, cross interface engagement and enhanced confidence within and between communities</p>
<p>We work with groups to help develop their capacity so that they can have the greatest positive impact in the areas that they operate in. We are currently developing a Social Return on Investment (SROI) project with ourselves and the groups that we work with so that we can better articulate the social impact that we have.</p>
<p>we give rural women many opportunities to meet and socialise, learn new skills, and so reduce social isolation which can help those who may have mental ill health or loneliness in isolated rural areas</p>
<p>LIA has always taken an overview of all the key issues affecting an area of disadvantage; with a particular focus on housing, transport, health, environment, advice on benefits, training, education, and employment. The centre provides a one stop shop for a variety of community services, facilities and resources available to encourage, and assist, community participation and involvement in the social and economic regeneration of the Ligoniel community. LIA provides support to community groups; for example with capacity building, finance, and funding applications.</p> <p>The organisation is fulfilling local need as the</p> <p>Encourage leadership skills and social interactions.</p> <p>Develop interaction between youth and older generation.</p> <p>Increased community cohesion social inclusion.</p>
<p>By running social evenings, workshops film shows and educational programmes we improve the lives of the residents. By bringing the younger residents off the street we reduce anti social behaviour and other problems. With the youth meeting with older residents they get to know the problems their behaviour can cause, which leads to a better life for everyone. A monetary value can not be put to this type of work and can only be carried out by local residents.</p>

<p>Improvements in individual and family life means that people have a better quality of life and are less likely to turn to risky or dangerous alternatives that end up reducing life quality and costing the public money (e.g. through healthcare, etc.) The work that we do helps communities to develop and grow and lead to a more positive atmosphere for all to enjoy and prosper in.</p>
<p>Increase in social & interactive activities for the community providing courses and entertainment for all age groups</p>
<p>We, as a group strive to improve the quality of life for all residents of the estate through various projects including social, economical, environmental, educational etc, alot of the residents would not be able to take part in activities of this nature normally and we provide this service to them.</p>
<p>We provide a 'world class' service for NI's young people. Significant private sector support has allowed us to develop one of the most comprehensive business start support services in the world. We promote starting a business as a viable career option and allow thousands of young people to consider and develop enterprise opportunities, start and grow businesses and develop enterprise and employability skills.</p>
<p>Promotes social inclusion at a grassroots level Provides a pathway for migrant workers to training opportunities enhancing their employability Reduces racial tension and assist in promoting cultural understanding</p>
<p>We are a rural group and we provide recreational, physical activity, sport, advice. All of these things would mean the use of private cars to travel to Derry. There is no public transport in the evenings, we have a real social and support benefit</p>
<p>community capacity building</p>
<p>Our group secured funding for the erection of a footbridge to improve road safety in the area it took almost nine years working with Roads Service to adopt the bridge. It was so difficult we had to threaten them with demolition of a £200K structure before the adoption was finally completed in 2009 Roads Service failed to recognise the money the group saved them by taking on this initiative for the safety of pedestrians in the area.</p>
<p>We try to evaluate problems in the town and to hopefully get answers and resolve or at least get help before gets out of hand.</p>
<p>Prevents rural isolation improves social inclusion Health and mental health benefits to users</p>
<p>Providing affordable and free transport for disabled all ages to attend courses education health & well being and social interaction</p>
<p>Point of contact representative of all the community Independent & nonpolitical</p>
<p>provide help and support, a hub of contact, liaise with stat bodies, provide IT support, listening ear, mediation, information evenings, regular newsletters</p>
<p>We provide a number of social benefits to those suffering isolation, reducing social isolation for older people through social interaction through provision of a lunch club and dropin. We focus on prevention of harm through our additions project community pharmacy project, Fit Futures, and floating support as well as encouraging family engagement and support. We provide education for young people through our Youth Health advice clinic and Job Seekers Breakfast as well as our Support for young people at risk of suicide.</p>

