

## Forum Membership Application and Survey



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The Churches' Community Work Alliance is committed to enabling a just, caring, reconciled and sustainable society in Northern Ireland through facilitating the community development interests and work of churches, projects, agencies and individuals.

The CCWA Forum is a Northern Ireland wide grouping open to representatives and individuals who are interested and/ or already involved in this work. In support of the work of CCWA, the Forum aims:

- to initiate, support and encourage community work in the life of churches within Northern Ireland
- to help churches, projects and individual Christians to reflect theologically on contemporary social, political and economic issues affecting Northern Ireland
- to promote good community work practice within Northern Ireland
- to provide help and guidance for community projects and to support practitioners throughout Northern Ireland
- to provide a Northern Ireland-wide forum for areas of common interest and concern to be discussed and activities to be coordinated
- to provide a body which can represent the Christian Community Work sector in discussions with government and other interest groups/sectors in Northern Irish society.

#### I wish to become a member of the CCWA (NI) Forum

*(Membership of the Forum is, currently, Free)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation (if appropriate):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (for correspondence):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member's Directory**

All contact details provided above will be included in the CCWA (NI) Forum Membership Directory.  
Please tick if you do not want your details to be included.

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This survey is being undertaken in order that CCWA is able

- to gain a clearer understanding of the range of work done in the community by faith based individuals, project and churches;
- to identify concerns and issues faced by church related community work in Northern Ireland; and,
- to prioritise its service provision in line with the expressed needs of members of the Forum.

**Our thanks and appreciation to you for taking the time to fill out this survey.**

1. Are you

- Clergy
- Project manager
- Community worker
- Youth worker
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you

- Thinking about beginning a community *focussed* project in your church
- Thinking about beginning a community *focussed* project independent of the church
- Already involved in a community *focussed* project in your church
- Already involved in a community *focussed* project independent of the church
- Looking for a community *focussed* project for your church to be involved with
- Looking for a community *focussed* project independent of the church with which to be involved
- Other \_\_\_in transition \_

3. Who is your project concerned with

*(Please tick more than one if applicable)*

- a. Children - pre-school
  - Girls
  - Boys
  - Both
- b. Children – primary school
  - Girls
  - Boys
  - Both
- c. Young people – post primary
  - Girls
  - Boys
  - Both
- d. Young adults (16 – 25)
  - Girls
  - Boys
  - Both
- e. Adult Women
  - On their own
  - Mothers
  - Active Senior citizens
  - Vulnerable elderly
- f. Adult Men
  - On their own
  - Fathers
  - Active Senior citizens
  - Vulnerable elderly
- g. Other  
Please specify in transition

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4. What issue (-s) is your project concerned with

- Housing & Homelessness
- Unemployment
- Regeneration
- Disability  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Recreation and Leisure
- Residential care
- Mental Health
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Interfaces
- Families in Crisis
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Other addictions  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Learning difficulties
- Medical , eg cancer, MS  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Prisoners
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Abuse
- Poverty
- Racism
- Refugees & Asylum Seekers
- Victims
- Sexual orientation
- Sustainability, eg Environmental
- Other  
(please specify : peace witness;  
sectarianism

5. My project primarily provides

- Training and education
- Counselling
- Residential care
- Signposting
- Employment opportunities for the beneficiary group
- Funding
- Staff and/ or Volunteer Support
- Day care, eg Luncheon Clubs
- Policy Analysis
- Research updates
- Drop-in facilities
- Advice and information
- Community facilities
- Campaigning and lobbying
- Advocacy
- Network partnerships
- Other  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

6. Which, if any, of these government policy reports do you know about

- People and Place (2003)
- Shared Future (2005)
- Positive Steps (2005)
- A Better Government for Northern Ireland (2006)
- Renewing Communities (2006)
- Lifetime Opportunities (2006)



7. My project is very good at

- Relating to the local community
- Identifying needs
- Understanding the link between community development work and mission
- Delivering effective programme work/ services
- Finding funding to keep the work going
- Attracting volunteers/ staff
- Responding to government policy
- Other  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

10. My project is threatened by

- Community division and conflict
- Lack of congregational interest/ ownership
- Lack of vision
- Lack of people with commitment and motivation
- Inadequate skills and capacity to manage the work
- Other  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

8. My project is weak in

- Relating to the local community
- Understanding the needs of the community
- Developing relevant programmes/ services
- Providing support to staff/ volunteers
- Knowing how to respond to the community
- Compliance and policy awareness
- Other  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

9. My project has the opportunity to

- Forge good relations across the community
- Develop an experienced volunteer base
- Form useful alliances
- Replicate into other contexts
- Bring new life to the church
- Disseminate learning of benefit to the church and community
- Other  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

11. CCWA could help me and/ or my project by

- Providing support
- Offering training and capacity building courses
- Providing Information and Advice
- Acting as a representative to other agencies and institutions
- Signposting and contact making
- Commissioning and disseminating relevant research
- Developing networking opportunities
- Offering policy analysis
- Making resources available
- Engaging independently in community work projects/ programmes
- Training and support to volunteers
- Other  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_)