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Number of grants: 25

Total Awarded: £3,551,950

Table 1: Grants awarded across all Northern Ireland

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
Age NI	Across Northern Ireland	Age NI, which is based in Belfast, is using a £149,380 grant to build the capacity of Age Sector Networks to better support groups working with older people across Northern Ireland. Over three years the project will deliver training workshops, mentoring, and networking, that will develop staff and volunteers and improve the infrastructure of the Age Sector Networks and their ability to support older people's groups. The project will also develop an online training hub to provide long-term access to valuable tools supporting sustainability.	£149,381
Cara-Friend	Across Northern Ireland	Cara-Friend in Belfast is using a £150,000 grant to build the capacity of small VCSE organisations working within the LGBTQIA+ sector. Over three years the project will work with LGBTQIA+ activity-based groups across Northern Ireland, to provide tailored support co-designed with each group. This will include mentoring and support on topics such as finance, governance, fundraising, communications, evaluating impact and strategic planning.	£150,000
Disability Action (NI) Limited	Across Northern Ireland	Disability Action (NI), based in Belfast, is using a £149,746 grant to build the capacity of small organisations which are led by people with disabilities and support people with disabilities. Over three years the project will deliver workshops and one-to-one advice to	£149,746

		build skills in finance, governance, digital technology, strategic planning and volunteer management, to improve resilience and sustainability.	
Dun Uladh Limited	Across Northern Ireland	Dun Uladh cultural heritage centre in Omagh is using a £148,325 grant to build the capacity and resilience of the volunteers who run their 44 rural branches across Northern Ireland. Over three years the project will develop online learning resources, webinars and deliver training to upskill volunteers to enable them to effectively run their branches. The training will include good governance, funding application development, marketing and promotion and volunteer management.	£148,325
Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action	Across Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA) is using a £148,873 grant to support ethnic minority groups to enhance their capacity, skills, confidence and governance. Over three years the project will develop tailored plans for each group to take part in a series of training workshops, coaching sessions and networking events. The project will support NICVA to develop their EDI policies and practices to improve partnership working with ethnically minoritised groups.	£148,873
Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN)	Across Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network is using a £149,225 grant to build the capacity of rural women's groups across Northern Ireland. Over three years the project will develop a toolkit of resources for groups and provide training in areas such as safeguarding, risk assessment, governance, digital skills and income generation. The project will also organise learning events and networking between the groups to support each other and amplify their voice.	£149,225
Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland	Across Northern Ireland	The Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland, based in Newtownards, is using a £113,800 grant to build the capacity of their Sailability groups which support people with disabilities to access boating activities. Over three years the project will support groups in Bangor, Carrickfergus, Derry/Londonderry, Enniskillen and in the Strangford Lough area, to develop skills and resources to run more effectively, enable more people with disabilities to take on leadership roles, and to become more sustainable. Support includes training in volunteer management, marketing and communications, partnership working and strategic planning.	£113,800
The Guide Association Northern Ireland	Across Northern Ireland	Girl Guiding Ulster, which is based in Holywood, is using a £150,000 grant to support the continuity and sustainability of girl guiding groups across Northern Ireland. Over three years the project will develop the geographical model of the organisation, creating four area-based community groups with the expertise to govern girl guiding groups in the North, South, East and West of Northern Ireland. The project will support female volunteers in senior leadership roles to effectively manage and govern their areas. Training includes financial planning and budgeting, project management, good governance, impact measurement, strategic planning, leadership and succession planning.	£150,000

Ulster-Scots Community Network	Across Northern Ireland	Ulster-Scots Community Network is using a £143,554 grant to build capacity, empower, and inspire rural groups working with the Ulster Scots community. Over three years the project will provide training programmes to improve skills, networking events to share knowledge and a final year conference to showcase their achievements. The project will also include a Safeguarding Train the Trainer programme to enable groups to pass on their skills within their communities.	£143,554
Volunteer Now	Across Northern Ireland	Volunteer Now in partnership with Rural Community Network, is using a £150,000 grant to build the capacity and resilience of volunteer-led rural groups across Northern Ireland who own a community building. Over three years Volunteer Now and Rural Community Network will collaborate to provide mentoring and specialist training on topics including volunteer management, governance, safeguarding, community development practices and strategic planning. The project will support the groups to connect with their wider community and build their volunteer infrastructure and sustainability.	£150,000
YouthAction Northern Ireland Limited	Across Northern Ireland	YouthAction Northern Ireland, in partnership with Rural Community Network, is using a £150,000 grant to support community groups working with young people in rural areas of Northern Ireland. Over three years the project will build the capacity of these groups, supporting them to implement, develop and sustain programmes for young people. This includes good governance training, ensuring young people are at the centre of their work, and providing training for young people to develop a succession of young leaders to sustain the group into the future.	£150,000
Youth Initiatives (Northern Ireland)	Across Northern Ireland	Youth Initiatives Northern Ireland is using a £137,660 grant to build the capacity of small faith-based youth and community organisations. Over three years the project will provide training, resources and events, to support the groups to build resilience and sustainability. Training includes project management, finances, governance, diversity and inclusion, digital skills, measuring impact and leadership development.	£137,660

