

Report of a workshop held in partnership with the North West Community Network at St. Columb's Park House L/Derry on Thursday 24/09/2009.

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Mary Casey	North West Community Network
Betty Feeney	The Resource Centre Derry
Neola Nelis	North West Community Network
Colin Devine	North West Community Network
Gerard Hamill	North West Taxi Proprietors Ltd
Jackie McColgan	Yes Publications
Fionnuala Deane	Yes Publications
Sarah Brajtbord	Yes Publications
Elaine Power	Rosemount Resource Centre
Eamon Baker	Towards Understanding and Healing
Anita Ville	Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank Community P/ship
Siobhan McDermott	Lisanelly Regeneration Group
John Cunnane	Lisanelly Regeneration Group
Shauna McLaughlin	Foyle Women's' Aid
Fiona Teague	Derry Healthy Cities
Nigel McKinney	Community Foundation for Northern Ireland
Charles Fisher	Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

2. Expectations

To learn new ways of building trust from successful best practice elsewhere

Develop North West cohesion re: future

Learn something new, develop knowledge

Strategic approach to the work 3 – 5 yr plans

Learn new ways of working collaboratively

3. Workshop outputs

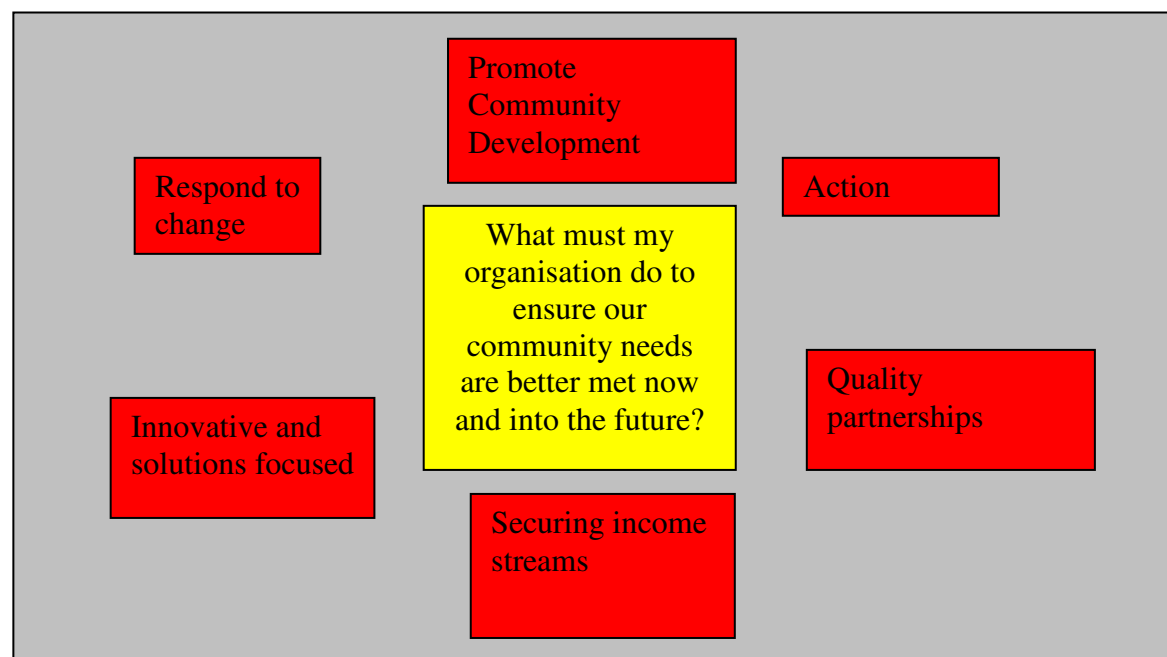
The workshop was facilitated using the Consensus Workshop Method.

The focus question under consideration was

“What must my organisation do to ensure our community needs are better met now and into the future?”

Individuals listed answers to the question. They then worked in pairs to prioritise answers. Answers were then collectively grouped by consensus and groups were given names by consensus. The answers agreed by the group to the question and names given to groups are detailed in the appended table.

Summary of workshop outputs



PROMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	ACTIONS (1)	ACTIONS (2)	QUALITY PARTNERSHIPS	SECURING INCOME STREAMS	INNOVATIVE AND SOLUTION FOCUSED	RESPOND TO CHANGE
Shared set of ethics	More radical approach(solidarity)	Network and learn from others experience	Walled city neighbourhood model	Give us more resources to keep going	Develop different/new business models	Reflect changing make up of communities – grassroots & policy
Grass roots led	Check in more regularly that services meeting needs	Less consultation/more action	To allow us to partnership now	Funding for staff to keep the doors open	Try to do a business plan or strategy (5 years)	Continue to evaluate, change, develop lifelong learning
Engagement remaining grounded	Fight the cause and return to the campaigning element of the sector	More input from community groups	Equal partnerships for public value	Investment in the future	Celebrating /showcasing our creativity	
Needs led not funding led	Ask the community what they need	Challenge decision makers	Make better use of our funding			
Values	Commitment	More input from villagers/citizens	For the DSD release funding under the modernisation fund			
Vision	Be advocates for sector as well as community		Engage again community)			
Citizen led policy initiatives	Education & skills on community development principles and practice		Look at partnerships and back office sharing			
Re-examination of community development principles/ethos	Developing good practice on community engagement		Work with the wider community			
	Renewed effort to re-establish culture of networking		Working in partnerships/collaboration			

Note
The vertical or horizontal organisation does not imply any priority

4. Evaluation of event

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Thanks for the chance to raise issues	Very hard to categorise points into sub headings
Look forward to hearing more about your plans	Not enough time (agree)
Very open discussion with group – will look forward to feedback	Explain background to BCT (agree)
Enjoyed interaction and time went quickly	Condensing sets of views into one heading(agree)
Good mix /high participation	
Good process and well facilitated	
Consensus approach worked well	
Broad range of interests	
Very participative	
Good group	
Good engagement	
Great potential for cross NI networking	
Good process	