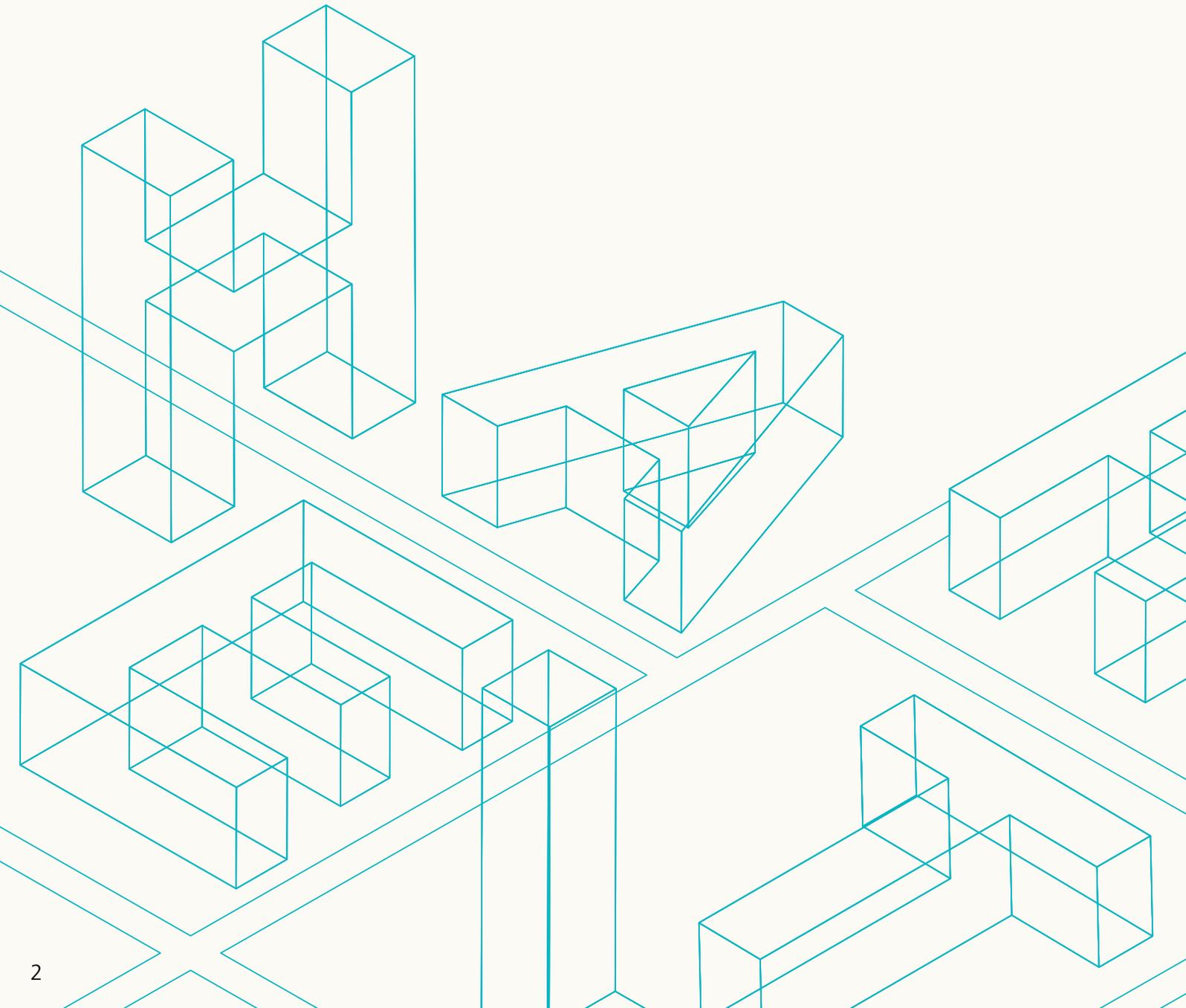


14/15 ANNUAL REVIEW



Belfast
A World Health Organization
Healthy City







Belfast Healthy Cities has represented Belfast within the WHO European Healthy Cities Network since 1988, working with partner organisations and stakeholders across the city, to deliver actions that fulfil the goals of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Phase VI (2014-2019).

Belfast Healthy Cities has almost 30 years of experience in challenging health inequalities, improving health and wellbeing for all our citizens and in working in partnership with Government at all levels.

