



# The Confederation of Community Groups (Newry & District) Annual Report 2014/15

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## ***Chairperson's Foreword***



Welcome to the Confederation of Community Groups Annual Review 2014/15.

I am delighted to report that the Confederation has continued to deliver high quality projects and services and have expanded our services through projects such as 'Good Day Good Carer', 'Home Secured' and 'Men of To-Day'. Despite the challenging economic climate and the impact that this is having on our local communities, this report highlights some of the essential community development programmes that we have delivered working in partnership with a range of statutory, community and voluntary organisations. This partnership working will help ensure that we are able to adapt to changing circumstances and allow us to extend service delivery into the future.

In the period we undertook a review of our strategic priorities and charitable activities while at the same time we reviewed our Memorandum & Articles of Association. Following this we were able to develop our new Strategic Plan 2015-18 and we adopted our new Memorandum & Articles of Association at last year's AGM. We were successfully registered as a charity under the Charity Commission regulations and have provided assistance to a large number of groups undertaking the same process. I am also delighted to advise that we retained our Investor in People (IIP) recognition in July, an award we originally achieved in 2007.

We were again able to secure core funding from the Department of Social Development (via the Community Investment Fund), from Newry & Mourne District Council (via Voluntary Contributions) and from the Southern Health & Social Care Trust (via Older Peoples Community Programme). To the DSD, NMDC and SHSCT I offer my sincere thanks. Core funding remains essential for project delivery and contributes towards the sustainability of the Confederation. Securing this funding, in turn, allows us to lever additional funding to deliver programmes and benefit local communities. In 2014-15 we were able to lever more than £190,000 for CCG projects and £130,000 for local community groups.

In this period we welcomed Diane Cowan, David McKenna, Gemma Brolly and Rosemary Rooney to the Board and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow directors and board members for their dedication and commitment throughout the year.

Finally I want to express my thanks to our CEO Raymond Jackson and all our staff and volunteers for their professionalism and to our members and funders for their contribution and support which remains vital to our ongoing success.

**David Cunningham.**  
**Chairperson**

## **Chief Executive's Report**



2014/15 was another successful year for the Confederation of Community Groups, a year in which we met or exceeded targets and developed a wider range of partnership working both at local and regional level. I would just like to highlight a selection of the notable achievements and developments during the year.

We continued to work in partnership with local communities providing support to help address issues of disadvantage and poverty through programmes such as the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. We sought to highlight and address health inequalities and increase access to services. Through initiatives such as the REACH programme we have been able to engage people of all ages and promote a range of healthy lifestyles and activity projects within our Community Lifestyle Programmes resulting in positive impacts on health & wellbeing.

As demands on groups have increased in relation to administration, monitoring and governance so too has the support we have been able to provide to a large number of organisations which included volunteer management, training, operational plans, funding, governance, regulation and charity registration.

We recruited and placed young volunteers within the SHSCT Schools Volunteering Programme (all of whom achieved their 50 hour Millennium Volunteer Certificate) and our Older Peoples programme has continued to develop and diversify. Our Good Morning and Good Neighbour services continued to reduce social isolation and provided service users with support to live independently. The Home Secured Project helped reduce the vulnerability of older people by installing security devices in the homes of older people who are in fear of crime or who have been the victim of a crime. Our Good Day/Good Carer, Men of To-Day and Community Way-Finders programmes helped reduce isolation while providing on-going support, signposting and practical services throughout the year.

In relation to Ballybot House & An Stóras we completed our Energy Efficient Venue programme, upgraded venue hire facilities, completed our IT upgrade and replaced our telecoms system. We continued to provide flexible low cost accommodation and venue hire facilities to the community & voluntary sector while managing to reduce expenditure resulting in increased revenues. Generated income now equates to approximately 43% of total income.

