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**SOCIAL CAPITAL,
COLLECTIVISM-INDIVIDUALISM AND
COMMUNITY BACKGROUND IN
NORTHERN IRELAND**

A Report to

**The Office of the First Minister and
the Deputy First Minister and
the Head of the
Voluntary and Community Unit of the
Department for Social Development**

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The project's components were designed to complement each other by shedding light on the issue under consideration both from a quantitative and a qualitative viewpoint. To do this we carried out a quantitative study of the Northern Ireland population by means of a random omnibus survey and a qualitative study based on focus groups and interviews with individuals in two of the main urban locations in Northern Ireland. These two strands are presented in the two main parts of this report as the Quantitative Survey and the Qualitative Analysis.

The appendices present the research instruments used in the study and a series of short papers on social capital, community development, "community infrastructure" and on the history of community organising in Protestant areas of Northern Ireland.