Belfast is at the heart of the European WHO network, serving as WHO Secretariat to the WHO European Healthy City Network of almost 100 cities and 20 national networks.

Vision and Mission

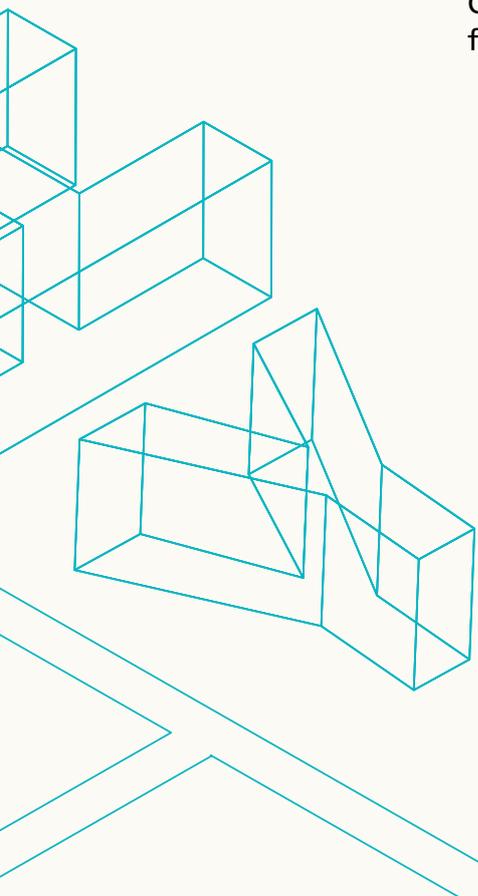
Our Vision

Our vision is to be a leader in creating a healthy, equitable and sustainable city.

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote health and wellbeing, provide inspiration and facilitate innovative collaborative action and good policies through:

- leadership and learning from the WHO European Healthy Cities Network
- supporting research, sharing evidence and building capacity
- introducing and piloting innovative concepts and approaches
- maximising partners impact on health and inequalities.



Chairperson's Report



Belfast Healthy Cities continues to look for new ways to contribute to creating the conditions to support healthier living and to address health inequalities in Belfast as part of the City's designation as a member of Phase VI of the World Health Organization (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network (2014 -2019).

Two thirds of the population of the WHO European Region live in towns and cities, which are often unhealthy places to live, characterized by heavy traffic, air pollution, noise and social isolation for elderly people and young families. People in towns and cities experience increased rates of non-communicable disease, avoidable injuries, and alcohol and substance abuse, with the most deprived typically exposed to the worst environments and

having least access to clean, safe open space. Belfast, along with other Healthy Cities across Europe, is seeking to tackle these challenges.

Where people live affects their health and chances of leading productive and fulfilling lives. Over the last year, Belfast Healthy Cities has provided leadership and expert knowledge in the area of space, place and health, working with a range of partners and sectors within the city. Operating within a change environment, with good links across the European network and with a strong staff team and independence, the organization consistently steps up to the mark to bring opportunities to increase expert knowledge and practice on public health challenges to the city.

This year has also seen changes within WHO Europe in the leadership of the Healthy Cities programme across Europe. I would like to pay tribute to Agis Tsouros on his retirement, for his leadership of the WHO Healthy Cities movement and particularly for his support to Belfast over his many years of service. I would also like to welcome Monika Kosinska who has taken up the challenge to continue to provide that leadership and assure her of a warm welcome to Belfast and of our support.

Belfast Healthy Cities has an excellent staff team and a Board of Directors that represents the public, voluntary and private sectors. This expertise develops the dynamic programmes that support the organisation to deliver our vision and mission and ensures that in delivering the WHO Healthy City requirements, we are addressing local need through regional and local policy and action frameworks.

In presenting this annual report, I would particularly like to thank the Chief Executive, Joan Devlin and the staff team for their dedicated and outstanding work, the Board of Directors for their support and direction; the Chief Executives and senior staff from our funding organisations; the wide range of individuals and partner organisations with whom we work; and to the politicians locally and regionally who support this important agenda and contribute to addressing the public health challenges in our city.

Nigel McMahon

Chief Executive's Report



The delivery of high quality innovative programmes continued to be a priority of Belfast Healthy Cities in our second year of representing Belfast within Phase VI (2014 -2019) of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. Our programmes are shaped by WHO Healthy Cities & Northern Ireland strategies and are delivered with strong engagement of population groups and the wide range of sectors that form part of our network across the city.

