



LOTTERY FUNDED



**Building
Change
Trust**

The Building Change Trust

Bill Osborne, Chairperson

The storm is reaching home territory,
stretching over the hills down into
our sheltering places

Sheltering Places

Gerald Dawe

Physical environment

**We grew out of the sloblands
when the ice-pack shrank**

**we walk upon a river
that runs underneath streets**

**a haemorrhaged vein
pumping bad blood**

**our city suffers its
blackheart houses**

**wastelands grown from
a century's worth**

**of tenement men
sniffing dock poison**

**skin gets livid white
till words come like**

**those a sick man speaks:
we've grown to live with it.**

Gerald Dawe

The Building Change Trust was established in 2008 by the Big Lottery Fund following the submission and acceptance of a proposal developed by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, Community Evaluation Northern Ireland, Business in the Community, Rural Community Network and the Volunteer Development Agency.

The Trust is resourced through a National Lottery grant of £10 million as an investment for community capacity building and promotion of the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland.

The Trust has charitable recognition and is managed by a corporate Trustee.

The corporate Trustee has 8 Directors drawn from across the community, voluntary and private sectors and a Protector appointed by the Big Lottery Fund.

The Trust will, by the 31 December 2018 have invested and expended the £10 million original grant along with any interest generated. The Trust anticipates a total Trust fund of £12.1 million with approximately £10.5 million available to support the community and voluntary sector. The balance will cover the running costs of the Trust over the duration.

The Trust plans to support the community and voluntary sector through the development and delivery of and learning from a range of programmes including commissioned work, awards programmes and other interventions.

The objects of the Trust are to make awards for charitable purposes for:

- the development, for the public benefit, of the capacity and skills of the members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities in Northern Ireland in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- the promotion, for the public benefit of the Voluntary Sector, the efficiency and effectiveness of Charities and the effective use of charitable resources in Northern Ireland;
- The advancement, for the public benefit, of citizenship and community development in Northern Ireland

and thereby increase opportunities for volunteering, enhance the identification and support of best practice and good governance in the Voluntary Sector and the development of skills of persons working in the Voluntary Sector and enable organisations in the Voluntary Sector to work effectively together for the benefit of the community.

The 5 original bid organisations are in receipt of £1.2 million grant aid from the Trust for individual and collaborative activity.

The Trust has been working with them with the aim of learning from their work in shaping future plans.

During the summer and autumn of 2009 the Trust worked with the CFNI Observatory project to deliver 15 consultation events.

Using the information from these events and engagement with stakeholders in other ways, the Trust has now developed a forward strategy and associated programmes for the period 2010 – 2013.

This will be launched on 7 May with two programmes opened on that date and a significant piece of work commissioned.

Our aims

With our resources and through our actions we will invest in Northern Ireland's community and voluntary organisations to achieve positive change.

We will invest our resources to:

- Increase active citizenship and support community development
- Develop new ways of working and effective cooperation
- Enable the sector to develop and realise an inspiring future vision
- Help create a more independent, confident, risk taking and effective sector

Internally we will work to

- Achieve the best possible stewardship of the time limited Trust fund, through good governance, inclusive communication and meaningful collaboration

Exploring Change

In the coming period we plan to support 60 projects explore change.

We anticipate that awards will be made for path finding projects that in addition to assisting individual organisations and parts of the sector explore change will also help highlight possibilities for the rest of the sector.

Deliver Change

In the coming period we plan to work with 20 projects to deliver change

We anticipate that awards will be made for more substantial path treading projects where initial and exploratory work on change has been completed and clear change actions have been identified and can be implemented.

Partnership, collaboration and mergers

We will commission a partnership, collaboration and mergers support programme initially for 3 years from 2010 – 2013.

We expect that this will provide practical support and create a legacy for the sector in respect of the issue.

A permanent loan fund for the sector

We recognise that now and in the future the sector will operate in a time of reduced and constrained funding and that innovation and changes in funding and financing arrangements are both inevitable and desirable.

We are committed to help establish a permanent loan fund for the Northern Ireland community and voluntary sector.

We will invest in researching, exploring and learning from social investment developments in the rest of the UK and elsewhere with a view to informing future developments in Northern Ireland.

Other

We have substantial yet limited resources and a finite lifespan in respect of the £10 million from the Big Lottery Fund. The Building Change Trust is a learning organisation and future actions and programmes will be influenced through the operation of and learning from these initial programmes and ongoing consultation with the sector and other stakeholders.

Next steps

Launch event at NICVA Friday 7 May.

Initial programmes open Friday 7 May.

4 information sessions as follows.

NICVA	7 May	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Derry	7 May	11am – 1pm
Newry	12 May	2pm – 4pm
Dungannon	17 May	11am – 1pm

For further information and to register to attend an event contact

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“No lasting change has been successful without large numbers of people acting consciously and collectively around human values of solidarity and social justice, not market values. Markets are great ways to do some things, but not to fashion communities of caring and compassion.”

“Real social change happens by deepening this kind of broad, democratic movement and when disadvantaged groups gain enough power to effect changes in politics and economics”

Michael Edwards Small Change Why Business Won't Save The World