

# IMMPACT

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## Tools and services for frontline voluntary and community organisations

IMMPACT is an initiative of the Social Economy Agency in collaboration with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. SEA's mission is to work for an equal and just society, promoting social economy solutions to renew and sustain communities. IMMPACT contributes to that mission by helping voluntary and community organisations become more sustainable.



The IMMPACT Initiative is a response to the rapidly changing grant funding, administrative and policy environments impacting on the Community & Voluntary sector in Northern Ireland. The initiative is a new capacity building, training, mentoring and learning support programme led by the Social Economy Agency. SEA will pilot new learning methodologies and provide high quality learning resources to help participating organisations to address the key issues and acquire the necessary skills and knowledge related to long-term financial and organisational sustainability.

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Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCOs) continue to work hard to deliver their social missions in demanding environments. To ensure such work continues and beneficiary needs are met VCOs need to consider how they will fund their activities, and keep on funding them into the future. The IMMPACT Sustainable Funding programme is divided into six themed modules:

- \* Introduction to Sustainable Funding
- \* Introduction to Planning
- \* Introduction to Full Cost Recovery
- \* Introduction to Trading
- \* Introduction to Public Service Delivery
- \* Introduction to Loan Finance

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While the sector is diverse, vibrant and committed many old and some new challenges are now converging to threaten many of the sector's organisations and the services they provide. With the Review of Public Administration, the downturn in EU structural funding and the cutbacks in the Programme for Government, the financial sustainability of many organisations will become critical over the medium term.

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Building on the work and experience of the Sustainable Funding Project run for several years in England by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, IMMPACT will seek to improve the capacities of voluntary and community organisations to explore and develop a broad range of funding strategies appropriate to their situation. Led by the Social Economy Agency, IMMPACT will provide a range of workshops, mentoring, material and electronic resources directly to frontline organisations and will also work in partnership with other infrastructure/support agencies to provide support to their members or clients for the development of and taking action for sustainable funding.

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A key strand of IMMPACT's approach is to increase the capacity and capability of voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) to develop their financial and organisational sustainability. IMMPACT will do this by working directly with VCOs to provide a package of training courses and workshops, support and learning Resources, including:

- \* Foundational Workshop
- \* Training Programmes
- \* Website, e-Resource Library & e-Bulletins
- \* Introduction to Sustainable Funding Booklet
- \* Case study resources – printed & electronic
- \* Other training resources & guides
- \* Mentoring support

### *IMMPACT Foundational Workshop (1 day or 2x half-days)*

- \* Introduction to Sustainable Funding Workshop

### *IMMPACT Training Programmes (2 days each):*

- \* Strategic Planning
- \* Understanding Social Enterprise
- \* Outcomes Management

### *IMMPACT Resources:*

- \* National Council for Voluntary Organisations 'Sustainable Funding Project' Guides
- \* New Economics Foundation 'Proving & Improving' Toolkit
- \* CASS Business School 'Tools for Tomorrow' Strategic Planning Manual

*IMMPACT will seek to work with a range of assigned staff or volunteers from VCOs, including:*

- \* Board/Committee members or trustees
- \* Directors or senior management
- \* Training & development, funding advisors or other staff

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

*John F Kennedy (1917 - 1963)*

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and

**Integrity".**

*Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001)*

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