



**Building Change Trust Future of the Sector
conference**

25 May 2018, The MAC, Belfast.

0900-0955	<i>Registration and refreshments</i>
1000-1115	<i>Plenary session & keynote address by Charles Leadbeater</i>
1115-1235	<i>Refreshments and Workshops</i>
1235-1320	<i>Plenary session</i>
1330-1400	<i>Lunch and close</i>



Workshop-Voluntary action



Input

Dr Nicola Frost, Knowledge Guru, Devon Community Foundation

Nicola has a degree in English from Cambridge, and a PhD in Social Anthropology from Goldsmiths, London. She has researched, written about and worked with voluntary organisations and community organising for more than 20 years. As an academic researcher she has conducted fieldwork with community organisations in Indonesia, Sydney, and London's Brick Lane. Now working for Devon Community Foundation, she is responsible for organisational learning, research and data analysis, and has a strong interest in small and micro-organisations and asset-based community development. She's also worked for Oxfam and for Torbay Community Development Trust.

Sandra Adair, Director of Operations, Volunteer Now

Having worked with the Volunteer Development Agency since it was a project in NICVA and through its establishment and development as an independent charity and through the merger to create Volunteer Now, Sandra lead the development of Volunteer Now's social enterprise – Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd in 2013. Sandra has developed and managed a number of volunteer development projects, including training and information services covering volunteer management, governance and safeguarding. She was to the forefront in providing leadership to the development and implementation of standards for volunteer management and safeguarding, including the accredited national award, Investing in Volunteers.

Facilitator

Dr Helen McLaughlin, independent consultant

Workshop-Civic Activism



Input

Patrick Corrigan LLM is the Head of Nations & Regions for Amnesty International UK and its Northern Ireland Programme Director.

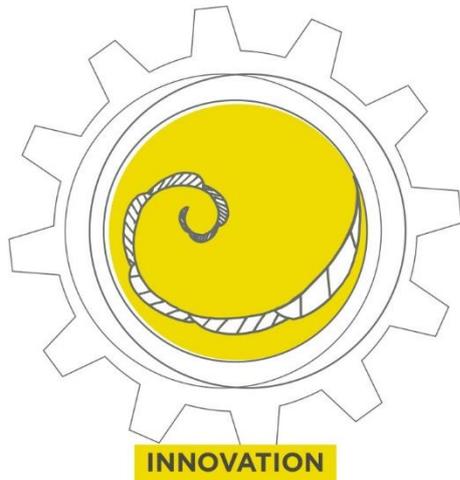
Patrick Corrigan is Northern Ireland Programme Director and Head of Nations & Regions at Amnesty International UK

He is a director of the Human Rights Consortium organisation, a network of over 100 civil society organisations committed to building a human rights-respecting Northern Ireland, a co-founder and director of the Love Equality campaign for marriage equality in Northern Ireland, co-founder of the RightsNI blog and a governor of an integrated school in his hometown of Newcastle, County Down. He has worked on a wide range of human rights and social change issues through research and policy analysis, political advocacy, coalition-building, media engagement and public activism. Twitter: @PatrickCorrigan

Facilitator

Paul Braithwaite, Programme Leader, Building Change Trust

Workshop-Innovation



Input

Peter McColl, Peter leads Nesta's policy and research work in Scotland

His work focuses on the opportunities to integrate and adapt Nesta's work for Scotland. He has particular interests in intergenerational politics, higher education, health, citizens' income and participatory democracy.

Before joining Nesta, Peter was Director of the Policy Unit at Common Weal - a think and do tank committed to transforming Scotland. He has worked for the Royal Voluntary Service, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and in the Scottish Parliament. He was Rector of the University of Edinburgh from 2012 to 2015. He chaired Transition Scotland Support, the infrastructure organisation for Transition Initiatives in Scotland from 2008-11. He holds an MA (Hons) and MSc both in Geography from the University of Edinburgh

Facilitator

Nigel McKinney, Director of Operations, Building Change Trust

Workshop-Collaboration



Input

Andrew Talbot, Andrew is a specialist in partnership working, collaborations, charity mergers and governance.