On a wider perspective, cuts to public services and funding, an older population and increasing requests for our assistance will inevitably put a strain on our ability to deliver our services. However, we are committed to continuing support for the sector and for individuals to meet challenges they are facing now and in the future. We will continue to focus on outcomes and demonstrate the impact of our services while aligning those services with strategic plans and objectives of our partners in the statutory, community and voluntary sectors.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to the Board of CCG who give their time and commitment in a voluntary capacity and to thank the staff and all our wonderful volunteers for their endeavours and hard work throughout the year.

**Raymond Jackson**  
**Chief Executive**



## ***Empowering Local Community Development***

The Confederation of Community Groups provides ongoing community development support, in partnership with local communities, to help address issues of disadvantage and poverty. A core part of this support is delivered through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme; through this Programme the Confederation has been able to encourage and support increased levels of community consultation and engagement in some of the most deprived areas of Newry City which, in turn, has helped stimulate volunteering and the identification of training needs.

A volunteer recruitment strategy has been developed and successfully implemented in the Carnagat and Greater Linenhall areas of Newry City, resulting in a significant increase in volunteers in both areas; this strategy is currently being implemented in the Barcroft area and will be rolled out in a number of other areas in the coming year.

There has been intensive work with Carnagat, Greater Linenhall, Ballybot and the Meadow / Armagh Road Community Associations to begin the process of engagement for community planning in collaboration with the new Newry, Mourne & Down Council structures. In partnership



with Community Places (NI) and community volunteers from the Meadow / Armagh Road areas, a campaign was developed to save the green space at Jennings Park; this campaign raised over 1500 signatures and successfully lobbied the Council not to proceed with the sale of the site and ensured that the area would not be deprived of its only significant green playing space.

In addition to the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, the Confederation also supports a number of other community groups and has provided ongoing support with volunteer management & training needs, annual operational plans, funding, governance and community planning.

### **Focus on Good Governance**

Now that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has established the register of charities, and has its powers of investigation and enforcement, what does this mean in practice for community groups / charities on the ground?

For many it provides opportunities to review and reflect on what they are doing; to ensure that their group/charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit; and ensure compliance with their governing document.

For the Confederation of Community Groups this has resulted in a much greater demand and need for our community development support, good governance guidance and training as we assist groups to register with the Commission and ensure their details are included on the public register of charities. To date there have been eight groups who attended 'support days', facilitated by the Confederation, for groups called forward by the Commission; a further fourteen groups have been supported with the online application process and numerous other groups have availed of ongoing mentoring and support provided by the Confederation.



## Health and Community Engagement

With support from the Confederation and the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership local community groups have been engaged on a wide range of healthy lifestyles and activity projects for all ages in the community; these have included: soccer skills training, hip hop, martial



arts, tree top adventuring and many more.

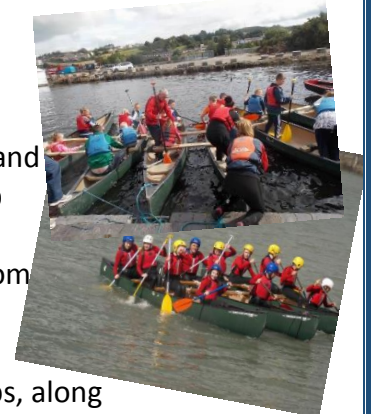
## Innovative Projects

The Confederation, in partnership with Newry & Mourne District Council, Drumalane / Quayside Close Community Association, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, Department for Social Development and Newry Maritime Association, collaborated on the development of the 'Newry Docks Project'. This innovative project highlights the importance of the Docks in terms of the economic and historical social impact it had on Newry and, indeed, on the island of Ireland.



## Inter-Community Events

The Confederation of Community Groups continued to actively promote and encourage more inter-community working and events and, in partnership with Newry & Mourne District Council, August 2014 saw the first inter-community Water Festival on the Albert Basin with community groups from across the District taking part in an action packed day of activities on the water.

