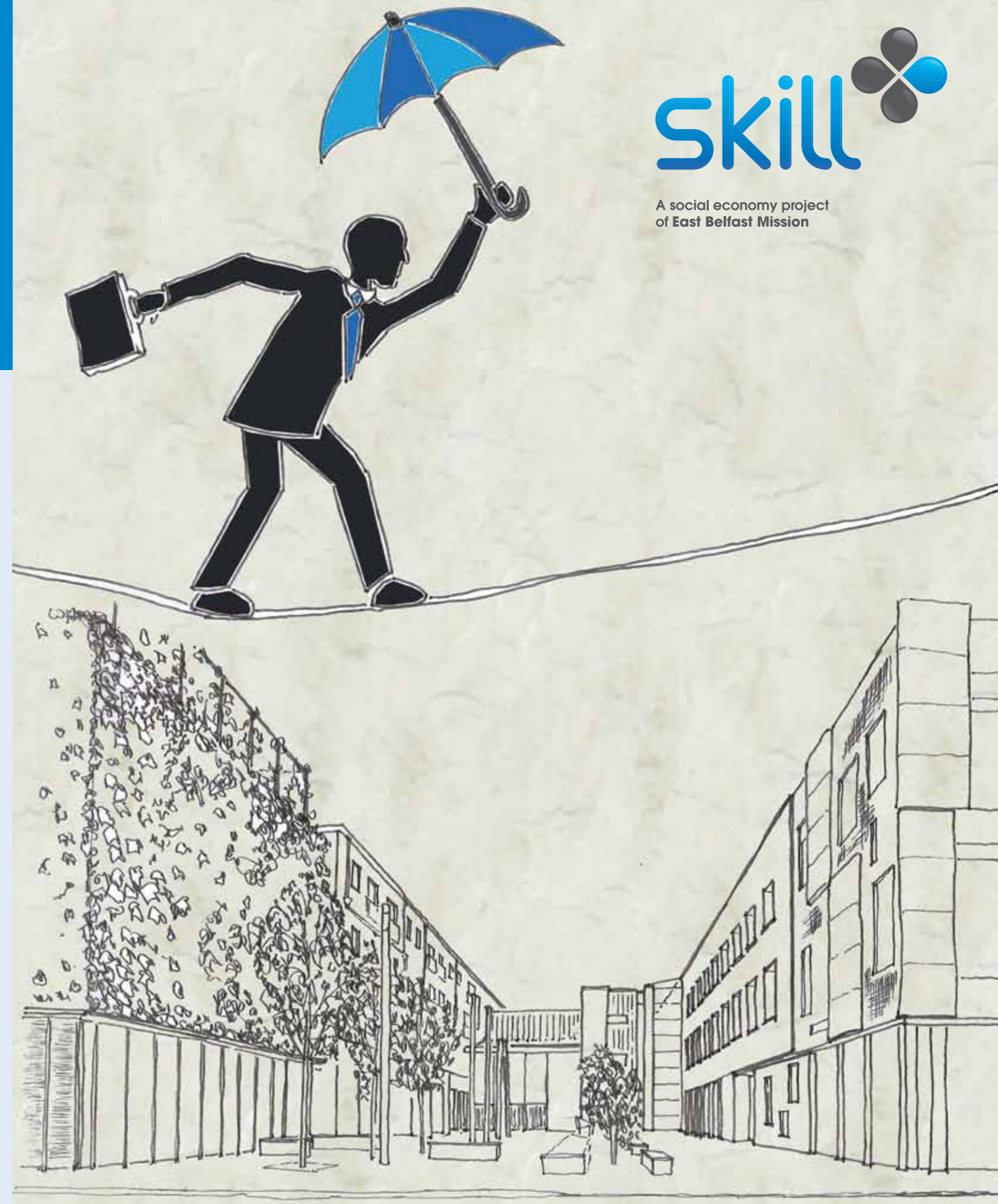


East Belfast Mission (EBM) is based on the lower Newtownards Road and became a registered charity in 1985. Working for community renewal and transformation in Ballymacarrett, one of the most socially deprived wards of East Belfast, EBM is part of the Methodist Church in Ireland and has a long track record of social engagement in the inner city.