Andrew qualified as a solicitor in 2001 and is a member of the Law Society of Northern Ireland. He worked as a corporate/commercial and charity solicitor in leading Corporate Law firms in both Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and in Belfast before specialising in his real passion – which is to provide specialist support to the voluntary and community and social enterprise sector.

Whilst working in NICVA, the umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland, from 2010 until April 2017, Andrew provided advice and support to charities on governance, charity law, partnerships and mergers. Andrew is now a NICVA Associate and delivers support independently.

Since 2012, Andrew has been a Board Member of NOW Group, a charity which provides training and employment opportunities to people with learning difficulties. He has also been a Board Member of the Northern Ireland Hospice since 2015.

Facilitator

Dr Pamela Montgomery, independent consultant

Workshop-Making a difference



Input

Dr Brendan McDonnell

Brendan has been the director of Community Evaluation Northern Ireland since 1995 and is a pioneer in the field of outcomes and evaluation thinking. Over the past four years CENI has managed the NI Inspiring Impact programme, providing a major investment to support the sector and its funders to better understand and apply good impact practice. This has been particularly timely in the context of the recent Programme for Government with its focus on outcomes and the promotion of an outcomes based approach to funding.

Brendan and CENI has acquired a unique depth of knowledge and experience in designing outcomes at policy, programme and project levels. Brendan has worked with organisations within the sector and across government, supporting them using co-design to develop outcome frameworks; and generate evidence to measure performance and inform decision making.

Facilitator

Margaret Henry, Director of Building Change Trust Limited

Workshop-Resilience and renewal



Input

Adam Lopardo, Director of External Relations, Community Foundation Tyne and Wear

Adam is responsible for the Foundation's profile, reputation and reach through our brand, public engagement, strategic partnerships and third-party support.

He leads a team that manages and develops collaborative projects and funding initiatives, alongside PR, publications, events, stakeholder relations and consultancy projects. Adam also works with national and regional funding partners to ensure more resources reach groups in the North East of England.

Adam's professional background is in marketing, starting in a local theatre in Solihull before he developed his skills further at Ticketmaster in London. He then moved to Manchester to set up Ticketmaster's regional marketing function and went on to run Ticketmaster's operation in Scotland before joining the Community Foundation in 2004, initially as Sponsors Club Director working on business partnerships supporting culture and creative talent.

Facilitator

Dr Louise O'Meara, Regional Director, Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC)

Workshop-Leadership



Input

Stevie Johnston, Senior Associate, Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC)

Prior to joining IISC, Stevie was the Director of the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) in Northern Ireland, an adult education body whose mission is simply to 'make learning irresistible.' Before becoming director he ran community leadership programs for the WEA, and while on a research visit to Boston in 1995 to look for new leadership models, discovered IISC. A partnership quickly followed and since then thousands of participants in Ireland have had the opportunity to benefit from IISC's workshops. As a long standing affiliate trainer with IISC, Stevie has delivered Facilitative Leadership many times.

Stevie holds a BSc in Social Administration, an MSc in Social Administration, Policy and Planning and an MBA from the University of Ulster, where he specialized in strategic development for not for profit organizations. He has attended the Federal Executive Institute's Charlottesville, VA campus and graduated from their Leadership in a Democratic Society program (where he also got to see round the Pentagon on an electric buggy!). Steve has also worked in Eastern Europe helping build civic democracy in Russia, Lithuania and Georgia (where he ran collaborative leadership training in Stalin's summer house!).

Active in community life, Stevie is treasurer of his local community development association and chairperson of Community Places, a not for profit agency that enables communities to have a voice in planning and regeneration.

Facilitator

Orla Black, Grants and Donor Care Manager, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