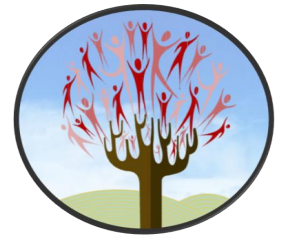


Later in the year, the Confederation of Community Groups, along with Newry & Mourne District Council organised an inter-community quiz night in the Canal Court; once again community groups from across the area fielded their teams for an evening of light heartened fun where the coveted prize was 'the wooden spoon' for the losing team!

The Confederation flagship inter-community event is, of course, the Patricia Graham 'Shining Light' Community Volunteering Awards ...



## Patricia Graham 'Shining Light' Community Volunteering Awards 2014



The Confederation's 'Shining Light' Community Volunteering Awards were undoubtedly the highlight of the year with over 400 people attending the Awards in Bellinis, Newry. Following are the 2014 nominations in each category with winners highlighted:



### Individual Awards : Age 16 - 24

Thomas Sloan – Happy Faces NI  
Rory Donnan – Kingdom Youth Club  
Naomi McCormick – Happy Faces NI  
**James Treanor – Carnagat Area CA**



### Individual Awards: Age 25 - 49

Adrian Patterson – St John Bosco ABC  
Aislinn Connolly – Good Morning / Good Neighbour  
Paula Mc Guigan – Carnagat Area CA  
Colin Morley – Carnagat Area CA  
**Valerie Rooney – Carnagat Area CA**



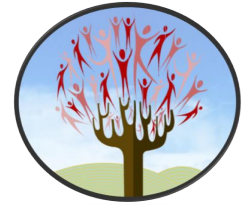
### Individual Awards: Age 50+

Michael O'Hare – Newry Maritime Association  
Marie Sloan – Attical Golden Club  
Edith Edgar – Annalong Community Association  
Kathleen Mooney – Carrivemaclone / Lisdrumliska CA  
Agnes Looney – Mayobridge Womens Group  
Bridghe McPolin – Mayobridge Womens Group  
Margaret O'Gorman – Puzzles Playgoup  
Alison Hutcheson / Angela Canning – GLM C.A.  
Rosemary Smith – Grow NI  
Joanne Markey – Carnagat CA  
Edward Herron – Newry U3A  
Phil McDonald – Newry & Mourne Carers  
Aven Morgan – Dromintee/Jonesboro Luncheon Club  
Oliver Murtagh – Lisummon CA  
Gerry Coyle – Drumalane/ Quayside Close CA  
Sean McKeivitt – Three Ways Youth Project  
Bridie Traynor – Culloville CA  
**Hugh Gilleece – Alzheimers Society**





## Patricia Graham 'Shining Light' Community Volunteering Awards 2014



**Group Awards: Charity Work**  
Memories Café – Alzheimers Society  
Davina's Ark  
*Citizens Advice Bureau*



**Group Awards: Older Peoples Services**  
Atticall Golden Club  
Favors For Friends  
Falcon Dinner Club  
Mayobridge Women's Group  
Dromintee / Jonesboro Luncheon Club  
Kilkeel Community Association  
Home Secured Scheme  
*Good Morning / Good Neighbour Service*



**Group Awards: Youth Work**  
St John Bosco A.B.C.  
Carnagat Youth Group  
*Happy Faces NI*

**Group Awards: Community Work**  
Earwig Festival  
Annalong Community Association  
Drumgath Ladies Group  
Derrybeg Cycle Series 2014  
GLM Glenanne/Loughgilly/Mountmorris  
Community Development Association Newry &  
Mourne ME / Fibromyalgia Support Group  
Colour You Happy  
Courts Community Association  
Arthritis Care NI  
Newry Docker Project  
Drumalane/Quayside Close CA  
Cuimhneamh  
*Newry Rainbow Community*  
*TAG – The Active Group*



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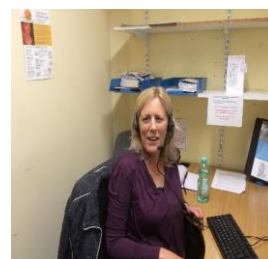


## **Supporting Community Volunteering**

In this section of the report we highlight the work undertaken by more than one hundred of our volunteers engaged in a range of projects which are directly managed by the Confederation. Supporting volunteering is an important aspect of our work and includes the provision by CCG of a comprehensive programme of training appropriate to the needs of each project. CCG greatly values the efforts of our volunteers who complement and enhance the services provided by the Confederation.