Working within this context is complex and in finding creative ways to address old and new emerging public health issues, it is essential that the new scientific evidence from WHO and other sources is considered within the evidence from local population groups from across local communities.

This year we continued to have a strong focus on place and health, further developing our Child Friendly Places programme and Age Friendly agenda, both of which are WHO concepts. We have seen their influence on the emerging Belfast Agenda, led by Belfast City Council in their approach to community planning. The innovation and piloting of '*Healthy Places, Healthy Schools*' in thirteen schools across Belfast, has received tremendous support from officers from our core funders and has inspired a number of colleagues in Healthy Cities across Europe to also pilot it.

Through our annual seminar series programme, we continue to bring to our Belfast network experts to share their knowledge and practice. These events not only increase knowledge but support the building of new relationships across the Healthy Cities network in Belfast. The report outlines these highly inspirational events, which include the presentations of the annual WHO Belfast Healthy City Awards that are given to outstanding examples of good practice to local organisations.

The challenge of reducing inequalities in health remains fundamental to improving health and wellbeing within our city as it does across Europe. With the support of a consultant, this year we developed a 'health equity tool', that has been piloted with various policies in the city and is now ready to be considered as a core element within a new capacity building programme to reduce inequalities in health.

A new programme within our Phase VI priorities, Health Literacy, is supported by a strong working group and following the development of criteria and case studies to demonstrate understanding and the effectiveness of improving health literacy, the programme is now developing concrete actions, including a website which will be launched in spring 2016.

As always, I would like to thank the chair and the Board of Directors for their valuable strategic support and for their governance; to the chairs and members of the working groups who actively support the delivery of the programmes. Finally I would like to thank the staff team for their dedicated commitment to ensuring the delivering of high quality programmes that strive to improve the health and wellbeing of all the citizens in Belfast.

Joan Devlin

Child Friendly Places

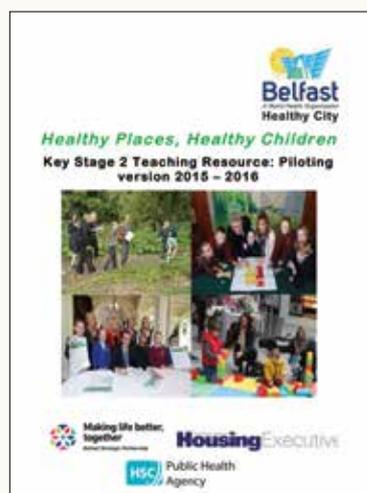
The Belfast Healthy Cities approach to creating child friendly places is informed by the UNICEF concept of creating Child Friendly Cities, which is committed to fulfilling children's rights by supporting them to influence decision making in the city and participate fully in family, community and social life.

The Belfast model was presented at a number of conferences during the year including the 52nd International Making Cities Liveable Conference, Bristol and the Playboard NI 'Playing Out' Annual Conference.

Healthy Places, Healthy Children: Healthy Urban Environment Teaching Resource

A teaching resource on place and the built environment for Key Stage 2 (Primary 5-7 year groups) has been developed by Belfast Healthy Cities, in collaboration with the Education Authority. In line with the Northern Ireland curriculum, the resource is designed to encourage a creative process, engaging children in applying learning practically to develop a proposal to improve an aspect of their neighbourhood. Two teacher training sessions to support classroom delivery were facilitated by Belfast Healthy Cities staff and the resource is currently being piloted with 13 Primary Schools across Belfast.

There has been significant interest in the resource at a European level as a demonstration of the Healthy Urban Environment concept in schools, with a pilot taking place in Greece and a further 5 cities making an expression of interest to adapt the model to reflect the needs of children growing up in different areas of the WHO European Region.



The resource has been supported by Belfast Healthy Cities core partners, Public Health Agency and Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

'A Call to Action: Shaping Healthier Places for Children In Belfast'

Belfast Healthy Cities published 'A Call to Action: Shaping Healthier Places for Children in Belfast' in May 2015. A consultation document based on comprehensive consultation with children during the Shaping Healthier Neighbourhoods for Children programme, it was designed to encourage discussion with organisations within the city who have responsibility for public and retail space about how to take strategic action to make Belfast a more welcoming and healthier place for children.

