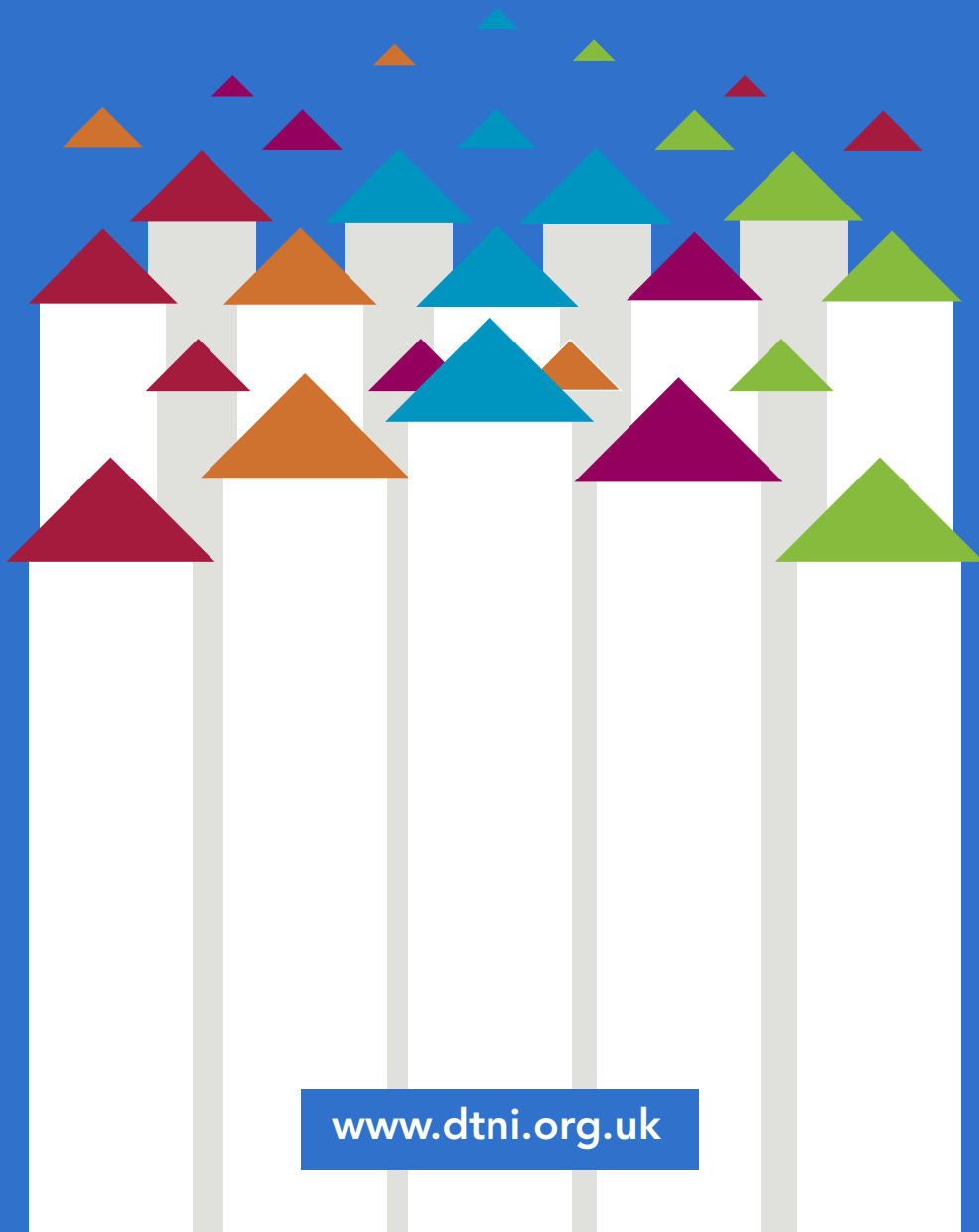




Become a member

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We are dedicated to the development needs of our members and to the following principles:

- **Shared Learning:** We believe that society, communities and the organisation are stronger when we share knowledge and skills and work together in solidarity with each other rather than compete
- **Accountability:** We believe that the organisation should be fully accountable and transparent to its members and funders for what it does. In turn we also believe that policy- and decision-makers should be accountable to the people
- **Participative democracy:** We believe that democracy is stronger where ordinary people organise together in community-based organisations, build their assets and resources and actively and regularly contribute to decisions that affect their lives
- **Social and economic justice:** We believe that a fair and equitable society is a healthier and happier one
- **Integrity:** We believe that it is important to build trust between people by acting to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity
- **Independence:** We believe it is important that the organisation can provide an independent voice in promoting its mission and values

Development Trusts are locally based not-for-profit organisations which provide services in the community and which seek to enhance both the local economy and to contribute towards the regeneration of their area. Development Trusts can have many legal forms all of which support Community Benefit and aim to protect the Common Good.

Our role

DTNI's agenda on behalf of its membership includes:

- A core focus on **Ownership of Assets** and **Community Enterprise** as a means of creating sustainable community development approaches to local regeneration
- **Promoting Independence** through support for communities to explore community enterprise approaches so that they can earn income to be used for community benefit.
- Advocating for more **Local Commissioning** with public bodies which will support third sector organisations to provide services to meet the needs of both '**Communities of Place**' and also '**Communities of Interest**'.
- **Peer exchange, Learning** and Collaborative Partnership Working amongst both third sector and other sectoral organisations whilst remaining accountable to local community and able to determine their own direction, priorities and objectives
- A **Policy and Advocacy** role which enables Key Local Regeneration Organisations to contribute to the delivery of a 'joined up' approach to regeneration and to growing their Local Economy.
- Advocating for a **Social Justice Based Approach** designed to bring about positive social, economic and environmental change to make our communities fairer and more inclusive. This includes supporting Local Economic Initiatives.
- Encouraging **Good Relations** to support and strengthen **Reconciliation** and to Promote Transformation within communities that recognises the unique role that each sector plays in long-term sustainable and cohesive social and economic regeneration.

