

Over 30 Years Supporting Community Involvement

1984

Community Technical Aid (CTA) established to assist tenants' and residents' associations in responding to planning and redevelopment proposals.

1985

Research confirms impact of CTA's role in supporting community participation in planning.

1986

Draft Belfast Urban Area Plan published. CTA helps communities present their case.

1987

CTA supports community involvement in Belfast Urban Area Plan with funding from the Department of the Environment to employ planners.

1988

CTA support to first self-build community facility.

1989

Completion of Irish Language Nursery School and Hillman Street community centre.

1990

Development of community response to plans for Springvale Renewal in West Belfast.

1991

Assistance to community play and youth facilities.

1992

Community audit in Fermanagh presented to planners and local council.

1993

Full community architecture service for local community projects launched.

1994

Major renewal works for a community museum begin.

1995

First in a series of Local Community Plans with community forums.

1996

First Economic Appraisal. First 'Planning with People' local plan.

1997

Community and public consultation on Belfast City Region Plan proposals.

1998

Two community facilities on site. Training on Economic Appraisals for local groups.

1999

Community groups facilitated to influence Shaping Our Future.

2000

Public and community consultation on future of Railway Service for new Assembly Taskforce.

2001

New community consultation process won and groups assisted in responding to seven Area Plans over 15 district council areas.

2002

Support to rural halls projects with the Rural Community Network and to community buildings in areas of weak infrastructure with the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

2003

Support service to community buildings funded by Urban II in North Belfast. Consultation on Belfast Transport Plan.

2004

Community Guide to the Planning System published.

2005

New Planning Advice Service for individuals launched. Support to community sector on developing proposals for Community Planning.

2006

Work with communities on adverse impacts of HMOs in Belfast. Sustainability plan for Healthy Living Centre in Belfast.

2007

Engaged communities on Belfast City Council's proposals for new 'Giant's Park'. Support to groups involved in the Big Lottery Fund's Community Buildings Programme. New Community Planning Support Project launched.

2008

Name change to **Community Places**. Consultation on rural planning policy. Planning Stronger Communities report published. New advice service for groups seeking Modernisation Capital Fund begun.

2009

Launch of new website and publications by Minister of the Environment to mark 25 years of supporting communities.

2010

Support to Traveller family on successful judicial review. Local Community Plans developed cross the region. Right to be heard in person won in new Planning Legislation.

2011

New planning policy won for serviced accommodation sites for the Traveller community. Statement of Community Involvement won in Planning Legislation.

2012

Community Planning Toolkit launched online. Policy linking land use and community planning won. Advice to groups applying to BIG's Energy Efficient Venues Programme.

2013

Support to communities opposed to proposed university car park on a site zoned for social housing in North Belfast. Over 100 organisations support our Manifesto which secures five major changes to Community Planning legislation.

2014

Support to 11 new councils on designing Community Planning. Successful lobby to have planning application fees abolished for community facilities. Advice to residents objecting to a major sports stadium in West Belfast.

2015

Facilitated engagement in Community Planning for all Councils. New project to develop community sector representation in Community Planning.

2016

Published 11 guides to Council-led planning systems. Place Standard used in community visioning projects.

2017

Partner in EU exchange on participation with Milan and Aveiro. New engagement tools tested and promoted.

2018

Anaerobic digester issues predominant in planning advice. Promotion of Participatory Budgeting takes root across region.