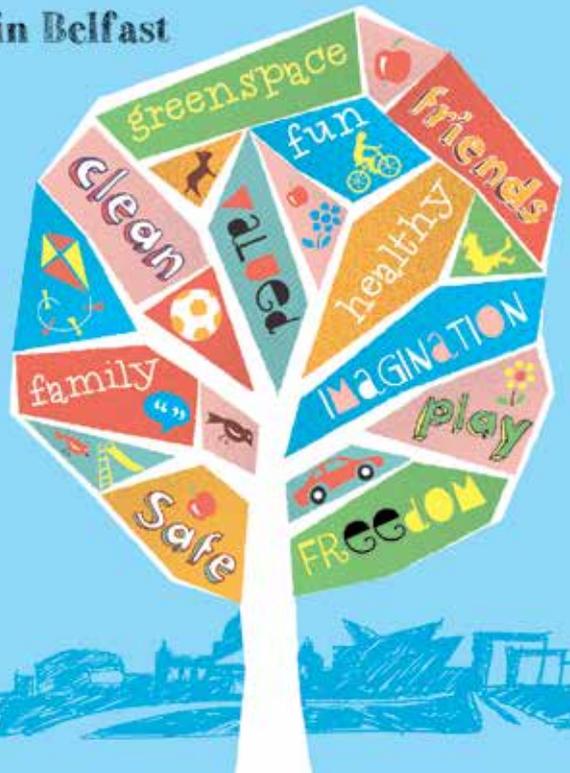
A children's version of the document was developed, inviting comment on the changes they felt would make the city a better place for them. Engagement events took place within schools and youth centres across the city including, Currie Primary School, Malvern Primary School, Suffolk After Schools Club, St Joseph's Primary Slate Street, Fane Street Primary, Our Lady's Primary and New Lodge Youth Club.

An action plan developed from the findings of the consultation will be published in late 2016.



A Call to Action: Shaping Healthier Places for Children in Belfast

Consultation Document
www.belfasthealthycities.com



KidsSpace is an innovative family friendly event adapted by Belfast Healthy Cities from European initiatives, which changes how city spaces are used. A variety of active and creative activities is offered to children, including arts and crafts, dance and Parkour (an activity of moving rapidly through an urban environment, negotiating obstacles by running, jumping, and climbing). There is also the opportunity for free play with equipment such as giant construction blocks that children use as they choose.

Belfast Healthy Cities has successfully facilitated KidsSpace events since 2011 in a range of diverse locations, with more than 7000 children taking part.

The 2015 programme was launched in February by then Lord Mayor, Cllr Nichola Mallon and events were held across the city in indoor and outdoor locations. This year new venues included Victoria Square Shopping Centre, the Ulster Museum and a neighbourhood event with Annadale and Haywood Residents Association. Belfast Healthy Cities was also invited to deliver a number of events under the 'Family Friendly' initiative of Belfast Health Development Unit.

KidsSpace Events 2015

- New Lodge Arts Spring Awakening (Alexander Park)
- CastleCourt Shopping Centre
- Victoria Square Shopping Centre
- Ulster Museum
- Belfast City Hall Grounds
- Annadale and Haywood Residents Association
- Big Lunch (Belfast Castle)
- Culture Night Belfast (Cathedral Gardens)
- North Belfast Lantern Parade (Waterworks Park)



KidsSpace



Healthy Urban Environments

Walkability Assessment

Belfast Healthy Cities is a member of the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP), which is part of Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP). Belfast Healthy Cities has developed a Walkability Assessment for Healthy Ageing Framework, which encourages older people to assess the quality of their streets and the ease with which they may be used.

Building on a pilot study initiated in 2014, work during this year has focused on completing a comprehensive series of walk assessments across the city.

South Belfast

Windsor Women's Centre

North Belfast

Harmony Court
Milewater Court
Mount Vernon
Somerton Road
Wolfhill Centre

Shankill Age-friendly Neighbourhoods

(With Hemsworth Court and Greater Shankill Older Peoples Forum in support of HASP key theme)

Upper Shankill

Hemsworth Court – Brown Square.



The learning from the programme to date was shared and well received at a number of high profile conferences during the year, including the Walk21 International Conference, Vienna in October 2015. There is a high level of interest in the assessments both strategically and at a community level and it is anticipated that the number of walks carried out in 2016 will increase.

