

the  
**workspace**  
group



**Our Members  
make the difference**



## What is Workspace?

Workspace is a 'social enterprise' set up in Draperstown by some 170 local people (its members) in 1985. We aim to generate profit through a number of businesses and use the surplus profit to invest in the local community. Our vision is 'A Prosperous, Dynamic and Healthy Draperstown Community'.

## About us

Initially we provided business units for individuals to set up their own business thereby creating local jobs (hence the name Workspace). Over the years we have added other activities including:

- delivering employability programmes for the unemployed
- installing home insulation
- providing recruitment services
- business start-up services
- manufacturing industrial waste heat recovery systems

We have used, and continue to use the surplus profit generated from these activities to:

- build and run the recreation centre in Draperstown
- to refurbish the Cornstore (now used by Glasgowbury)
- to provide space for the Draperstown Library and the local youth club
- to run the Workspace After School Club
- to distribute small grants to local community organisations through our Workspace Community Fund
- build 23 social housing units at Scutchers Lane
- provide the Workspace After School Club
- we have also have built and refurbished industrial units in Draperstown, Magherafelt and Castledawson to facilitate business start up and ultimately give employment as well as developing the industrial park on the Magherafelt Road in Draperstown

Workspace currently employs 176 staff, has premises/offices in 19 locations (14 in Northern Ireland, four in the Republic of Ireland and one in Manchester.) The Company is financially sound with net assets of £5.7M.

**"It's great to be able to see the difference we are making locally"**



## How do I become a member of Workspace?

Quite simply by completing the attached application form and returning it with a cheque for the loan stock amount you would like to buy (from £50 to £2,000) to the Workspace office or to any of the Workspace Directors below. You will receive confirmation of your membership and a loan stock certificate. Every year you will be invited to the AGM, be sent a copy of our Annual Report and may be asked to participate in some other way to help Workspace achieve what is best for the local community.

### Current Workspace Directors

Mr Laurence O'Kane  
Chairman  
Mrs Samantha McCloskey  
Vice Chair  
Dr Michael McAllister  
Mr Damian Heron  
Mr Graham Mawhinney  
Mr Patsy McShane  
Mr Willie McKeown  
Mrs Catherine McCoy  
Councillor Brian McGuigan

## Benefits of being a member

- Contribute to your community
- Help in the creation of jobs and wealth
- Help in providing services for the community
- Have your say in the direction of the organisation
- Stay updated with regular reports
- Appoint the directors of the company
- Get a return on your loan stock
- Be part of a dynamic organisation whose vision is 'A Prosperous, Dynamic and Healthy Draperstown Community'

**"Workspace is a dynamic organisation which has accomplished so much in the past 30 years, it's exciting to think what the next 30 will bring"**



## What is a Workspace member?

Workspace is a Company Limited by Guarantee with Charitable Status. A Company Limited by Guarantee does not have shareholders but instead has members whose financial liability is limited to £1 should the company cease to operate. Members are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and appoint/reappoint nine members as directors of the Board. You become a member by buying a small amount of loan stock (the minimum is £50 and the maximum is £2,000) in Workspace. Each year the loan generates an interest payment for the member. The interest earned is paid out to members every few years.

## Why does Workspace want new members?

For a number of reasons. We were 30 years old in 2015 and our membership is 30 years older than what it was back then. In another 30 years our membership will be lower in number and greater in age! We want to bring in new members who will play a part in ensuring that Workspace continues to undertake the much needed community work that it does for the long term. Membership will ensure that the ideals of the social enterprise model will continue into the future to benefit the community as a whole.

**"It's good to know that the community can rely on Workspace to get involved to ensure that services remain in the area"**

# Application Form

Name

Address

Post code

Email

Telephone

**How much loan stock would you like to purchase?**

(Minimum £50; maximum £2,000)

£

With thanks.

Please make your cheque payable to Workspace Draperstown Limited and return to any of the current Workspace Directors.

Or alternatively send your application to:

The Workspace Group  
The Business Centre  
Draperstown  
BT45 7AG

For more information call

**028 7962 8113**

or email

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