A social economy project of East Belfast Mission



EBM operates a wide range of social projects and has recently moved into a "state of the art" building known as Skainos on the Newtownards Road Belfast. The building boasts a "vertical garden", private and social housing - apartments with an amazing view of Belfast and EBM works in partnership with other organisations who are situated within Skainos including Age NI, Niamh and Tearfund, to deliver services to the wider area.

With 96 staff currently employed and approximately 100 volunteers, the range of community projects include:

- **Hosford** - a hostel for the homeless, providing support and life skills
- **Compass** - Youth, family, community and counselling work
- Interface community relations/peace & reconciliation work
- A worshipping congregation at the church
- Pastoral work in the community
- **Stepping Stone** - employability project
- **Social Economy** - Skill is the latest social economy project at EBM. Other projects include: 11 **restore** charity shops, re-use projects such as - **refurb**, **recycle**, **repaint** and **rekindle**, 2 **refresh cafe's** offering subsidised meals to the the elderly and from **refresh @ Skainos**, a meals on wheels service is also offered, **Bright Sparks** child care nursery and social economy hub for East Belfast.

Social Economy Awards

- Nov 2011** Aisling Award
Belfast Best Business in Social Economy Category
- Feb 2012** Ulster Bank Achievers Award
Provincial Winner - Best Social Enterprise (in Ulster)
- Oct 2012** SEN - Best Social Economy Project in Northern Ireland
- Nov 2012** SEUK - Best Social Economy Project in the UK
- Nov 2012** Belfast Business Awards - 2 awards won
Highly Commended Green Business & Best Social Economy Project

Skainos Awards

- May 2013** Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyor (RICS) Award - Highly Commended in Regeneration Category
Winner of Community Benefit, Overall Best Project 2013
- June 2013** Winner of the Green Apple Environmental Award
- Mar 2014** Civic Trust Award 2014 for Community Recognition

Hosford Award

- Feb 2014** Winner of the "More than bricks and mortar" award through Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)

What is the Skill project?

The **SKILL project** is a new social economy project developed by **East Belfast Mission (EBM)** and will offer a variety of informative programmes on **Sharing Knowledge, Innovation, Learning and Leadership**.

- to showcase the achievements of East Belfast Mission
- to showcase the Skainos project and share best practice and learning
- to share knowledge and experience on the development of Social Enterprises
- to share experience and learning on the development and management across a wide range of community projects:
 - **Building community capacity**
 - **Large scale project management**
 - **Developing and managing a successful Social Enterprise**
 - **Youth & community work**
 - **Supporting the unemployed**
 - **Running a homeless hostel**
 - **Developing financial management systems**
- to support other groups locally, nationally, and internationally in their ambitions to engage or develop their community organisation

Skill will provide an international centre of excellence that provides leadership training, shares best practice, and provides support across a wide range of areas for voluntary organizations, community groups and social enterprises across the UK and Europe.



On offer:

Two hour tours

Tour of Skainos, introduction to work, meet the people and ask questions - for individuals or organisations.

Half day Master Classes

- Starting and Developing a Social Enterprise
- Team Building & Volunteer Management
- Marketing on a Budget
- Financial Management for Social Enterprises
- How to Engage with the Community
- Procurement Need Not be a Foreign Language
- Getting a Building Idea off the Ground and Making it a Success
- Providing Services for Homeless or Those at Risk

One day target visit

Choose 2 from the list of master class options and enjoy listening to inspirational speakers.

Two day intensive

Choose 3 options from a list of Master Classes, enjoy inspirational speakers, participate in workshops and travel off site to visit other successful Social Economy projects.

Bespoke Package

Enjoy the benefit of all of the above completely tailored to the needs of your organisation.

Consultancy Service

A wide range of consultancy services are available on topics you request.



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