

**Viewfinder 5 was carried out at the end of 2005. It was administered to 895 NICVA members and there was a 33.5% response rate**

1. The announcement of a total smoking ban in public places in Northern Ireland is a positive development.

	%
Disagree strongly	2.7
Disagree	2.0
Neither agree nor disagree	2.3
Agree	10.7
Agree strongly	82.3

2. A complete smoking ban in public places in Northern Ireland will improve the health of people in this country.

	%
Disagree strongly	2.0
Disagree	1.3
Neither agree nor disagree	3.7
Agree	13.4
Agree strongly	79.6

3. All organisations in the sector should show support for smoke free workplaces by making their premises smoke free.

	%
Disagree strongly	2.0
Disagree	2.0
Neither agree nor disagree	3.3
Agree	10.8
Agree strongly	81.9

4. Social status is a major factor that influences the likelihood of smoking; therefore this ban is likely to further isolate vulnerable people in our society.

	%
Disagree strongly	16.7
Disagree	28.4
Neither agree nor disagree	27.8
Agree	17.4
Agree strongly	9.7

5. In Northern Ireland, public campaigns designed to assist smokers give up have been successful.

	%
Disagree strongly	4.4
Disagree	13.4
Neither agree nor disagree	52.6
Agree	26.2
Agree strongly	3.4

6. The sector is very good at providing affordable and accessible childcare for their employees and volunteers.

	%
Disagree strongly	14.4
Disagree	29.2
Neither agree nor disagree	42
Agree	10.3
Agree strongly	4.1

7. Our organisation provides employee support for childcare.

	%
Yes	19.7
No	80.3

8. Does your organisation have family friendly working hours?

	%
Yes	75
No	25

9. Problems with childcare impinge on individual's lives in our organisation.

	%
Never	9.8
Rarely	28.0
Occasionally	50.7
Regularly	11.5

10. Does your organisation use the Employers for Childcare voucher scheme?

	%
Yes	6.3
No	93.7

11. Individuals working in the sector often find it difficult to strike an appropriate work-life balance.

	%
Disagree strongly	2.4
Disagree	10.5
Neither agree nor disagree	32.7
Agree	40.8
Agree strongly	13.6

12. Volunteers are crucial to the running of our organisation

	%
Disagree strongly	3.7
Disagree	13.2
Neither agree nor disagree	11.5
Agree	18.0
Agree strongly	53.6

13. Media coverage of the Year of the Volunteer has increased interest in volunteering.

	%
Disagree strongly	3.4
Disagree	17.8
Neither agree nor disagree	49.6
Agree	23.8
Agree strongly	5.4

14. Have you organised any special events for the Year of the Volunteer?

	%
Yes	22.9
No	77.1

15. In your opinion, what are the major issues likely to affect the sector over the next 5 years?

	Number
Funding	211
RPA	68
Assembly/local government issues	42
Sustainability	27
Lack of volunteers	24

16. How would you describe your relationship with your local council?

	%
Excellent	9.9
Good	30.7
OK	39.2
Poor	17.1
Extremely poor	3.1

17. Local councillors are actively involves in voluntary and community work in my area.

	%
Disagree strongly	6.5
Disagree	18.6
Neither agree nor disagree	35.1
Agree	31.6
Agree strongly	8.2

18. Our local council is very open and accessible to those working in the sector.

	%
Disagree strongly	5.2
Disagree	20.6
Neither agree nor disagree	40.9
Agree	27.1
Agree strongly	6.2

19. Councillors often sideline the needs of the voluntary and community sector.

	%
Disagree strongly	5.2
Disagree	18.6
Neither agree nor disagree	43.5
Agree	22.7
Agree strongly	10

20. Council officials and councillors work closely together to ensure the needs of the voluntary and community sector are met.

	%
Disagree strongly	6.2
Disagree	31.4
Neither agree nor disagree	38.3
Agree	20.0
Agree strongly	4.1

21. The working relationship between council officials and councillors is easily understood by those working in the sector.

	%
Disagree strongly	8.2
Disagree	33.9
Neither agree nor disagree	40.4
Agree	15.8
Agree strongly	1.7

22. The Review of Public Administration is likely to bring with it a reduced number of local councils with a greater remit, including the introduction of community planning where a range of local voices will be represented at the decision-making table. This change will see the sector have a stronger voice in shaping the local community.

	%
Disagree strongly	2.7
Disagree	15.1
Neither agree nor disagree	36.9
Agree	38.8
Agree strongly	6.5

23. Over the past ten years, have the legislative changes to disability legislation made a real and positive difference to the lives of disabled people in Northern Ireland?

	%
Yes	83.9
No	16.1

24. The changes made to the Disability Discrimination Act in 2004 have had a direct impact on our organisation.

	%
Yes	47.6
No	52.4

25. In the last 12 months have staff and volunteers in your organisation participated in disability training?

	%
Yes	45.6
No	54.4