This organisation does environmental work in the area from litter clean ups to street cleans bringing young and old together
We work with local people who are marginalised and sometimes demoralised and off routes out of this in terms of personal development. arts for young people, training and education, opportunities for volunteering and as opposed to other sectors- free very professional governance for complex and sometimes sophisticated and high finance projects
Increased community input and engagement, particularly through our recent Village Fair day, where around 60 people from different groups volunteered and over 1,500 attended the event.
We have continually worked to promote greater involvement of the community in "doing for themselves" and through personal/ collective development, raised individual skills, group interaction and more activity in civic society.
various events and activities would suffer
We help those who feel isolated, give community education, community relations advice, support and training, run free mediation service, run drop in service and CAB, help change attitudes to prevent trouble arising. Work with youth on anti social behaviour, YCA, intergenerational work.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * enhances quality of life for older people * supports them to remain well in their own homes * connects them with each other to address isolation * develops skills and experience of older people as advocates
VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WHICH ENGAGES WITH AND ENCOURAGES PRACTICAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT. WE ORGANISE TRAINING, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR COMMUNITY, DELIVERY SURVEYS AND INFORMATION IN THE AREA AS WELL AS CONSULTING WITH COMMUNITY, PUBLIC MEETINGS ETC
Reduction of health inequalities prevention and intervention work providing valuable individual and community support
All of our programmes are aimed at improving the quality of life for our community and improving the employment opportunities of our target group by developing education & training programmes
every body knows, studies, consultations etc employment of what ever kind improves the mental and physical health of people, poverty by its nature stifles a person ability to engage within local community activities, anti community activities increase, drug and alcohol problems increase and local communities are left trying to deal with problems not of their making
increase in quality of life, educational support for young people, youth justice placements for young people, place for older people to build friendships, prevents community tension between young people and community leaders. increases social quality of life.
Parents often do not value the work that they do, but as the educators of the future generation and workforce it is vital that they are supported in the work they do. Benefits to them and the children are social, intellectual as they are taught new skills, prospects for return to study or education as they go through a programme over 5 years
Our aim is to "provide emotional and practical support for people, which will help them to rebuild their lives after circumstantial change, trauma or crisis". We help

<p>individuals find hope and meaning within a safe environment and provide the tools that empower them to move on with their lives. This benefits the individual, their family, their community and the community as a whole for everyone we are fortunate enough to meet and help. Restored hope and meaning transforms a society!</p>
<p>The social benefits of our work has been recognised when we were awarded first place in N Ireland by Calor Gas for our services to Older People in 2008.</p>
<p>we create social capital via increased education, job creation, bringing old premises back to life. sharing experiences with others. developing self help initiatives and social economy business creating wealth,</p>
<p>as an information and advice provider we enable people to improve the quality of day to day living by providing access to relevant information when it is needed.</p>
<p>our organisation and its services and activities promotes social inclusion and reduces social isolation, improving the quality of life for older people</p>
<p>Educating people for the world of work and to become role models for their children. breaking down interface barriers.</p>
<p>Anti social behaviour reduction; health and well being improvements, community cohesion,</p>
<p>improved social capital, increased community capacity, improved quality of life, greater self-esteem, reduction in community tension and conflict</p>
<p>community spirit community support pride in area building community capacity increased skills</p>

Appendix Five – Value for Money

It reduces the number of people who are using statutory organisations, it provides isolated individual the support and confidence to be able to retake their position in society; it leads to an increase in employment and training by individuals who would be otherwise be excluded.

The work of the community sector makes a significant contribution to the value for money debate. The community sector is very experienced at working effectively with minimal financial outlay. The preventative aspect of community based services is particularly significant, as a locally delivered, easily accessible service is more readily taken up by members of the public and often reduces the need for recourse to more specialist, more costly services.

Giving volunteers the capacity to involve members of the wider community helping people to make a difference in their community

Successful smaller groups and clubs mean that people are happier and healthier, they may gain in confidence and build up to getting involved in bigger organisations.

I imagine that in just about all circumstances the provision of the com sector represents good value for money - less overheads and bureaucracy for a start. Also our ability to reach those reluctant to engage with stat services. We have the ability to effectively reach the most vulnerable, while stat services can waste resources in failed attempts

community sector tries to search the best value for money

Our service can be delivered at a fraction of the price to statutory provision for crisis intervention for mental health services. Our staff are all qualified Counsellors so it is a very professional service and dovetails in excellently with existing provision to alleviate pressure from A&E, GP, Social services and other emergency services. We are providing crisis support for all aspects of peoples lives, money worries, health worries, community tensions, family and relationship problems all of which escalate at times of insecurity and recession therefore this service is more vital now than ever before it is also key to suicide prevention which also escalates in recession. We can only do what we do if other services are there to pick up long term needs of people so these must also be available.

The voluntary and community sector is invaluable to the general structure of Northern Ireland by providing a local response to sometimes delicate issues. The sector allows for volunteers to assist in providing services to people directly saving millions of pounds a year to government.

