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The Building Change Trust



Report of a workshop held in partnership with the East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) on Wednesday 5 November 2009 at Orangefield Presbyterian Church premises

1. Attendance

Sam Lamont	EBCDA
Bernie McConnell	Short Strand Community Forum
Joe O'Donnell	Short Strand Partnership
D Brenan	Short Strand Community Partnership
Linda Armitage	East Belfast Partnership
G Jordan	Skanos
Wesley Cordner	St Patricks Church
A B Holt	St Patricks Church
Alvin Patterson	Wandsworth Community Association
Ian McKee	EBCDA
Julie Carson	BRO
Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership
Jonny Currie	EBCDA
Lewis Lee	Sydenham Partnership
Sandra Workman	Inverary Community Centre
Stephen Crosby	Wandsworth Community Centre
Nigel McKinney	Community Foundation for Northern Ireland
Charlie Fisher	Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

2. Workshop outputs

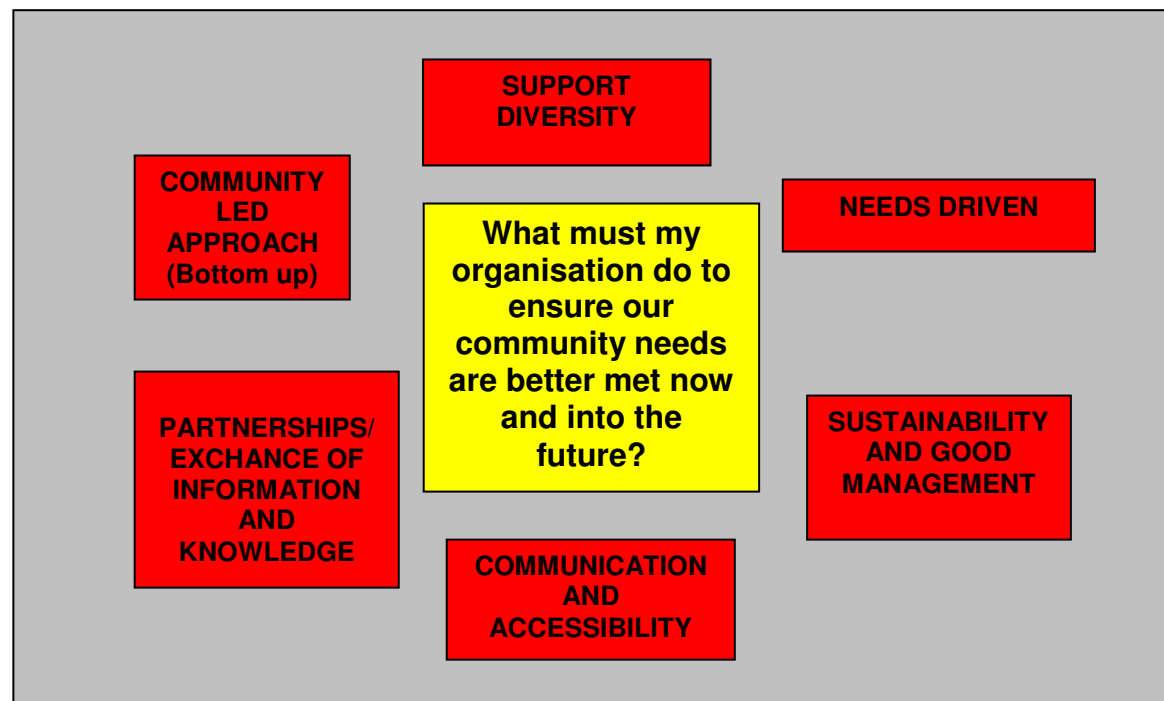
The workshop was facilitated using the Consensus Workshop Method.

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 the lists were given names by consensus. The answers agreed by the group to the question and names given to the lists are detailed in the table below.

Summary of workshop outputs



SUPPORT DIVERSITY	NEEDS DRIVEN	PARTNERSHIPS/EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE	SUSTAINABILITY AND GOOD MANAGEMENT	COMMUNITY LED APPROACH (Bottom up)	COMMUNICATION AND ACCESSIBILITY
Meet and discuss with culturally different but socially likeminded groups	Targeted work	Relationships- job security	Improve facilities – capital expenditure required	Advocate more effectively	Be freed from shackles of bureaucracy
Relationships – cross border	Targeted funding whilst leaving room for innovation	Lobbying (joined up approach) Benefits for all communities	Identification of sustainable social economy projects	Champion community development as civic society voice not just service delivery	Language
Looking after vulnerable	Outcome focused engagement	Information exchange	Honest merger discussions (especially at regional level)	How to resource the unsustainable	Empower decision making , community council?
Relationships cross community		Exchange good practice	Ensure organisations merge and disappear if necessary	Training and developing community leaders	Challenge the local rootedness of large voluntaries
All age groups covered		Liaise with other East Belfast groups	Sustainability	Equal employment rights 3 rd sector – statutory	Bring regional to local
Embrace ethnic minorities to appreciate both cultures inc language skills		Improve accessibility to services/facilities / job opportunities	Money	Expand our profile within the community	
		New information source , road mapping of resources ,		Volunteering project	
		Partnerships		New and innovative leadership	
The vertical or horizontal organisation does not imply any priority				Develop capacity of existing organisations and communities	

3. Evaluation

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Quick/condensed and effective	
Confused beginning but process achieved a good outcome	
Good format works well	
Revealing	