Table 2: Grants awarded in Ards and North Down

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
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Kilcooley Women's Centre	Ards and North Down	Kilcooley Women's Centre in Bangor is using a £150,000 to build the capacity of women's groups and VCSE organisations that support women across the Ards and North Down Borough Council area. Over three years the project will provide training workshops, mentoring, peer support groups, networking events and access to online resources. The project will build resilience, develop female leaders and establish a Women's Network for Ards and North Down.	£150,000
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Table 3: Grants awarded in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
The Antrim Down and Armagh Rural Support Network (T.A.D.A)	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	TADA Rural Support Network in Craigavon is using a £150,000 grant to support small, rural community groups within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area. Over three years the project will build skills within these groups including governance, planning, management, leadership and finances, to build their overall capacity. TADA will work with other Rural Support Networks to collaborate on training materials for rural groups to provide consistent and efficient training programmes across Northern Ireland.	£150,000

Table 4: Grants awarded in Belfast

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
CO3 Chief Officers Third Sector	Belfast	CO3 Chief Officers Third Sector in Belfast is using a £149,051 grant to build the capacity, sustainability and resilience of African Diaspora community organisations. Over three years the project will work with groups to develop their skills through bespoke training, mentoring, networking opportunities and access to CO3 membership services to connect with the wider VSCE sector. The project will support the groups to develop a strategy, build financial sustainability, enhance their structures, measure their impact and manage volunteers.	£149,051

Table 5: Grants awarded in Causeway Coast and Glens

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Causeway Rural & Urban Network	Causeway Coast and Glens	Causeway Rural & Urban Network (CRUN) is using a £149,985 grant to support under-represented rural groups based in the Coleraine and Limavady areas. Over three years the project will deliver information seminars, mentoring, newsletters and training programmes based on the needs of the groups. Training includes fraud awareness workshops, action planning, governance, fundraising, succession planning, first aid and safeguarding.	£149,985
Northern Area Community Network	Causeway Coast and Glens	Northern Area Community Network in Cushendall is using a £150,000 grant to support rural groups within Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Mid and East Antrim Council area and Antrim and Newtownabbey council area. Over three years the project will support groups to enhance their skills to develop their organisations and maximise their impact. Support includes mentoring, networking and training workshops on topics including governance, financial management, understanding rights and laws, leadership skills and problem-solving.	£150,000

Table 6: Grants awarded in Derry City and Strabane

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
North West Community Network	Derry City and Strabane	North West Community Network is using a £125,623 grant to support minority ethnic groups based in Derry/Londonderry. Over three years the project will initially work with the African Caribbean Community Network (ACCN) and Kabalikat, to build both groups' skills and strategic direction. The project will then work in partnership with ACCN and Kabalikat to plan and deliver a suite of capacity-building support programmes for other minority ethnic groups in the area.	£125,623
Rural Area Partnership in Derry Limited	Derry City and Strabane	Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID) is using a £147,952 grant to provide a one-to-one support programme for rural community groups from Faughan, Sperrin and Derg, and across the Derry City Strabane District council area. Over three years the project will build the skills and confidence of rural groups to empower them to represent themselves within community planning structures, giving them a voice and helping them to play a full role within community service delivery.	£147,952

Table 7: Grants awarded in Fermanagh and Omagh

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
The Fermanagh Trust	Fermanagh and Omagh	The Fermanagh Trust in Enniskillen is using a £146,680 grant to build the capacity and resilience of rural groups within County Fermanagh. Over three years the project will deliver tailored mentoring sessions to a range of volunteer-led groups. Topics include financial planning, funding application development, good governance, marketing and social media and safeguarding. The groups will also have access to an online training platform with additional training courses.	£146,680

Table 8: Grants awarded in Lisburn and Castlereagh

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
The Resurgam Community Development Trust Limited	Lisburn and Castlereagh	The Resurgam Community Development Trust is using a £143,640 grant to build the capacity and sustainability of small faith-based organisations in the Lisburn and Castlereagh, and east Belfast areas. Over three years the project will work with each group to design a tailored support plan including improving skills on strategic planning, income generation, time management and volunteer succession planning. The project will also deliver shared learning events, arrange best practice visits and facilitate peer networks, to share experiences and create links between groups.	£143,640

Table 9: Grants awarded in Mid and East Antrim

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership	Mid and East Antrim	Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership, based in Broughshane, is using a £123,696 grant to build the capacity of small VCSE groups that support older people in the Mid and East Antrim council area. Over two years the project will provide general advice and signposting support to a large number of older people's groups, while also providing a one-to-one intensive support programme to a smaller number of groups, and a leadership mentoring programme for older community leaders. Support includes planning and achieving strategic goals, training programmes, shared learning events, succession planning and an Agewell Awards event in 2026 so groups can showcase and recognise their work.	£123,696

Table 10: Grants awarded in Mid Ulster

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
Cookstown And Western Shores Area Network	Mid Ulster	Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network is using a £150,000 grant to provide capacity building support to rural community groups in the Mid Ulster area. Over three years the project will provide one-to-one mentoring, training programmes, networking opportunities and action planning. The project will be delivered online and face-to-face, improving core community development skills and supporting the groups to take their learning and use it develop and sustain their group.	£150,000

Table 11: Grants awarded in Newry, Mourne and Down

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded
County Down Rural Community Network	Newry, Mourne and Down	County Down Rural Community Network is using a £149,975 grant to support small rural groups across County Down. Over three years the project will provide specialist training and development, peer support networks and mentoring. Training includes governance, succession planning, fundraising, project management, communication, and impact. The project will also develop a suite of training and information resources.	£149,975
Southern Age Well Network	Newry, Mourne and Down	Southern Age Well Network in Newry is using a £78,784 grant to develop the skills of older volunteers which will build the capacity of community groups in Newry, south Down and south Armagh. Over three years the project will deliver a tailored training and networking programme, mentoring, and specialist support, including digital skills to help address the gap older people feel when it comes to accessing funding and information online.	£74,784