A tolerant peaceful society will bring about financial rewards for everyone bringing investment and growth to the economy, good relations are associated with economic vibrancy, this must begin at the grassroots.

MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT ENHANCE COHESION AND A SENSE OF PRIDE IN PLACE. THIS HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING CONTRIBUTING TO WIDER SOCIETY. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR CONTINUES TO ADDRESS POVERTY, DISADVANTAGE, EXCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS REDUCING STATE INTERVENTION IN REMEDIAL ACTIONS

innovation

without the third sector I feel the impact of the recession would be even more hard hitting to the community, people turn to voluntary groups for help, support, advice and volunteering opportunities. This gap in service would be catastrophic

We are in a transition period to a more just and equal society and it now seems that the very organisations that cemented the foundations, built up trust in communities are to be penalised and abandoned.

Community groups do an enormous amount of real work both in raising awareness of possible projects with local people and including them in developing ideas to improve everyone's quality of life. One of us, a retired professional, has done work over recent years, without fee, which had it been done by consultants, would have by now cost around £200K minimum. You should be aware that many grant giving bodies regard community projects like ours with suspicion, and we have been told that unless our council makes the application we will get nothing. It is apparently thought that community groups have some criminal intent. There really should be a way to assess and reward, real community based organizations.

The work of local community groups has saved the stats many thousands of pounds annually.

The community sector delivers a high quality service standard which involves more than money. Unfortunatley the NI government does not recognise the social impact of the community sector in its measurement of contract and service delivery. Without the Community sector life in NI would be limited to profit making enterprises where the individual is second class

GREAT SUPPORT AND LOTS OF ADVICE FROM OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS, WE WOULD BE LOSTED WITH OUT THERE SUPPORT

Much work ongoing on a voluntary basis which helps to reduce social exclusion.

Well proven community sector provides wide range of services for alot less money than could be provided by goverement. Alos the way of working and reaching communities statutory sector couldn't does not seem to be taken into account - services get to those that need it at times and in places that suit the users NOT the providers (departments)

The community sector has the flexibility and sensitivity to act when a specific need is identified by communities, so ensuring that resources are provided in the most cost effective and responsible way. By involving the community in decisions about priorities and expenditure, the sector can ensure that money is channeled towards what is needed most, and is not wasted on bureaucracy.

statutory bodies simply cannot reach the community. they regularly claim to be providing for communities but do not have an impact without community organisations assistance.

The Community sector offers VFM due to the fact that we are embedded in local areas, we are best placed to highlight problems and are professionally able to deliver services where they are needed most. The sector is not an unwieldy bureacracy but is able to adapt quickly to changes and is not constrained (at least in most cases) with the red tape that the statutory sector faces. The reason that the Community sector exists and is strong is simply the fact that we are able to deliver to those that others are unable to.

Healthy competition and a range of choices

The community sector offers value for money in terms of having expertise in particular fields that government cannot due to the nature of their set up that is vital in supporting and changing our society for the better.

We work regionally offering advice and guidance with no waiting lists. We can offer immediate support.

all work is voluntary

Introducing into community groups and organisations often means that membership is free of charge or at a reduced rate. Gives purpose to community work and encourages wider participation via increasing numbers and ability to "do more". Those who are receiving assistance should (ideally) be able to assist others who come on board / become volunteers.

Provides opportunity to train people within their own area

Having a team trained and ready twenty four hours a day with no real payment saves a lot

to run a single athletics event requires between 10 and 200 volunteers depending on the size of the event. Athletics clubs are also entirely run by volunteers so without voluntary workers it simply would not be possible to run the sport at all as the cost to pay the equivalent posts would be unsustainable.

the community sector brings people together and encourages people to develop skills and interests that they may have not thought possible without the help of organisations co-ordinating projects

Empowerment of our users. Negotiation of debt on behalf of clients. Benefit maximisation which allows money to be spent in the local community.

It often provides the social glue developing and holding communities together in the absence of the 'old' glue of religion, politics and tight knit family

As above

The work carried out by the community sector and volunteers deliver outcomes that Statutory bodies can not deliver at very little cost to the tax payer.

it offers value for money services. Often done cheaper and with better quality than the statutory or public sector could offer. The community sector involves a lot of volunteers, people who do not require a salary for what they do.

