



DEVELOPMENT TRUST NI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Development Trust NI

DTNI is the leading network of community and social enterprise practitioners in Northern Ireland (NI) dedicated to the development needs of its members. Development Trusts are organisations that work to meet the needs of local communities (of interest and place) through the development of its assets and services and promotion of community social enterprise.

DTNI is part of a wider movement that includes Development Trusts Scotland and Wales and Locality in England. We are specialists in community asset ownership, enterprise, collaboration, social action, local regeneration, commissioning, community voice and advocacy. We form a national and international grid of peer-to-peer support, sharing ideas, knowledge and skills from people who have done the work and learned the lessons.

Principles

We strongly support the idea that a thriving and diverse civil society should support and actively promote the ideals of community ownership, enterprise and sustainable development and that the acquisition of assets by local communities can support the fulfilment of those ideals. Assets can be catalysts for significant change in communities, in managing change, resolving conflict and creating a focus for communities, promoting community resilience, enterprise, independence and sustainability.

Our core principles reflect our ideas and beliefs on how local communities structure themselves to meet and deliver local needs. Those principles state that Development Trusts are committed to;

- **Community representation:** to being community led by and for local people and developing joined up approaches to meet the many needs of a community of place and interest
- **Driving social change & social justice:** bringing about positive, social or environmental change to make communities fairer and more inclusive
- **Community social enterprise:** earning income for community benefit, not for private profit and aiming for long-term sustainability
- **Developing its assets:** maximising community assets, people, community enterprise, land and buildings and to locking and entrusting those assets as solely for community development
- **Independence & Collaboration:** working in partnership with other sectors and stakeholders but accountable to the local community and free to determine their own direction, priorities and objectives
- **The promotion of equality & diversity:** To promote good relations that will strengthen reconciliation, as well as promote and encourage transformation and sustainability within, and between communities.

Membership Launch

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. We will, over the next 18 months, build our membership from the ground up;

- 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 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.

Member Recruitment Form

1. Correspondence

Organisation Name

Address

Town/City

Post Code

Main Contact

Job Title

Mobile

Email

Work Telephone

Work Fax

3. Membership Category

Please indicate Membership Category you are requesting

Yes Membership Fee¹

Full Member: £75

Associate Member: £150

Supporter²: £25

3. IT & Social Media Correspondence

http:

Facebook

Twitter

Other

¹ You will be invoiced in due course for the member category of your choice

² Please go to 11 Declaration

4. 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

5. 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:

6. Geography & Interest

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

	Yes	No
An Urban Area		
A Rural Area		
Mixed - Urban/Rural		
A Community of Interest ³		

7. Electoral Wards

Please list the main electoral wards that your organisation works in

1
2
3

8. Annual Turnover

Please tell us your current annual turnover

£

³ 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.

9. Areas of Work

(Please tick all relevant areas of work)

Yes	Yes
Arts	Housing
Business Support	Rural Development
Disability Services	Renewable Energy
Childcare Services	Retail & Hospitality
Community Development	Sports/ Leisure/Recreation
Community Gardens	Tourism
Community Hubs/Centre	Training/Employment
Development Support	Transport
Environment (& Management)	Workspace Management
Healthcare	Youth Services
Heritage & Buildings Preservation	Urban Development

10. Any Other Information

(Please use this space to 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:⁴ _____

Date: _____

⁴ In the case of electronically submitted forms, signatory completion will indicate agreement with declaration.