

Description of organisation/project (max 30 words):

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What do you need from Stronger Together & what can you bring?

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What issues/subject areas would you like the network to address?

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Additional comments

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Stronger Together



**A network for people working in the fields of Racial Equality and Ethnicity in Northern Ireland**



Ballymoney Community Resource Centre  
*For the community, by the community, with the community.*



## About the Stronger Together Network

The Stronger Together Network began as an informal network of organisations who work predominantly with culturally and linguistically diverse communities. The key outcomes of the group were to increase sharing of information and identification of partnership opportunities. Nine organisations make up the consortium who currently lead the network: STEP, Artsekta, Chinese Welfare Association, Ballymena Inter Ethnic Forum, Ballymoney Community Resource Centre, Community Arts Partnership, African & Caribbean Support Organisation Northern Ireland, Active Citizens Engaged and Craigavon Intercultural Programme.

In 2012, the network successfully applied for funding from the PHA (Public Health Agency) to allow the network to become more formalised and structured. There are currently over 300 members representing BME Organisations and Groups, BME individuals, Community Sector, Volunteer Sector and Public Service Sector.

### *The three key outcomes are to:*

1. Share information and knowledge
2. Provide a useful and central shared resource to connect service providers within the sector
3. Identify new opportunities for partnership and innovation

**Membership of the Stronger Together Network is currently free of charge**

*We are doing this through a number of mediums including:*

- The development of a website for service providers which will allow easy access to region specific information about upcoming events, new research, best practice resources and programs, funding opportunities and policy information
- An annual conference providing workshops and presentations on themes specific to the sector
- Weekly E-Alerts including (but not limited to) information from members about local events, program updates, call for support, and professional development opportunities
- Quarterly professional development seminars and workshops for members on topics identified as relevant to the sector

We look forward to welcoming new members to contribute to the exchange of information, research and best practice approaches. If you would like to join the Stronger Together Network or would like to recommend it to a group or individual, please complete the **expression of interest form** and return to the Stronger Together Network Support Worker (see contact details overleaf).



## Membership form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Joining as: Organisational rep  Individual

Name of organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position within org: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of organisation (please tick):

Community Group  Sub regional/regional NGO

Network Partnership project  Statutory Agency

Other  (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

### Main focus of organisation:

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### Contact address:

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Website: \_\_\_\_\_