- Direct contact with communities
 - Honest delivery of services to the source
 - Democratic delivery of services
 - Opportunity to get local opinion as and when required, statutory, Govt Dept nor politicians can do this.
 - Delivery of services, probably at a cost 50% - 70% less than statutory.
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As part of a support network provides links across the city and as part of a regional partnership provides links across the country with organisations which hold the same ethos as our own and similar service provision - which ensures not only value for money but the ability to respond on the ground to emerging needs quickly and effectively.

The wider community sector contributes a personal approach to all aspects of community work. Work is done at a grass roots level with the full realisation of the issues that affect people within the community.

The benefits from voluntary & community orgs is so immense that I cannot quantify, but without the third sector there would be no welfare safety nets just like USA & that is totally unacceptable.

The ability of the community sector to act quickly, effectively and decisively, whilst others begin interdepartmental consultations to access situations ensures that, more often than not, resources are dispersed at the appropriate time, to the appropriate people to address identified need.

it is the main link outside of religious activity which keeps people in touch with their peers of whatever age

The wider community sector has played a key role in addressing the negative impact of deprivation within north Belfast. It has contributed greatly to actions detailed in a range of government directives and strategies including shared space and shared futures. The partnership work undertaken between areas has also benefited communities in trying to resolve interface and anti social behaviour issues within areas. Without such groups many of the planned changes for Northern Ireland communities would take place.

There can not be a monetary value placed on the amount of voluntary work carried in the community sector. Our volunteers are on 24hr call out if needed.

The community sector is engaged in a vastly diverse range of activities and services that support the local population. Whilst much of this work is directly funded and is therefore evaluated and assessed, there is also a great degree of work that is unseen but which plays a vital role in helping 'ordinary' people to have fulfilling lives. There needs to be a recognition that cutting the community sector will not only reduce direct services but also all those 'hidden' benefits will be lost also.

Heart of the Glens Festival is a prime example of the community, volunteers and tourists working together to provide an annual week long successful festival

Local Community groups are essential to wider community, as if they were not available a lot of the questions, activities etc would fall in to the hands of local council and they just don't have the time or the money to focus on things of this nature, so yes it does contribute to the value for money debate as although the groups seek funding they take the responsibility of managing and running these activities away from local authority who just don't have the time.

It has a high degree of expertise at a local level

Has the trust and confidence of local people

Can therefore deliver projects and connects people to services

Develops social cohesion and creates community infrastructure

We provide services that would not otherwise be available and we provide them at a lower rental cost than statutory services

early intervention, community projects have capacity to decrease pressure on public expenditure

The work of the community wider sector is saving the government billions right across the board

It sometimes feels that we stand alone but things are getting on that front.

Community work is essential to the wider community bringing all communities together. Volunteering is a product that the Government could not afford to pay.

has proved very successful in engagement with communities. vital role in supporting & developing people who at the margins of society

The community sector provide a valuable point of contact for communities and this is undervalued by government

The community sector can be more flexible, do not box people and treat them as numbers. They utilise volunteer time and energy. They can respond quickly and effectively. They have an ear to the community need. They are respected and trusted within the community and not treated with suspicion.

Other areas in the town look to this organisation for the good work in keeping this community together

Although the area still has major problems we would argue what the situation would be without the interventions initiated over the past 19 years. North Belfast is so important to the progress of the country and given its major problems if it can be solved there then it is a template for everyone else. The returns for investment are not only local impact but

have ramifications for the whole peace process. One way to prove value for money is to ask a private sector firm to price any aspect of the work we do and compare!

I am not in a position to comment on the wider sector.

This sector has always demonstrated good value for money in reaching alienated communities. In particular the voluntary groups working out there are the only sustainable means to reach many of the isolated communities, particularly in Rural areas.

It would be impossible to quantify in monetary terms but it provides a framework which allows service-delivery which statutory cannot or will not undertake

You only have to look at the number of volunteer hours, the work that community organisations do, the benefits that we bring to our community and the money we save statutory organisations to know that if we didn't do the work that we do they would never be able to cope with their day to day runnings. Look at interface and youth problems, anti social behaviour and sectarian issues and you will see volunteers trying to help stop this behaviour. PSNI, CSP, HEX can't be there all the time but community workers can and are.