Belfast Healthy Cities was also invited by Queen's University Belfast to be part of a

research group working with universities in Brazil on walkability. The three year programme, which is supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) will deliver a wide range of research, resources and events, including a number of Knowledge Exchange seminars which will provide an opportunity for Brazilian and European researchers and other stakeholders to build capacity.

Healthy Urban Environments

Ciclovia Belfast

Belfast Healthy Cities was delighted to take KidsSpace to the first Belfast Ciclovia in October 2015. The concept originated in Bogota, Colombia and has taken place in several Healthy Cities and the current European Green City, Bristol. It saw roads in Belfast City Centre closed to motor traffic, creating a 'freeway' for all forms of wheeled transport, including bikes, skateboards and roller boots with the aim of allowing people to enjoy the freedom to use the city. Entertainment was provided along the route, creating a festival feel and bike checks to encourage safe use of bicycles were available free of charge. Belfast Healthy Cities



was also delighted to be part of the organising group in the lead up to the event.



Climate Change and Health Partnership

The regional Climate Change and Health Partnership continued to meet during 2015. Drawing its membership from Health Trusts, Government Departments, Public and Professional bodies, and the Voluntary and Community sector, it continues to provide a valuable platform for the exchange of information and learning on adaptation to address the impact of climate change and associated environmental issues on health.

Belfast Food Network

As part of our work on climate change and health, Belfast Healthy Cities is a member of the advisory group of the Belfast Food Network and contributes on the theme of food poverty. The network aims to make Belfast a Sustainable Food City by promoting sustainable food as a means of enabling positive social, economic and environmental benefits for Belfast and beyond.

Reuniting Planning and Health E-Newsletter

At the end of the year, Belfast Healthy Cities developed and distributed the pilot edition of 'Reuniting Planning and Health' e-newsletter for planning and health professionals. The bi monthly publication will collate information relating to good practice in planning for health from across the globe and is intended to assist in sharing learning and evidence.

Healthy Equity in All Policies

Developing a Health Equity Tool for Belfast

Working towards Health Equity is an overarching goal of WHO European Healthy Cities Phase VI (2014-2019) and it engages a wide range of stakeholders across the city.

Participants of the 'Defining Inequalities and Poverty: Taking Collective Action' seminar in February 2015 were invited to join a Health Equity group and take part in testing a draft health equity tool, which is intended to assess the impact on inequity of draft policies in the developmental stages. Initial piloting with a range of policies has produced extremely positive results and it is intended that the tool will be launched officially in 2016. The work of the group has also identified the demand for capacity building training to assist organisations to strengthen their approach to addressing health inequity. This is being developed by Belfast Healthy Cities' core



partners and Belfast Strategic Partnership, with the support of Erica Ison, WHO Expert Advisor.

Work to date was shared at The Institute of Public Health Open Conference in October 2015.



Jackie McBrinn, Belfast Health Development Unit, Cllr Steven Corr; Séamus Mullen, Public Health Agency; Erica Ison, WHO Expert Advisor; Penny Gruffydd, City and County of Swansea and Joan Devlin, Belfast Healthy Cities

'It was useful hearing what's going on out there - opportunities are limited unless you are directly involved in an initiative.'

Capacity Building 2014/15- Learning from WHO European Cities

Defining Inequalities and Poverty: Taking Collective Action

The seminar began the process of developing the health equity tool by exploring understanding of the different concepts of inequalities used to inform practice in Belfast.

It was facilitated by WHO Expert Advisor, Erica Ison with contributions from Mary Black, Public Health Agency and Penny

Gruffydd, City and County of Swansea. The Welsh city was chosen as a model of good practice as it has successfully implemented an Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Tool, which supports multidisciplinary teams who address health inequalities to align activities at a local level with WHO European Healthy Cities values.

Healthy Equity in All Policies

Health Literacy

Health Literacy is a core theme for Belfast as a member of the WHO Healthy Cities Network Phase VI (2014-2019) and is an important issue in addressing health inequalities. Increased health literacy helps people to make more informed and confident decisions about their health, promote better self-management, contribute to less risk taking behaviour and in turn lead to savings in public expenditure

There were many opportunities during 2015 to learn from other cities and regions who are working towards developing strategic approaches to improving Health Literacy.

