



## NIAPN Aims

To research, analyse and raise awareness of the causes and impact of poverty on all people and communities in Northern Ireland and throughout these islands.

To build an effective Anti-Poverty Movement.

To both enable and represent the voices of people living in poverty to influence decision makers.

To maintain and further develop the Network so that it can effectively fulfil its purpose.



## What do we do

### Campaigning

NIAPN practice a community development approach to anti-poverty work and work to strengthen the Poverty lobby.

We work to develop and facilitate anti-poverty campaigns and lobbying activities at NI, UK and EU levels.

We work to influence policy makers by focusing on government policies which impact on poverty and stress the need for anti-poverty measures at local, national and European levels.

We represent and support People Experiencing Poverty in NI through a variety of partnerships and projects.

We are a member of the European Anti-Poverty Network.



## What do we do

### Information

NIAPN write position papers, reports and newsletters, such as Anti-Poverty News.

NIAPN send weekly emails to members on poverty issues.

We organise participative consultative seminars, meetings and conferences: e.g. 17th Oct International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

### Research

We undertake research and disseminate information on poverty and social exclusion.

We organise seminars, meetings and conferences.

We use the findings from our participative and consultative seminars and workshops to inform our ongoing regional, national and European Anti-Poverty policy analysis.



## European Anti-Poverty Network

The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) is made up of National Networks in all member states of the European Union and European organisations. The Network holds an Annual General Assembly and elects an Executive Committee from among the delegates to set its work programme for the coming year. The NI Anti-Poverty Network is a member of EAPN.



## NI Anti-Poverty Network

The Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network was established in 1991 to create a focus on poverty. The Network has over 300 members drawn from the voluntary and community sectors, public and statutory bodies.



The Network particularly encourages the involvement of community organisations and individuals experiencing poverty so that their views and concerns are fully reflected in the work programme of the Network.

### Our Vision is:

**"A Poverty Free Society"**

### Our Mission is:

*"To end poverty by empowering communities and influencing government through research, education and campaigning."*

*~ Working together for a poverty free society ~*

## What NIAPN members say about Poverty and Social Exclusion

***"Poverty is the 'drip drip erosion of your soul."***

(JRF Consultation on Family and Child Poverty 2006)

***"Poverty means children lose out, young people who are bright, doing very well in school have to leave school at 16 because the family needs the wages"***

(JRF Consultation on Family and Child Poverty 2006)

***"The future looks pretty bleak, ever rising electricity and gas costs, higher rates and now the government is talking about water charges, plus no pensions in the future!"***

(Get Heard, Women's Tec focus group, 2005)

***"Many low income families pay up to £200 a month for Housing Executive properties and between £350-£400 per month at least, for private rented properties. A low income job even with tax credits is just not realistic."***

(Get Heard, Windsor Women's focus group, 2005)

***"Because of low benefit levels, it is just not possible to make ends meet.' Others stated that they were 'constantly trying to find money just to pay the bills, buy food and clothes for the children.' They also stated they were 'not able to pay for heating up front like oil or even pay the fuel bill when it comes in."***

(Get Heard, Women's Tec focus group, 2005)

## NIAPN MEMBERSHIP FORM

To join the network please complete and return:

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

INDIVIDUAL:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

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## MEMBERSHIP RATES

The annual membership rates in Sterling and Euro (subject to exchange rates) are as follows: Membership fees are not a bar to joining, call us for further information.

Please tick one of the following

### FULL MEMBERS

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|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Community Groups              | £15.00 €22.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voluntary Groups              | £20.00 €30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voluntary Groups (outside NI) | £40.00 €60.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unwaged Person                | £1.00 €1.50   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Waged person / individual | £10.00 €15.00   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Statutory groups          | £100.00 €150.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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