

DB McLarnon Fire Protection

DB McLarnon Fire Protection Agency is a well-established family-owned and managed business based in West Belfast.

The company was founded in 1980 by Brendan Senior and over the years the business has grown.

In the early 1990s, Brendan Junior joined the company and became a partner and then in 2004 another son, Dermot, also became a partner.

DB McLarnon FPA employs office staff and engineers, all of whom are fully trained, and their engineers are licensed by BAFE and are required to take periodical refresher courses to be aware of changes in legislation.

As one of the leading independent Fire Protection Companies in Northern Ireland, the company pride themselves on quality and customer service, having obtained ISO 9008, being registered with BAFE and members of Constructionline, all of which carry out annually audits of the company and its engineers.

The company are the sole distributors in Ireland for Thomas Glover Fire Equipment. Thomas Glover is the leading manufacturer of fire extinguishers in Britain. They also supply a fully range of health and safety signage, which is all EN3 approved.



Popular among the company's customers is their hands-on fire training which is CITB-approved, and recently they secured a lucrative distributorship for online health and safety and fire training which is CPD-approved and certified.

DB McLarnon Fire Protection Agency supply a service to the public

and private sector and trade customers.

Over the years DB McLarnon FPA has grown, whilst maintaining high customer retention and raising the quality of service they provide.

During the present climate they have been able to help customers work within budgets

which have inevitably been tightened by the current economic climate.

The aim for the company is to continue the high standards they have set, but still keeping that vital personal touch in everything they do.

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Angila Chada, Springboard

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Angila Chada was born in N. Ireland to Indian parents who had settled in Magherafelt in the mid-1950s after leaving the Punjab.

Angila, along with her four sisters and one brother, attended Rainey Endowed Grammar School in the town.

She then progressed to Queen's University from where she graduated. During her time at Queen's she was actively involved in the Students' Union and was elected to the role of Education Officer.

Angila subsequently gained an MSc in Voluntary Sector Management from City University London.

She has been involved with Springboard since its inception in 1992 and has been its Executive Director for over a decade. Her leadership during this period has seen the organisation's provision grow dramatically.

"Springboard works across disadvantaged communities in Greater Belfast and Dublin, with its work largely focused on providing opportunities for unemployed young adults to achieve their potential using interactive development sessions and international learning experience," she said.

Angila has also been responsible for the innovative design of a range of other community based interventions, each promoting an appreciation of intercultural diversity and building learning.

The 45-year-old cites positive feedback as one



of the greatest rewards in her job.

"I love hearing from Springboard participants who say it was the turning point in their lives. Being part of a process that makes these people believe in themselves and that their dreams could turn into reality is priceless."

With such a busy professional life, Angila is all too aware that she needs her down time and has a routine that she regularly enjoys.

"I love to have a long soak in the bath with a few drops of lavender, a scented candle and a good book."