### **Good Morning Service**

Good Morning is a support service for older, isolated people living in the community. In the year 2014/15 the Good Morning Service was provided for a total of 167 regular service users. The Service made a total of 31,980 Good Morning calls ranging in duration from 5 – 20 minutes to those 167 service users, their families and support workers. This approximates (@an average 10 minutes per call) to some 5,330 volunteer hours spent in this period talking directly to older people and supporting their needs.



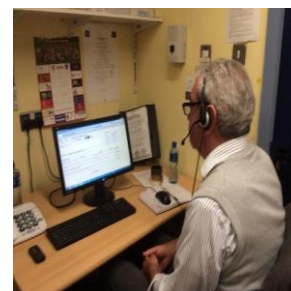
### **Good Neighbour Service**



The Good Neighbour Service engages trained volunteers who will visit an older person as a means of maintaining social contacts. During the year 2014 / 2015 the Good Neighbour Service was provided for a total of 80 service users. The Service provided on average one visit per client per week by our pool of 65 Good Neighbour volunteers. This equates to approx. 6,240 voluntary hours ( @ an average 1.5 hours per visit) spent this year by volunteers providing face to face support for older people, helping them to live more independently. It is interesting to note that fifty of our Good Neighbour volunteers are themselves in the fifty+ age bracket.

### **Good Day / Good Carer**

The Good Day / Good Carer service provides telephone support for older carers as a means of respite and of signposting them to other services, events and initiatives which may assist them in their caring role. CCG launched our new Good Day / Good Carer project in conjunction with the Carers' Trust (UK) and in this period we recruited our first cohort of nine new volunteers for the project. Induction Training undertaken by our volunteers included: Understanding IT Systems, Telephone Communication, Skype, Volunteer Guidelines & Code of Practice and Awareness in Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults. This innovative project is gaining momentum monthly and there are currently thirty clients who receive a weekly call from one of our volunteers. This service is Northern Ireland wide and is the first of its kind to be piloted here.



## Home Secured Project



The Home Secure Project installs security devices for older people who are in fear of crime or who have been the victim of a crime. This project, funded by the Policing Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) fitted over 1300 security devices to 270 homes in Newry, South Down & South Armagh. The service is delivered by trained volunteers with a construction background and it is hoped that the service will be developed even further to incorporate the new larger Council area.

## Schools' Summer/Winter Volunteer Programmes

The Schools' summer / winter programmes provide volunteering opportunities within health and social care settings for Year 13 students from local schools. The programmes enhance the education and career prospects of the young people while providing much needed services in the community . This year we recruited, placed and completed two very successful Schools' Volunteer programmes with a cohort of 54 young people. All 54 participants achieved the 50 hour Millennium Volunteer Certificate Award. The Schools Summer/Winter programmes were delivered over two 8-week periods July/August 2014 and February/March 2015.



Participating schools within Newry & Mourne included:

- St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel
- St Joseph's High, Crossmaglen
- Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry
- Sacred Heart Grammar School Newry
- Kilkeel High School

## Men of To-Day Project



The Men-of-Today project provides practical services and assistance for those living through or recovering from prostate cancer. The Confederation embarked on this initiative in partnership with Prostate Cancer UK to provide support tailored to the needs of men experiencing prostate cancer. The project has engaged with twenty individuals and has provided them with support from our OPCP services and signposted them to other statutory and voluntary organisations for assistance.

## Community Wayfinders

With funding from Big Lottery Awards for All, the Confederation was able to engage the services of three sessional Community Wayfinders who visited older people in their homes and carried out person focused plans to help identify needs and provide older people with the opportunity to avail of a wide range of services including those of the OPCP. The Community Wayfinders not only assessed the need for these services but were also trained in signposting to other statutory and voluntary services in order to provide access to a wraparound of multiple low level services for older people.



