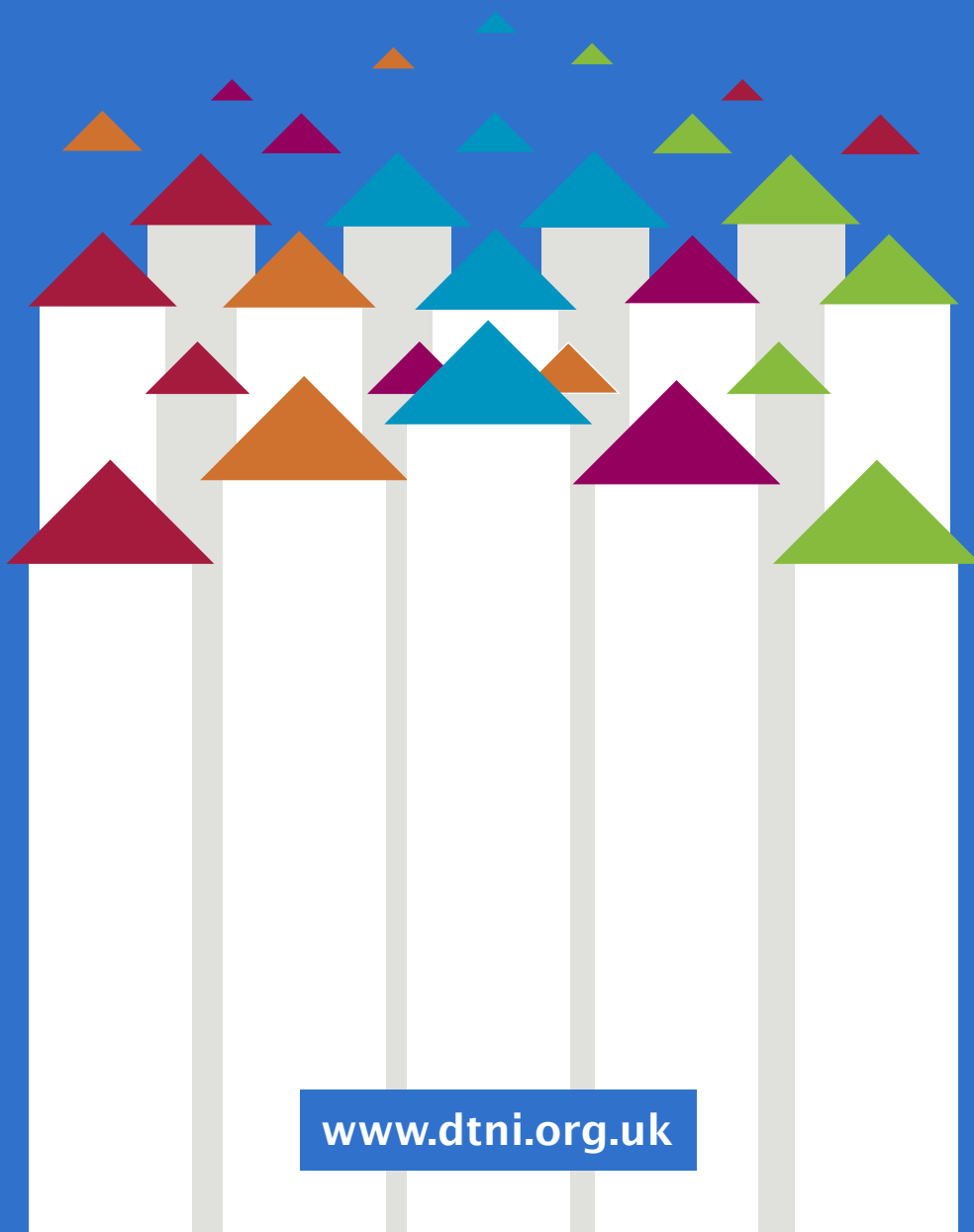




Become a member

Development Trusts NI is the network of local community development and regeneration organisations in Northern Ireland



www.dtni.org.uk

DTNI represents and seeks to meet the needs of its members by providing development support for community ownership of public assets. We advocate for community rights and the role of communities in the local economy.

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

- **Shared learning:** We believe that society, communities and the DTNI network are stronger when we share knowledge and skills and work together in solidarity with each other
- **Accountability:** We believe that DTNI should be fully accountable 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 come 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 DTNI acts as an independent voice in promoting its mission and values.

Development Trusts are locally-based, not-for-profit organisations that provide services in the community and seek to both enhance the local economy and 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 approaches to local regeneration;
- **Promoting independence** by supporting communities to explore community enterprise approaches so that they can earn income to be used for community benefit;
- Advocating for more **local commissioning** from public bodies that supports third sector organisations to provide services to meet the needs of both **communities of place** and **communities of interest**;
- **Promoting peer exchange, learning and collaborative partnership** working amongst both third sector and other sectoral organisations;
- 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, recognising the unique role that each sector plays in long-term sustainable and cohesive social and economic regeneration.

Membership

Our network of development trusts in NI forms part of the wider development trust movement across Britain.

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 identity group (communities of interest);
- voluntary sector;
- public sector;
- faith-based organisations.

Assets and Community Asset Transfer

DTNI staff can assist and advise you in support of your bid for a public sector asset through the Community Asset Transfer policy framework. We have developed a number of resources designed to support members to both assess capacity and to build organisational capability around the following areas:

- investment readiness (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 Britain and Ireland.
- advocacy and information provision (bi-monthly e-bulletin, conferences and policy seminars).

Member Categories

There are three categories of membership:

FULL MEMBERSHIP: 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: for all organisations interested in the work of DTNI, including public bodies, community and voluntary organisations and individuals;

SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP: allows 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.
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 declaration

About Your Organisation

Tell us briefly about your organisation; provide us with some key facts such as the year established, the facilities and services you manage, the projects and activities you deliver etc. These details will be made available in our member directory on the DTNI website (you will be provided with options to edit and update your organisation's membership).

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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
i.e. on behalf of a specific interest 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

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Areas of Work

(Please tick all relevant)

- Housing
- Rural development
- Renewable energy
- Retail & hospitality
- Sports/leisure/recreation/tourism
- Training/employment
- Transport
- Youth services
- Urban development
- Arts
- Business support
- Disability services
- Childcare services
- Community development
- Community gardens
- Community hubs
- Development support
- Environment
- Heritage & Buildings

Any Other Information

Let us know of anything you feel is of relevance to your application not already requested above

Declaration of Support

We wish to become a member of DTNI as per the member category ticked above. We agree to pay the annual membership fees as requested. 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.

Signed

Date

Return membership application to:



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