

# State of the Sector V



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## 1. Which of the following best describes the nature of your organisation?

Please tick one only.

Voluntary organisation ( <b>go to Q2</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant making trust	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community group ( <b>go to Q2</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church/place of worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Union	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-operative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports club/association/governing body	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mutual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)			

## 2. Could you briefly describe what you believe defines your organisation as being either voluntary or community in nature.

## 3. Does your organisation have charitable status recognised by the Inland Revenue?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## 4. Please indicate from the list below the legal status of your group.

Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unincorporated association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Company limited by guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial and provident society	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)			

## 5. Which of the following applies to your organisation? Please tick one only.

Stand alone organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Head office/headquarters/central office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local or branch office (separate site from head office but is controlled centrally)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affiliated organisation (linked to a head office but governed independently)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project/department/specific service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	

**6. Please indicate from the list below the geographic nature of your organisation**

Based only in Northern Ireland	
Part of a UK wide organisation	
Part of an all Ireland organisation	
Part of an international organisation	
Other (please specify)	

**7. If your organisation is part of a UK wide, all Ireland or international organisation do you publish specific accounts for Northern Ireland?**

Yes		No	
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**8. Please indicate the approximate income of your organisation.**

- If your organisation is part of a UK, all Ireland or international organisation please only record the income for your operations in Northern Ireland.
- If your organisation is a local or branch office only record income for that office and not the whole organisation.

Less than £1,000		£250,001-£500,000	
£1,001-£10,000		£500,001-£1 million	
£10,001-£100,000		More than £1 million	
£100,001-£250,000		<b>No income</b>	

**9. Please identify which sub-sector best describes the work of your organisation.** Please tick one only. You will get an opportunity to more accurately describe the work and beneficiaries of your organisation later in this survey.

Advice and information		Housing/homelessness	
Arts/cultural/heritage		Older people	
Community development		Volunteer development	
Disability		Women	
Education/training		Young people and children	
Environment/conservation		Health and well being	
Other (please specify)			

**The ownership of community assets is becoming increasingly important in the voluntary and community sector. This next set of questions seeks to explore this issue further. Where possible please only respond in relation to the premises to which this survey is addressed.**

**10. From the list below please select the option which best describes the status of your premises in relation to ownership.**

Rented or leased from a landlord ( <b>go to Q11</b> )	
In the process of purchasing the premises ( <b>go to Q14</b> )	
Premises owned outright ( <b>go to Q15</b> )	
Other (please specify)	

**11. If you are leasing your premises how long is the leasing agreement for?**

	years
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12. How many years have you left on the lease?  years

13. Is the lease with a...

Private landlord	
Another voluntary or community organisation	
Government/statutory agency	
Other (please specify)	

14. If you are purchasing your premises how many years remain before you will own it?  years

15. If you own or are purchasing your premises how old is the building?  years old

16. Do you provide facilities for other voluntary and community organisations in your premises?

Yes (go to Q17)		No (go to Q18)		Don't know (go to Q18)	
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17. If yes, please indicate from the list below the types of facilities you offer. Please tick all that apply.

Office space		Training facilities	
Conference/meeting facilities		Crèche	
Recreational facilities		Catering facilities	
Other (please specify)			

18. Does your current building ...

Meet your needs	
Inhibit the provision and development of your services	
Require modernisation and improvements	

**People**

19. Please indicate the number of paid staff your organisation currently employs.

Paid	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Males			
Females			

No paid staff

20. What proportion of your staff is from an ethnic minority?  %

21. Please indicate the number of volunteers who are currently involved with your organisation.

Males		Females		Total	
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22. How many of these volunteers are involved in the governance of your organisation (ie serving on a management committee or board of trustees in their own time)?