Belfast established a working group with membership from Belfast Healthy Cities core partners and other stakeholders from the voluntary and community sectors. The group's work programme included the development of criteria to identify programmes engaged in Health Literacy work; identifying priorities for development, including work to support vulnerable groups and the development of an online resource of local case studies, which will be officially launched in April 2016.

In October the work of the Belfast Health Literacy Working Group was successful in being selected for presentation at the Institute of Public Health Open Conference (IPH) in Dublin.



Capacity Building Series 2014/15- Learning from WHO European Cities

Building Capacity: Health Literacy in a Healthy City- Making the Case and Taking Action



In December 2014, this seminar began a process of developing a model of practice for Belfast by looking at examples of models locally and across the United Kingdom. Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer Northern Ireland, outlined the challenges and opportunities of developing new approaches.

Other contributors included Christine Hoy, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland; Fergus Dolan, National Adult Literacy Agency, Ireland and Judy Kurth, Stoke-On-Trent Healthy Cities.

Presentations and reports from the capacity building series are available at www.belfasthealthycities.com

Healthy Urban Environments

2014/15: Learning from WHO European Healthy Cities

WHO Health Economic Assessment Tool (HEAT)

In January 2015, health and planning professionals had the opportunity to learn about the WHO Health Economic Assessment Tool (HEAT) tool which measures the co-benefits of walking and cycling for health and economic development from WHO Expert, Dr Nick Cavill. During sessions in Antrim and Belfast, participants learned how the tool could be employed to assess existing or planned walking and cycling infrastructure in the city. Bespoke sessions were organised with Active Belfast and the Cycling Unit within the Department for Regional Development to share learning on tools for evaluating economic benefits.

Capacity Building for New Planning Systems

One of most the significant developments during the year was the transfer of planning powers from central government to local authorities and the associated increased opportunities to improve health and wellbeing it presents. Belfast Healthy Cities offered two additional capacity building opportunities considering the potential to reunite planning and health for the good of the city and its people.

Bricks and Mortar

This series of lunchtime seminars took place between June and October 2015 with a focus on providing health professionals with an introduction to the public health impacts of planning and new community planning powers. This included information on the shared historical origins of public health and planning and the new planning system in the city. Dedicated sessions provided examples of good practice in how planning can support physical activity and allowed participants an opportunity to examine how Health Impact Assessment can support decision-making in planning.

Contributors included Séamus Mullen, Public Health Agency; Paul Southon, Sandwell Council; Julian Hine, Ulster University; Gerry Waldron, Public Health Agency; Justine Daly, Turley Associates and Dermot O’Kane, Belfast City Council.

Planning for Healthy Communities

Belfast Healthy Cities collaborated with North Belfast Partnership to facilitate a workshop aimed at Belfast Area Partnerships (BAPs) and their partners to examine the relationship between planning and health at a community level. The event was designed to recognise and share the wealth of experience and good practice that has been accumulated by professionals and projects working directly with people.

It also provided an opportunity to contribute views on the draft Belfast Planning Service Statement of Community Involvement, which requires planning authorities to engage the community in new Local Development Plans.

John McCorry, North Belfast Partnership, chaired the event and speakers included Wilson Lambe MBE, Ballysillan & Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership; Jonna Monaghan, Belfast Healthy Cities and Dermot O’Kane, Belfast City Council.

The seminar series was organised with the support of the Public Health Agency and designed to bring the best of innovative practice in addressing key WHO issues to Northern Ireland.

‘The session on feedback from cities and approaches to the subject highlighted the difference that good planning and strategy can have in people's lives if we properly understand issues and get an early intervention.’

Healthy Urban Environments

2015/16 Capacity Building: Resilient Communities: Healthy Places- Learning from our Finnish colleagues

Minister for Culture, Carál Ní Chuilín opened the Shaping Places for Healthy Lives seminar, which was organised by Belfast Healthy Cities, in partnership with the Ministerial Advisory Group on Architecture and the Built Environment (MAG)

The December 2015 event was the first in a series of themed workshops, which will extend into 2016 and cover topics including arts and culture, technology and health literacy bringing Finnish innovation and expertise to Belfast.

Leo Kosonen, former Chief Planner in Kuopio, Finland, a city of similar size to Belfast, presented the 'three fabrics' model, which informs health supporting urban design. Other contributions were made by Sandy Robinson, Principal Architect, Scottish Government who shared experiences of developing 'A Place Standard for Scotland' and Phil Williams, Director of Planning and Place, Belfast City Council who described the challenges and opportunities for the city as it assumes responsibility for planning.