- * provides effective, efficient and flexible services more cheaply than statutory sector
 - * able to innovate and respond to needs as they occur
 - * experience of community sector contributes to efficient
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WE DO WORK WHICH STAT AGENCIES CANNOT/WILL NOT DO ON A LOCAL BASIS. WORKING WITH PARENTS AND TODDLERS, PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS SAVES THE GOVT A FORTUNE!

best placed to deliver at local level

Valuable community asset

The amount of saving that is made by the volunteering work done by the vast majority of the community sector has a direct saving to Government programmes and departments.

the wider C/V sector, outside of some of commercial sector are the most efficient sector within N Ireland, and we are constantly pilloried by civil servants trying to justify their positions.

custom and practise within N Ireland government circles, is if you don't know how to solve a problem hire a consultant. if you take the New Deal programme which costs each taxpayer £12,550 per participant, allocate this resource to the community/voluntary sector directly, we will not only solve a large part of the need to reduce government costs, but would aid in the rebuilding of local isolated communities. but they will find a hundred reasons why this can't be done, but not one reason on economic terms.

increases quality of life

We work in partnership with other agencies, individuals and organisations thereby reducing resource costs and sharing of expertise. We also use recyclable materials for our art/craft activities

The voluntary sector provides excellent, professional services in ways that are often more efficient than the statutory bodies - often doing work that should be done by those statutory bodies. Without the voluntary sector, the burden on public spending would be substantially greater. Having said that, it would be a great shame if the government off loaded 'statutory responsibility' onto the voluntary sector, purely as a cost saving measure. The voluntary sector is not obliged to carry out the work it does - often the work is carried out without due reward.

We support many businesses in the community and source our food and gas for our

economic project locally where possible. We deliver a programme for the Public Health Agency across the North West and work in partnership with other groups with a financial reward for them

services and activities are provided are done so in a efficient economical and effective manner in a place and at a time people in our community want. There are no fat cats and or wastage.

don't really understand what you mean by the wider community sector. If this refers to the work of the voluntary sector as a whole they provide a dimension of cost effective service to the community would not otherwise exist

opportunity to share experiences and networking

The community sector is vital in bringing about a better future for all.

Community sector is closer to the coal face and is able to meet the challenges head on. statutory bodies are too removed from this and generally has too much bureaucracy in the way to be able to respond adequately.

Groups and organisations within the community sector provide value for money services because they are able to interact directly with individuals and communities at a grass roots level, we are known within communities, we operate on a shoe string, in organisations with less bureaucracy and much smaller hierarchical structures

increase employment opportunities

saves statutory bodies money

approx £5 million given in voluntary help

Appendix Six – Mobilising

We are 10 years in existence, and have had to adjust to various policies changes etc over that time. We have struggled to maintain our services but are adamant that working at grass root level in urban and rural areas following the principles of community development is vital for a just and inclusive society.

We don't have staff or premises to share.

Work with government departments to encourage joined up thinking or to ensure social clauses are in all contracts and tenders

Collaboration works as long as there is a shared vision, a common aim and trust, between the partners. Very difficult if there is a power imbalance.

Working together with others in the sector to give a strong united voice to government about the impact of the cuts and what we as a sector can do together to minimise the impact of service delivery.

- We need community development workers to support and develop communities, but we don't need one on every street corner. we also need to think about how the skills of CD Workers can be shared around communities.

While merging may be a consideration and duplication an issue, some service may need duplication for the demand of service. Community groups have always been top heavy with administration and paperwork, if this was to be shared it would currently need to be reviewed.

We are the only org of its kind in NI & Ireland, so mergers etc aren't really an option. However, we would consider all viable options in order to continue our service delivery.

NBIN IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ALL OF THESE AREAS AND WE EXPECT TO BE CUT COMPLETELY NEXT YEAR.

We are the only organisation in our area - we are base in a rural village - other organisations come to us to share our premises already - maybe should have asked the question in this survey -Do you already share or work in partnership with other organisations - the C&V sector already do things like this especially in rural areas

Public campaigns are waste of time decision is made and no going back. Difficult to share resources in a vast rural area....by networking is good and sharing experiences..sharing projects can be difficult...usually one doing the work and the other resting...

Partnership working is extremely difficult especially when there is aggressive competition within the community sector. It would need to be facilitated and supported well with written agreements of understanding.

One added value that should be mentioned is that they are much about the civic engagement and connections they represent as the work they do

We already share premises as we only meet once a month so there is little to gain from mergers or sharing with other organisations.

Rationalise funding sources to provide a more equitable provision according to need and lessen competition

We are currently doing most of this as funding has been a major issue for us for many years