



# East Belfast Anti-Poverty Alliance

Strategy 2024-2027





## Background and Context

In 2022 a number of community and voluntary organisations working in East Belfast came together to build on the work of an existing coalition set up to raise awareness and help alleviate the impact of poverty. While much work had been done across the community in the preceding years to mitigate against the rising cost of living, there was a growing sense that a focus on the root causes of poverty was needed. It was agreed a bigger impact particularly around lobbying and upstream solutions could be made by bringing together a wider collective of organisations.



## Purpose Statement

By forming an Anti-Poverty Alliance and adopting a strategic approach to collaboration, East Belfast Anti-Poverty Alliance seeks to influence change at policy level and harness the collective voice of East Belfast.



## Vision

A society without poverty that is grounded in the belief that poverty is not an individual failing, but a systemic issue that requires a collective effort to bring it to an end.



## Mission

To transform our community into a place where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive and lead fulfilling lives by working with individuals, organisations, and agencies in order make poverty a thing of the past.





## Themes

To direct our work, we address four themes:



### Root Causes

As well as alleviating the impact of poverty, it is vital to work systemically to challenge and address its root causes. To do this, we align with others seeking to address poverty at all levels.



### Excluded Voices

We are working to capture the voices of those experiencing poverty in order to target relevant policies. Making sure all voices are heard, but paying particular attention to the voices that are often excluded.



### Resilient Local Economy

This theme is about working together to create a more resilient local economy in East Belfast. Creative forms of organising to strengthen the local economy and directly tackle poverty, such as community wealth building and collaborative approaches to addressing economic inactivity and enterprise development, are key to Alliance's approach.



### Innovation and Collaboration

As a collective we are working in innovative ways to increase efficiency and quality of services being delivered across East Belfast.

We want to use our strength as a collective, not only in East Belfast, but also to work together with other groups across Northern Ireland to share our Vision and Mission.

Thank you to the community groups that are involved in the East Belfast Anti-Poverty Alliance:

- Ardcarne Local Residents Group
- Barnardo's NI
- Belfast Central Mission
- Bloomfield Community Association
- Christians Against Poverty
- East Belfast Alternatives
- East Belfast Community Development Agency
- East Belfast Mission
- East Belfast Surestart
- EastSide Partnership
- In This Together
- Lagan Village Youth and Community Group
- Larder>East
- Megain Nazarene
- Oasis Caring in Action
- Phoenix Education Centre
- Save the Children
- Trussell Trust
- Walkway Community Association
- Willowfield Parish Church
- Willowfield Parish Community Association

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