Workshops were provided by MAG, Groundwork NI, Belfast Healthy Cities and the Strategic Investment Board.

'It is important that we share experience and policy ideas. Belfast has much to offer other regions and we can also learn as we continue the regeneration of our city in a way which promotes health.'

Minister for Culture,
Carál Ní Chuilín.



Nigel McMahon, Chair, Belfast Healthy Cities; Joan Devlin, Belfast Healthy Cities, Carál Ní Chuilín, MLA, Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure and Arthur Acheson, MAG

WHO European Healthy Cities

WHO Healthy Cities European Network Belfast Secretariat

Belfast continues to deliver the Secretariat function to the WHO European Healthy Cities Networks. Work this year has focused on progressing the accreditation process for WHO Phase VI (2014-19). There are currently 57 designated cities and 31 national networks, 20 of which are accredited. The network has representation from a number of new countries including Romania, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Moldova.

Dr Agis Tsouros recently retired from the World Health Organization, after 27 years as Head of the Healthy Cities Network. We thank him for his contribution to the Network and particularly to the city of Belfast where he visited several times, including in 2013 to celebrate 25 years of Belfast as a WHO European Healthy City. We wish him well for the future and also look forward to working with our new colleagues in WHO Europe.

Monika Kosinska, Programme Manager for Governance for Health, has been appointed as the new Focal Point for the European Healthy Cities Programme. Welcoming her appointment, Regional Director, Zsuzsanna

Jakab also noted the ongoing role of Belfast as WHO European Healthy Cities Secretariat and recognised the high level of support and expertise provided to the network.



Agis Tsouros, former head of WHO European Healthy Cities



WHO European Healthy Cities

WHO European Healthy Cities Business and Technical Conference June 2015 Kuopio, Finland

In June 2015, a delegation from Belfast participated in the WHO Healthy Cities Network and Network of European Healthy Cities Business and Technical Conference in Kuopio, Finland. This was the first conference of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Phase VI (2014-2019) and it focused on the theme of 'Political Choices for Healthy Cities, which was selected in support of the Athens Declaration for Healthy Cities 2014'.

Members of the Board of Directors and staff team contributed to the scientific programme of the conference, presenting case studies and examples of good practice from Belfast on topics including Health Literacy, Healthy Urban Environment and Political Engagement.

The Belfast delegation included Councillor Gerry McCabe; Damian Connolly, Belfast City Council; Karen Casson, Ulster University and Justine Daly, Turley Associates.



WHO Healthy City Explorer Bursary 2015

Following its introduction in 2014, the 2015 bursary proved an equally popular and competitive process. Reflecting the high quality of proposals submitted, the bursary was awarded jointly to Stephanie Thompson, South Belfast Partnership, who studied drug and alcohol policy in Glasgow and Jelena Buick who visited Barcelona to examine innovative approaches to addressing food and fuel poverty. They will present their studies at this year's Belfast Healthy Cities Annual General Meeting, which will also include the launch of the 2016 bursary.

All presentations will be available on the Belfast Healthy Cities website www.belfasthealthycities.com



Communications

Political Engagement

Ahead of the Westminster Elections in May 2015, Belfast Healthy Cities developed 'A Manifesto to Support Health and Wellbeing for All in Belfast' which provided a briefing on WHO European Healthy Cities core themes to candidates and political party officers.

Belfast Healthy Cities Information Service

The service continues to distribute NI Executive news releases and relevant WHO resources to a list of 1333 subscribers. During 2015, 258 mailings were distributed. In line with good practice in information management, the list is reviewed twice yearly.

Social Media

Belfast Healthy Cities @belfasthealthy has 1561 followers on twitter and uses YouTube and Vimeo to host videos from capacity training events. They can be viewed at www.belfasthealthycities.com/videos.

Belfast Healthy Cities Website

WHO resources and information on all Belfast Healthy Cities programmes, including presentations and reports from capacity building seminars are available on the Belfast Healthy Cities website www.belfasthealthycities.com

WHO European Healthy Cities Case Studies Resource

Belfast maintains an online resource for WHO European Healthy Cities, which collates and categorises case studies from the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business and Technical Conferences. Case studies from this year's meeting in Kuopio, Finland have been added to the resource. Thematic documents of abstracts covering a range of WHO priority themes are available on the Belfast Healthy Cities website, with case studies available on request.



