

# 23 /24 Our Year in Review

An overview of how we worked to strengthen the sector.

## Support -

Empowering Communities Through Innovation and Development



**920**

sector queries answered



**1,015,624**

visits across our family of websites



**747**

**70** training sessions delivered to **747** participants



**13**

ILM/TQUK accredited courses were delivered, with **400** individuals achieving qualifications.



**102**

members supported, 43% of which are small organisations earning under £20,000 annually.



**11**

Home to **11** voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations as sector tenants at the NICVA building.



**102**

tailored support sessions delivered to organisations.



**Over 500**

room bookings at NICVA's state-of-the-art conference facilities.

## Influence -

Amplifying Our Sector's Voice



**48**

policy engagement events held, attended by **828** people.



**Over 300**

advocacy meetings held with NI Government Ministers, senior UK Government representatives, and stakeholders.



**50+**

committees with NICVA staff representing the sector to ensure their voices were heard.

## Campaigned on key issues:

The value of the voluntary and community sector

Sustainable funding, including the future of UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Strengthening the relationship with government

Addressing the challenges with charity banking

Advocating for a charity registration threshold



Supported the **Joint Forum** in developing a new draft Partnership Agreement and agreeing on a set of Fair Funding Principles.



Facilitated the establishment of the **All-Party Group (APG) for the Voluntary and Community Sector**.



Held an **anti-racism rally** at Stormont in partnership with trade unions, attended by over 100 people.



As Secretariat to the **Community Faiths' Forum**, facilitated multi-faith dialogue on poverty, disadvantage, and social inclusion, fostering collaboration between the faith sector and the Department for Communities.

## Develop -

Empowering the Voluntary and Community Sector to Innovate, Develop, and Thrive



Hosted the first **Future Thinking Summit** for voluntary, community, social enterprise organisations, attended by **378** people, with **55** sector organisations leading **14** Engagement Hubs.



Supported the Voluntary Youth Work Sector, facilitating committee meetings and **8 NI wide workshops** on voluntary youth work transformation, engaging **226 staff and volunteers**.



Published a **Workforce Needs Report**, following a series of NI wide engagement events exploring key workforce challenges and solutions.



Conducted a **Pulse Survey** on financial stability and sector transformation.

*"I cannot believe how empowering this course has been to me in my work as I navigate my way through daily challenges."*

Ashley Keane, CEO, CDM Community Transport (ILM Level 7 Leadership & Management)

*"Cancer Lifeline celebrated our 25-year anniversary today. NICVA's support helped us transform from humble beginnings to a vital cancer support organisation for North Belfast. We can't thank you enough."*

Liddean McStravog, Co-ordinator, Cancer Lifeline (on NICVA membership)

*"This is a hugely positive example of truly collaborative working, and it is a great example of how an organisation like NICVA when it gets a seat at the table can fight for smaller communities and make changes for the sector."*

Kate Clifford, Director, Rural Community Network (working together to address charity banking challenges)