Males		Females		Total	
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**Your work**

**23. Please rank your organisation's main purpose:**

(1 being the most relevant and so on)

Accommodation/housing	
Advice/advocacy/information	
Animal welfare	
Arts	
Community development	
Community enterprise	
Community transport	
Counselling/support	
Criminal justice	
Cross-border/cross-community	
Cultural	
Disability	
Economic development	
Education/training	
Environment/sustainable development/conservation	
Gender	
General charitable purposes	
Grant making	
Heritage/historical	
Human rights/equality	
Medical/health/sickness	
Overseas aid/famine relief	
Playgroup/after schools	
Relief of poverty	
Religious activities	
Research/evaluation	
Rural development	
Search and rescue	
Sport/recreation	
Urban development	
Volunteer development	
Welfare/benevolent	
Youth development	
Other	

**24. Please rank who/what your organisation attempts to help/address:**

(1 being the most relevant and so on)

Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse)	
Adult training	
Asylum seekers/refugees	
Carers	
Children (5-13 year olds)	
Community safety/crime prevention	
Ethnic minorities	
Ex-offenders and prisoners	
General public	
HIV/Aids	
Homelessness	
Interface communities	
Language community	
Learning disabilities	
Men	
Mental health	
Older people	
Overseas/developing countries	
Parents	
Physical disabilities	
Preschool (0-5 year olds)	
Sensory disabilities	
Sexual orientation	
Specific areas of deprivation	
Tenants	
Travellers	
Unemployed/low income	
Victim support	
Voluntary and community sector	
Volunteers	
Women	
Youth (14-25 year olds)	
Other	

**Changes affecting the voluntary and community sector**

**25. All together, do you think the general situation of your organisation will improve or worsen over the next...?**

<b>12 months</b>	Improve		No change		Worsen	
<b>Three years</b>	Improve		No change		Worsen	

**26. During the next 12 months, does your organisation have actual plans to increase or decrease paid staff numbers?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**27. During the next 12 months, does your organisation have actual plans to increase or decrease volunteer numbers?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**28. Do you expect your organisation to increase or decrease expenditure over the next 12 months?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**29. Do you expect the financial situation of your organisation to improve or worsen over the next 12 months?**

Improve		No change		Worsen		Don't know	
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**30. During the next 12 months, does your organisation have actual plans to increase or decrease the extent of services that it offers?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**31. During the next 12 months, does your organisation have actual plans to increase or decrease its campaigning and advocacy activities?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**32. Do you expect your organisation to collaborate more or less with other organisations over the next 12 months?**

More		No change		Less		Don't know	
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**33. Do you expect the number of mergers between voluntary and community organisations to increase or decrease over the next 12 months?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**34. Do you expect the level of competition for funding with other organisations to increase or decrease over the next 12 months?**

Increase		No change		Decrease		Don't know	
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**35. Do you think the overall economic conditions within the UK will have a negative, neutral or positive impact on the voluntary and community sector over the next 12 months?**

Positive		Neutral		Negative		Don't know	
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**36. Do you think the economic conditions within the voluntary and community sector will be negative, neutral or positive over the next 12 months?**

Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**37. Do you think that the continued devolution of power to the Northern Ireland Assembly will be negative, neutral or positive for the voluntary and community sector over the next 12 months?**

Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**38. Do you expect community relations in Northern Ireland to improve or worsen over the next 12 months?**

Improve	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worsen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**39. Do you expect government policies to improve or worsen the operating environment for your organisation over the next 12 months?**

Improve	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worsen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**40. What is the greatest barrier to your organisation's success over the next 12 months?** Please tick one only.

Technological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal factors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)					

**41. What do you feel is the greatest barrier to your organisation attracting appropriate staff over the next 12 months?** Please tick one only.

Lack of flexible employment policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Location	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of skills/qualifications/experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wage affordability	<input type="checkbox"/>
No barriers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract/funding security	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)			

Please return to **NICVA, FREEPOST BEL88, BT15 1BR** along with

<b>Fully completed questionnaire</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Most recent annual accounts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NICVA appreciates your time in completing this questionnaire and we would ask that you return it along with your **most recent set of annual accounts by 4 July 2008.**

Please contact Gordon McCullough on 028 9087 7777 or at [gordon.mccullough@nicva.org](mailto:gordon.mccullough@nicva.org) if you have any questions about this survey or NICVA's research programme.

**NICVA publishes very basic details of voluntary and community organisations on [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org) and [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org).**

Please tick if you **do not** want your details to be included on these websites

**NICVA pass on details of voluntary and community organisations for research and marketing purposes.**

Please tick if you **do not** want your details passed onto a third party