## The REACH Project



The REACH project is a partnership between the Confederation of Community Groups and the SHSCT funded by Big Lottery. The project aims to improve the health & well-being of both individuals and families in our area. In the Newry & Mourne locality from March 2014 until February 2015 REACH engaged a total of 604 individuals within



such Community Lifestyle Programmes as, Positive Mental Health, Cook It and Five Ways to Wellbeing.

From September 2014 we have developed a Community Health Champions Programme which has recruited 14 Community Health Champions in local areas. This volunteer element of REACH has worked very well within the Confederation with

volunteers coming from a wide range of community backgrounds throughout Newry & Mourne. All volunteers have undertaken OCN Level 2 Health Champion Training delivered by CDHN. A new peer support group for young teenage mums and an environmental green gym project with an ex-prisoners group have now been established. Experience gained by 10 volunteers at a Belfast Strategic Partnership workshop will be used to develop peer led health programmes in their local communities.

### Training & Education Courses

Demand for our training provision for local community & voluntary groups remained high throughout the year with well over two hundred people successfully participating in courses in a range of community venues.

The courses included:

- 7 Full Child Protection Courses  
x 89 participants
- 2 Child Protection Refresher Courses  
x 28 participants
- 1 Designated Child Protection Course  
x 10 participants
- 2 Paediatric First Aid Courses  
x 28 participants
- 2 Emergency First Aid Courses  
x 24 participants
- 1 Defibrillator Training Course  
x 7 participants
- Good Governance Training  
x 25 participants
- Community Planning x 12 participants
- Funding x 20 participants

The Confederation also maintained its commitment to providing training for over one hundred volunteers engaged in projects managed by the CCG; these include, Good Morning Good Neighbour, Good Day Good Carer, Home Secured, Men of To-Day and Community Wayfinders.

- These training programmes included:
- Holistic Therapies x 36 participants
  - Everyday First Aid x 18 participants
  - Understanding Dementia x 18 participants
  - Holistic Health/Well-Being x 11 participants
  - Keeping Adults Safe x 10 participants
  - Smoking Cessation x 6 participants
  - Fire Safety / Carbon Monoxide Awareness x 8 participants
  - Online Connections & Social Media x 20 participants





## **Building Community Infrastructure**

### **NMDC Irish Travellers' Forum**



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We have continued to work at developing community infrastructure in a number of directions including working on the establishment of a support mechanism for Newry Travellers in conjunction with SHSCT, CRJ and NMDC. We have also continued to work with the District Council's Irish Travellers' Forum as a means of progressing the rights of the Traveller community in the Newry District. The Council have given a commitment to continue the work of the Forum into the new Council arrangements.

### **Newry DEA Community / Voluntary Forum**



As the Council begins to roll out its new structures, the Confederation has commenced work with community and voluntary groups to establish the Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) forum. The inaugural meeting of the Forum was scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

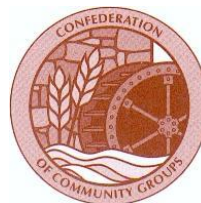
### **Capital projects**

The Confederation's Community Development staff have been working closely with Drumalane / Quayside Close Community Association in relation to the proposed development of a new community building in the area and have supported them with an application for £350K to 'Space & Place'.

We have also been actively supporting St Joseph's High School's bid to the Space & Place Programme for their 'Shared Areas' project for a total cost of £400K.



CCG completed our Big Lottery funded 'Energy Efficient Venue' project in July. We also completed our IT infrastructure upgrade which included a review and upgrade of all databases; staff commenced IT Training in August in the new IT Suite in Ballybot House.



### **CCG Website & Ezine**

We replaced our old website with a new three tier system which is much more accessible and user friendly. We have developed our Ezine layout & production and the Ezine is currently produced on a monthly basis. We have also disseminated one-off community information as the need arose.



