

In March 2005 the Department for Social Development launched *Positive Steps* (a response to *Investing Together*, the report of the Task Force on the Resourcing of the Voluntary and Community Sector). This questionnaire attempts to find out what progress has been since its publication.

Organisation:

1. Are you aware of the *Positive Steps* document?

Yes		No (Go to Q 4)	
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2. If yes, are you aware of a process to implement the recommendations in *Positive Steps*?

Yes		No	
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3. How much of an impact do you believe the recommendations outlined in *Positive Steps* will have on the voluntary and community sector over the next five years?

Great deal		Some		Not Sure		Limited		None	
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4. Please assess what changes if any, you have witnessed in the relationship between government and your organisation in the following areas since the publication of *Positive Steps* (1 being significant positive changes through to 5 indicating no change at all). Please provide a score for each area.

Longer term (outcome focused) funding	
Information on government funding sources	
Community development support	
Support of modernisation and change within the sector	
Development of departmental leads for disability/young people/women/rural services	
Increased visibility of a champion minister for the voluntary and community sector	
Lead funder approach	

5. *Positive Steps* outlines a number of areas where support and development are required. Please rank the following initiatives according to their importance to your organisation (1 being the most important and so on).

Strategy for networks/infrastructure/support agencies	
Development of networking centres (eg Ballybot House, Newry)	
Strategy for community accounting services (centralised accounting support and assistance)	
ICT strategy	
Skills strategy	
Development of a good governance development programme	
Development of skills to engage in the policy development process	

6. What are your expectations and hopes in terms of what you believe *Positive Steps* will be able to accomplish in the future?

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Please return before **15 February 2006** by fax: 028 9087 7799, or complete the survey online at [nicva.org](http://nicva.org). If you have any questions about this survey please contact Gordon McCullough at 028 9087 7777 or [gordon.mccullough@nicva.org](mailto:gordon.mccullough@nicva.org)