

Report of a workshop held in partnership with Fermanagh Trust and Fermanagh Rural Community Network at Fermanagh House, Enniskillen on Wednesday 30 September 2009.

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Louise McLaughlin	Fermanagh District Council
Florence Eames	Craft Group Lakeland Forum
Eileen Gallagher	Fermanagh Churches Forum
Maria Ellis	Women of the World
Patricia McGrath	Mullaghduon Community Association
Gretta Farmer	Boho Community Association
Packie Drumm	Killesher Community Development Association
Patricia Maye	Fermanagh Trust
Ruby Graydon	Lisbellaw Wednesday Club
Janet Dowson	Bellanaleck Community Group
George Thornton	Bellanaleck Community Group
Roisin Hussey	Kinawley Enterprise Ltd
Frances Spence	Fermanagh Rural Community Network
Lauri McCusker	Fermanagh Trust
Kathleen Breen	Carrowshee Park & Sylvan Hill Community Association
Jackie Mullan	Carrowshee Park & Sylvan Hill Community Association
Nigel McKinney	Community Foundation for Northern Ireland
Charles 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



LOCAL RESOURCES FOR LOCAL ACTIVITY	WORKING TOGETHER	A VOICE FOR FERMANAGH	CONSULT THE COMMUNITY	SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS	BROADBAND FOR FERMANAGH
Develop capacity to generate income	Work in partnership with local community groups	Consultation and communication (community and statutory bodies)	Evaluation of current activities	Positive communication	Broadband and mobile coverage
Finances to support local voluntary groups	Sharing of ideas	Ensure we advocate and lobby for Fermanagh	Community audit (changing population i.e. immigrants)	Research what is already available e.g. resources/information	
Money available for small groups	Support a shared future locally		Questionnaires to establish community needs	Training	
Get more use out of our facilities , i.e. rent	Work in partnership with other organisations/groups			Engage in capacity building	
Funding	Be willing to adapt to change			Attract and retain new members	
Get funding for a worker to survive	Encourage working together(needs resourced)			More support for volunteers(training, recruitment, finances)	
Raise money locally to build our endowment	Share skills, resources and knowledge				
Admin support					
Gain funding and support from government agencies					
Source more money i.e. running costs and salaries					
Funding provided directly into communities					
Build independence and sustainability locally					
Even distribution of funding					
The vertical or horizontal organisation does not imply any priority					