## Partnership Working

Throughout the year, staff from the Confederation have acted in partnership with a wide range of organisations at both local and regional level, and have been actively involved in a number of Public Consultations.

### Community Planning

Community Places



Earlier in the year CCG, in partnership with Community Places, hosted a Community Planning seminar to launch the 'Community Planning Toolkit'.

We have subsequently worked with a number of groups to develop Community Plans using the Toolkit. We attended the Newry & Mourne Community Development Advisory group meetings and in June, we met with Liam Hannaway (Chief Executive Newry, Mourne & Down District Council) & Heather Mc Kee (Community Planning Officer, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council). In October,



we attended a consultation event in Newcastle, organised by Newry & Mourne District Council, in relation to Corporate Planning, Community Engagement & Strategic Planning issues.

Later in the year, we attended the final Community Planning & Engagement consultation in Newry Town Hall; the Community Planning Event with the

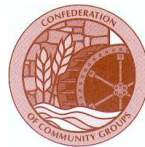
Community Foundation N.I. in Newry Arts Centre; and hosted the 'Civic Activism Programme' with Building Change Trust.

### Charity Regulation & Good Governance

In May, the Confederation hosted a seminar, involving NICVA, Volunteer Now and the Charity Commission,



relating to Charity Regulation and Good Governance. In September, we facilitated the Charity Commission's 'Online Registration Workshop'; and successfully registered the Confederation as a support agency for local groups undertaking the charity registration process.



### CCG Representation on External Boards

The Confederation of Community Groups is represented on a number of external Boards and, as such, has been attending Board meetings of the following; Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership & associated Neighbourhood Renewal sub-groups; Community Places; Newry & Mourne Community Transport; the Newry Chamber of Commerce & Trade; and the Well-Being in Action Partnership. As a sub-regional body the Confederation was also represented at Community Development Network Forum meetings and Community Planning manifesto meetings.



## Partnership Working contd,



### Active Ageing

CCG assisted with the organisation of Positive Ageing Week, for Newry & Mourne including the launch of the Council's Age Friendly Alliance. We also attended OFMDFM's Active Ageing Consultation and subsequently made a submission on behalf of the local community & voluntary sector.

### Collaborative Projects

In August we met with the Clanrye Group to discuss possible collaborative projects moving forward; and in February 2015 we provided support with their bid to the European Social Fund. We held discussions with Alzheimer's Society with regards to developing an Advice Hub at Ballybot House and agreed with CAB to host "Pension Wise" pension planning project at BBH. CCG participated in an 'Inspiring Impact Masterclass' with the Building Change Trust. This impact model has now



been used to review our own practices and help focus our members on their provision of services within their own communities.

### Public Consultations & Lobbying



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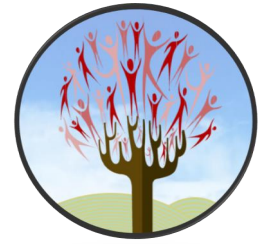
CCG made responses to the Community Planning (Strategic Partners) consultation in December 2014; the Regeneration Bill consultation in February 2015; and to the Community Planning Draft Guidance consultation in March 2015.

Our Development Manager participated in a research interview, commissioned by DCAL, relating to the lack of engagement with people living in poverty and other disadvantaged groups in the use of the local library services.

We attended meetings of Community Investment Funded (CIF) organisations in Belfast, January 2015, and agreed an action plan for lobbying the Department for Social Development to retain the CIF Programme following issues raised during the passage of the Regeneration Bill.



## Finance & Services



### Finance

Total income was £574,671 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. This was £51,883 less than that of the comparative figure (£626,554) for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. It should be noted however that £49,743 of the 2014 income related to capital funding from Big Lottery and Southern Health & Social Care Trust.

Total Expenditure decreased from £647,834 last year to £601,898 in this period resulting in an overall deficit of £27,197. The expenditure and deficit figures however have been greatly affected by the accounting treatment for depreciation and amortisation relating to Ballybot House & An Stóras.