WHO Belfast Healthy City Awards 2015

WHO Belfast Healthy City Awards 2015

The now annual awards were launched by Lord Mayor, Cllr Arder Carson and presented by Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman Guy Spence. This year they were four categories, Promoting Health Equity, Healthy Places, Healthy Living and a new category, Engaging for Change which focuses on projects that work directly with people.

'These awards recognise the excellent work undertaken by a range of organisations across our city in promoting a healthier lifestyle.'

Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman
Guy Spence



Nigel McMahon, Belfast Healthy Cities; Lord Mayor of Belfast, Cllr Arder Carson; Joan Devlin, Belfast Healthy Cities



Group- WildFlower Alley: Winners of the Healthy Places Award



Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Guy Spence with category winners

WHO Belfast Healthy City Awards 2015



MS Society Highly Commended in Promoting Health Equity category



Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Service Highly Commended in Healthy Living category



Bryson An Munia Tober Highly Commended in Healthy Living category

Winners and Commended Projects

Promoting Health Equity

Winner: Shopmobility Belfast Ltd: Out and About - Age, Independence and Dignity

Highly Commended: Action Cancer: Action4Life and MS Society NI: Exercise class for people affected by MS

Healthy Places

Winner: College Park Avenue Residents Association: Wildflower Alley

Healthy Living

Winner: Studio 5 CIC NI: The Chance to Dance

Highly Commended: Teenager and Young Adult (TYA) Cancer Service: Moving2gether
Bryson An Munia Tober: Bryson An Munia Tober Health Project

Engaging for Change

Winner: CLARE CIC: Creative Local Response and Engagement

Highly Commended: Arthritis Care: Staying Connected and Ligoniel Improvement Association: REAP Recreational, Environmental, Activity Project

Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

(A charitable company limited by guarantee)

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

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Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its incoming resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited (cont'd)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or



Mr Robert Barr (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Muldoon & Co, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants & Reporting Accountants
16 Mount Charles, Belfast BT7 1NZ

21st August 2015

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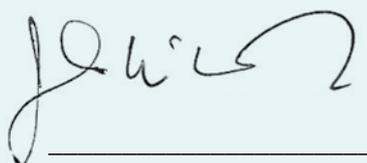
Balance sheet as at 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015		2014	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		3,641		4,334
Current assets					
Debtors	12	59,946		24,732	
Cash at bank and in hand		159,426		319,907	
		<u>219,372</u>		<u>344,635</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(8,123)</u>		<u>(153,498)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>211,249</u>		<u>191,137</u>
Net assets			<u>214,890</u>		<u>195,471</u>
Funds					
Restricted income funds			88,269		81,769
Unrestricted income funds			126,621		113,702
Total funds			<u>214,890</u>		<u>195,471</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Nigel McMahon
Director



Mr John McMullan
Treasurer

Date: 21st August 2015

Date: 21st August 2015

Belfast Healthy Cities Board of Directors

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Staff Team

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Belfast Healthy Cities Working Groups

Health Equity Group

The Health Equity group is chaired by Karen Casson, Ulster University and has membership from Belfast Healthy Cities' core partners and other city stakeholders including, Belfast City Council; Bryson Energy: Community Evaluation NI Save the Children, Turley Associates and Queen's University Belfast

Health Literacy Working Group

Bernadette Cullen	Belfast Healthy Cities Board Member
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Elaine O'Doherty	Public Health Agency
Fiona Meenan	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
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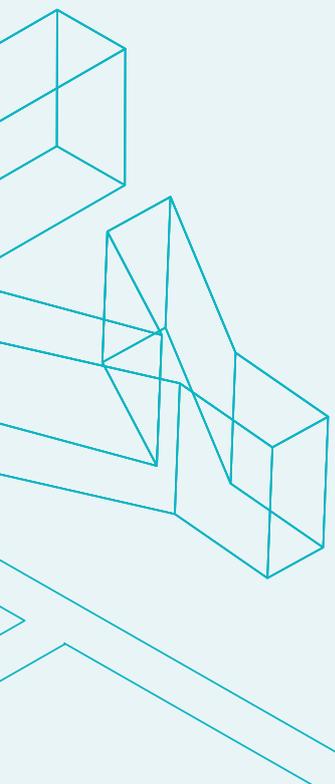
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