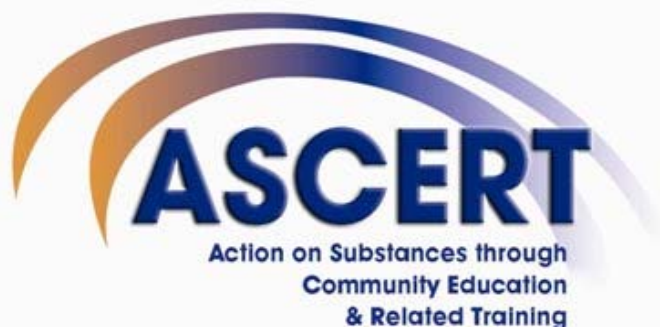


# ASCERT



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## ASCERT

### Background to the Organisation

ASCERT was founded in 1998 to provide community based services that address drug and alcohol issues. It is a membership based charity which provides training, community support and youth interventions mainly in the EHSSB area. It developed a social economy approach to its training services in 2005 and now offers training regionally.

### Mission Statement

ASCERT empowers individuals, families and communities to address substance misuse. ASCERT's objectives are:

- To identify community need / problems & experiences related to drugs / substances.
- To plan & implement strategies to ensure local needs are met.
- To mobilise and develop resources to help address substance misuse.
- To provide training and develop skills within the community that will empower individuals and groups to address substance misuse at a local level.
- To develop opportunities which divert users and at-risk groups away from substance misuse.
- To enhance co-ordination and co-operation between communities / statutory agencies and service providers.

## Products & Services

### Currently offer

ASCERT currently offer the following training services:

- **Training for Adults** - Tailored training solutions designed around the specific needs of groups.
- **Training and Education for Young People** - Tailored education programmes developed around the circumstances and needs of a particular group of young people.
- **Workforce Development Programmes** - designed to provide employees or volunteers in organisations with knowledge and skills to address substance misuse issues that arise in the workplace or in the course of the delivery of their job-role.

### Supported by

- Social Economy Lisburn
- Lisburn Partnership
- Lisburn City Council
- South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
- Eastern Drug and Alcohol Co-ordination Team
- The Big Lottery