The deficit overlooks the fact that a surplus of £38,217 was made in the period before depreciation and amortisation.

Despite the tough economic situation, refreshments & catering revenue increased slightly as did venue hire, office accommodation and retail unit revenues. We were able to reduce expenditure on Ballybot House salary costs while undertaking further upgrades to our conference centre, completion of our IT upgrade and replacement of our telecoms system. We also completed our Big Lottery “Energy Efficient Venue” programme and hope to be able to continue to reduce our carbon footprint with the installation of solar panels in the next period. We were able to restrict all other non-essential spend resulting in a positive cash-flow throughout the period without the need to seek any loan or overdraft facilities.

Income streams derived from office and day-care accommodation, venue hire, back office support and resource centre equated to 43% of total income with surplus income used to offset deficits within the General Management Account and Neighbourhood Renewal Project. Throughout the period CCG staff made significant efforts to secure funding from a large range of funding bodies (as detailed). Special thanks must be paid to the Older Peoples programme staff in this regard as their fund raising efforts resulted in a break-even position for the first time in a number of years for this programme.

Despite the significant contributions made towards long term sustainability, the continuing support in the form of core funding from DSD (via the Community Investment Fund), NMDC (Voluntary Contributions) and SHSCT (Older Peoples Programme) has been, and will continue to be, essential in supporting CCG to deliver its varied projects and activities in the challenging financial times ahead.



The Finance & Services team continue to discharge their duties in strict accordance with the most stringent accounting policies and our audit has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). We are again pleased to advise that our Financial and Governance Controls are deemed as “Robust” (this is the lowest risk status as certified by the DSD’s Voluntary & Community Unit).

### **Conference, Retail, Day-Care and Office Accommodation at Ballybot House & An Stóras**

Retail, Day-care and office accommodation remained a vital source of income throughout the year and Ballybot House meeting and conference facilities continue to be a popular choice for a wide range of organisations. Generated income of £264,419 was £5,748 higher than last year due mainly to the increase in rental and room hire income.

During the period we were sad to lose long term tenants Early Years in September 2014 due to a relocation to the Early Years Orana centre and also

Newry 1916 Commemoration Association in October 2014. We were delighted however to offer accommodation to Brian Rice (T/a Nutritional Weight Loss) in January 2015. We continued to use all available space for our own programmes, for storage and for additional venue hire facilities securing 90% occupancy within BBH and 100% within An Stóras throughout the period.



### **Additional Services Provided**

Our Finance & Services team continues to provide administrative and ‘back office’ support to CCG Projects, to affiliated members and to external bodies.

Some of the services provided by our staff include:

- Help to establish financial systems & applications for funding.
- Assistance with salaries and wages.
- Advice on recruitment & selection procedures.
- Guidance on charitable law & constitutions.
- Top of the range conference & meeting facilities.
- Compliance with Funding & Legal requirements and computation of claims information.
- Compliance with Health & Safety Legislation and Risk Assessments.
- Resource Centre operations – Printing, Copying, booklets, binding, reprographic services, fax, e-mail, internet etc.



## Financial Summary

Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the year ended 31st March 2015

	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/(Deficit)
	£	£	£
General Account	185,106	228,443	-43,337
NMDC	25,800	32,074	-6,274
Ballybot House	256,143	244,159	11,984
Volunteer & Older Peoples Projects	94,437	93,767	670
Community Store	4,809	1,124	3,685
Resource Centre	<u>8,376</u>	<u>2,301</u>	<u>6,075</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	574,671	601,868	-27,197