Membership

DTNI is inviting new members to join the network of Development Trusts in NI which forms part of the wider Development Trust movement across Britain.

DTNI wishes to shape and build the network that members want.

We welcome applications from:

- Individuals - Tenant Associations
- Community Development Organisations - Community Social Enterprises
- Organisations representing a particular geographic area (Communities of Place)
- Organisations representing a particular target group (Communities of Interest)
- Voluntary Sectors – Community Sectors – Public Sector – Private Sector
- Faith based organisations

Assets and Community Asset Transfer

DTNI has professionally trained staff to assist and advise you in support of your bid for a public sector asset under the auspices of the Community Asset Transfer policy and has also developed a number of resources designed to support members to both assess capacity and to build organisational capability around the following areas:

- Organisational Capacity Assessment 'Are you Investment Ready?' (IREAD Tool www.iread.org.uk)
- Training on Asset acquisition, development and management including Community Asset Transfer.
- Facilities Management Training
- Developing an enterprise focus: Training Modules and Mentoring on Community Asset Transfer, Feasibility Screening, Business Planning, Financial Planning, Governance and People and Assets.
- Learning Exchange, Study Visits and Networking - within Northern Ireland and across the Britain & Ireland.
- Advocacy and information provision (Bi-monthly e-bulletin, conferences and policy seminars).

DTNI wishes to shape and build the network that members want. We will:

- Raise the profile of and advocate for the collective needs of members within local regeneration initiatives.

New Members

DTNI is now formally recruiting new members to become part of the network of development trusts in NI and part of our wider movement throughout Britain. DTNI seeks to build on its existing membership and to strengthen the Development Trust movement in the region.

- From individuals, to tenant associations,
- From community development organisations, to community social enterprises,
- From organisations of interest to communities of place,
- From the voluntary and the community sectors, the public and the private sectors and everything in between

We will;

- Shape and build the network our members want,
- Ask, listen and act to provide the supports our members need,
- Provide our members with information resources, run topical and relevant seminars and conferences,
- Raise awareness on what it is to be a development trust,
- Advocate and represent on our members interests to Government,
- Advocate for and target new investment opportunities for sustainable development,
- Be led by our membership and make provision for the election of members to lead the network.

Member Categories

We will; We have three categories of membership: Full Member; Associate Member; Supporter

FULL MEMBERSHIP: is aimed at community and voluntary sector organisations' that are already operating as a development trust, are in the process of becoming development trusts or want to explore how they might become a development trust.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: is for all organisations' interested in the work of DTNI. That includes public bodies, private businesses, community and voluntary organisations and individuals.

SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP: will allow individuals/groups to keep up to date with what DTNI is doing via regular communications.

Membership Application

Correspondence

Organisation Name:

Main Contact:

Job Title:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Web:

Facebook:

Twitter:

Membership Category

Please indicate Membership Category you are requesting

Membership Fee

You will be invoiced in due course for the member category of your choice

- Full Member: £75
- Associate Member: £150
- Supporter: £25
Please go to 11 Declaration

About Your Organisation

Tell us briefly about your organisation; please provide us with some key facts such as the year established, the facilities and services you manage, the projects and activities you deliver etc. If membership is approved these details will be made available in our member directory on our website (You will be provided with options to edit and update your organisations membership). **Max 250 words.**

Membership Application

Legal Form

What is the legal Structure of your organisation?

- Charity
- Community Interest Company(CIC)
- Company Limited by Guarantee
- Industrial and Provident Society
- Company Limited by Share
- Unincorporated Association
- Other - Please Specify:

Geography & Interest

Please indicate whether your organisation works in and or on behalf of:

- An Urban Area
- A Rural Area
- Mixed - Urban/Rural
- A Community of Interest
By community of interest we mean work solely on behalf of a specific interest group such as a learning disability, or race and ethnicity or a Gay, Lesbian or Transgender support group.

Electoral Wards

Please list the main electoral wards that your organisation works in

1.

2.

3.

Annual Turnover

Please tell us your current annual turnover £

Membership Application

Areas of Work

(Please tick all relevant areas of work)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail & Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/ Leisure/Recreation Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training/Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Hubs/Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport Workspace Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Development Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment (& Management) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Heritage & Buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | |

Any Other Information

(Let us know of anything you feel is of relevance to your application not already requested above) Max 250 words

Declaration of Support

We wish to become a member of DTNI as per member category ticked above. We agree to pay as requested the annual membership fees as outlined below. We understand that DTNI will use the contact details provided on this form to send information to us relating to DTNI membership and other services. We are happy for DTNI to share information about our organisation to other members and related agencies and to allow these details to be made available via the DTNI website. I understand that membership to DTNI is subject to review.

Please sign your name here, to confirm that you agree to the declaration above.

Signed

Date

In the case of electronically submitted forms, signatory completion will indicate agreement with declaration

Return membership application to:



3rd Floor, Cathedral Quarter Managed Workspace
109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast BT1 1FF



028 9031 1132



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DTNI offers member groups support in a number of areas:

- Asset management, development and acquisition (including Community Asset Transfer)
- Advice on community enterprise and organisational sustainability
- Feasibility studies and business planning
- Financial systems and financial planning
- Training and mentoring -grant dependency to independence
- Policy and advocacy to government
- Peer to peer learning and exchange