### **Funders:**

Big Lottery (Energy Efficient Venues Programme)  
 Big Lottery (Awards for All)  
 Carers Trust (Good Day / Good Carer)  
 Department for Social Development (Community Investment Fund)  
 Lloyds Bank (Community Grants Programme)  
 John Moores Foundation (Community Work & Education Programme)  
 Southern Health & Social Care Trust (Reach Programme)  
 Southern Health & Social Care Trust (Help to the Home programme)  
 Southern Health & Social Care Trust (Volunteer Programme)  
 Southern Health & Social Care Trust (Older Peoples Programme)  
 St Joseph's High School (Community Work & Education)  
 Newry & Mourne District Council (Voluntary Contributions)  
 Newry & Mourne District Council (N/Hood Renewal Programme)  
 N & M Policing & Community Safety Partnership (Tele. Support)  
 N & M Policing & Community Safety Partnership (Home Secured)  
 N & M Policing & Community Safety Partnership / Department Of Justice (ARCS)  
 Northern Ireland Housing Executive (Community Grants Fund)  
 Prostate Cancer UK (Men of Today Programme)

**Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2015**

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>				
Bank Interest			16	
Other Income		317,177	317,177	308,077
<b>Incoming Resources from charitable activities</b>				
Grants (less deferred income)	226,869	30,609	257,478	318,477
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b><u>226,869</u></b>	<b><u>347,802</u></b>	<b><u>574,671</u></b>	<b><u>626,554</u></b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>				
<i>Charitable activities</i>	222,825	62,670	285,495	313,715
<i>Governance costs</i>	6,876	309,035	316,373	334,119
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>229,701</u></b>	<b><u>371,705</u></b>	<b><u>601,868</u></b>	<b><u>647,834</u></b>
<b>Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year before transfers</b>				
	(2,832)	(23,903)	<b>(27,197)</b>	<b>(21,280)</b>
Transfers between funds				
<b>Net movement of funds in year</b>	<b><u>(2,832)</u></b>	<b><u>(23,903)</u></b>	<b><u>(27,197)</u></b>	<b><u>(21,280)</u></b>
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds brought forward	(171,611)	1,271,573	<b>1,099,962</b>	<b>1,121,242</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b><u>(174,443)</u></b>	<b><u>1,247,670</u></b>	<b><u>1,073,227</u></b>	<b><u>1,099,962</u></b>
<b>Statement of Total Fund Movement</b>				
Total recognised funds relating to the year			<u>(27,197)</u>	<u>(21,280)</u> (21,280)
<b>Total recognised surplus since last annual report</b>			<b><u>(27,197)</u></b>	<b><u>(21,280)</u></b> (21,280)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

## Balance Sheet at 31 March 2015

	Note	2015	2014
		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>2,202,566</u>	<u>2,298,278</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	3	55,753	42,034
Cash at bank		<u>203,052</u>	<u>119,695</u>
		258,804	161,729
<b>Liabilities falling due within one year</b>	4	<u>141,214</u>	<u>81,891</u>
Net Current (Liabilities)/ Assets		117,591	79,838
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u><u>2,320,157</u></u>	<u><u>2,378,116</u></u>
<b>Liabilities falling due after more than one year</b>			
Capital Grant Reserve	7	<u>656,690</u>	<u>687,455</u>
		656,690	687,455
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>1,663,467</u></u>	<u><u>1,690,661</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Revaluation Reserve (Restricted Funds)		590,699	590,699
Restricted Funds		(174,443)	(171,611)
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund		136,722	114,814
Designated fund		<u>1,110,489</u>	<u>1,156,759</u>
		<u><u>1,663,467</u></u>	<u><u>1,690,661</u></u>

# The Confederation of Community Groups Funders 2014 / 2015



Department of Social Development  
Community Investment Fund



COMHAIRLE  
AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN  
NEWRY AND MOURNE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Voluntary Contributions  
Neighbourhood Renewal Programme



Older People's Community Project – Good Morning / Good Neighbour  
REACH Programme  
Help to the Home Project  
Home Secured Project



Wayfinders



Good Day / Good Carer



Home Secured Project



Good Morning Telephone Support



LOTTERY FUNDED

Energy Efficient Venues Programme

Community Groups Training



St Joseph's High School (Newry & Mourne Extended Schools' Programme)



Home Secured Project