



Community Matters

CACD Helping People to Help Themselves

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Printed copies of the News Sheet can be collected from the office

Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year

from County Armagh Community Development
Directors, Committee and Staff.

Our offices in Markethill and Altnaveigh House, Newry will close on Thursday 21st December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2023.

The **Connect2Gether Project** for 2023/2024 has completed the first part of the programme with participants enjoying 6 dance lessons learning a mix of Scottish Country and Irish Country Folk Dances. The final networking event was the groups from Portadown and Clones coming together in Markethill for a dance and social time. This was very well attended and good fun for the participants. Thank you to both tutors, Jinty Anderson and Marie Phelan, for their flexibility and time over the last 7 weeks and to IFI for providing funding for such an enjoyable event. For those who have expressed an interest in next stages of the programme Alan will be in touch with details soon.



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Christmas Coffee Morning

Come for a chat and some festive refreshments

Wed 20th December
10.30am
at CACD office
Markethill



Information



CACD Information Evening in Armagh Orange Hall

After our successful funding events in September we felt it would be good to showcase the work of CACD. Three groups, who have had help with good governance, training and support with their funding applications, gave an overview of help received from CACD and how their organisation was benefiting from this. There was a presentation of services available from Schomberg House, a report from David McMullen on some of the activities of CACD during 2022/2023, words of encouragement from one of our Directors, Denis Watson and also William Moorcroft our Chairman. This was followed by a time of networking and light supper.



It has been a busy few months with **Safeguarding Children** training courses. We are planning 2 more courses, **one full course (3 sessions) at the end of January** in the Loughgall area and a **zoom refresher course** to catch up those people who need their certificate renewed (after 3 years). In the new financial year we intend to organise a **Designated Safeguarding child officer and an Adult Awareness course**. We have also an opportunity for a refresher course in **Food hygiene** which would be suitable for catering in the community. Again it will be held in early February. Please let me know if you are interested in completing any of these courses as it is important to have as many as possible at these courses. Please contact Lottie at admin@cacd.org.uk to express your interest.



Community Sector
Training

Farm Families First Aid

We recently had a great opportunity to offer First Aid Awareness Training to Farm Families through Global Horizon Skills. The participants had a very productive and useful session in Cladymore Presbyterian Church Hall with an excellent trainer and covered similar topics to a normal First Aid course with a more farming accident slant put on things. The evening was well attended and very beneficial to those who attended.



Recycling Spectacles.

The Armagh and Portadown branches of Gordons Chemists have teamed up with Banbridge Lions Club to help people in the developing world see more clearly. They are accepting unwanted spectacles to help developing countries. Please check your local Gordon's chemist if they have a recycling bin for any spectacles you want to recycle. There is also a bin in Fairbairn's opticians, Banbridge and Newry branch. The other main glasses companies also have a facility to recycle glasses within their stores.

WANT TO DONATE YOUR OLD SPECTS?





HANDS ON SKILLS

12 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR MEN

Starting 6th December 2023

Contact CACD
on 028 3755 2103
or 07587 130704
to book



Supported by the Public Health Agency through the Clear Project

Another good attendance at the latest talk in the **"Museum of Orange Heritage" at Sloan's House** by Quincey Dougan, this time on "The Armagh Volunteers". As always, a very interesting and informative talk with a good discussion afterwards.



Whats On



THE ELY CENTRE WELCOMES YOU TO
A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS
 In 1st Markethill Presbyterian Church.
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER | 7:30 PM

CAROLS WITH ELY

"AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE."
 LUKE 2:10

FEATURING
THE HILLHOUSE CHORISTERS
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC : MR DAVID WILSON

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED

tearfund COLLECTION IN AID OF ELY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES & TEARFUND MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL

MUSIC CONCERT

HOSTED BY DERRYCARNE BIBLE & CROWN
 DEFENDERS LOL 78 & RBP 78

PORTADOWN TOWN HALL
SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2024
7:30PM - DOORS OPEN 7:00PM

COMPERE GARY WILSON

ELBOWED OUT FOLK GROUP

DUNLOY ACCORDION BAND

OMAGH PROTESTANT BOYS MELODY FLUTE BAND

TICKETS £10:00
FOR TICKETS CONTACT 07775532052
RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

You're invited to our
Christmas Craft Fair
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 2023
 Time: 6pm
The Oyster Catcher
2 Victoria Square
Rostrevor
 Mulled wine, mince pies and coffee
 from Evanlay Coffee Van
 For more information call Stefano on
 07803 807705 or 07821 114288

Armagh City Choir Christmas Concert
 Friday 8th December 2023 at 7:30pm

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Fantasia on Christmas Carols
 and other Christmas music
 Conductor: Michael Harris
 Soloist: Aaron O'Hare
 Organist: Phillip Elliott
 St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh
 Admission £10 - Pay at the door or tickets available from choir members.

Invitation from LOL 20 and RBP 30
Carol Service

Friday 8th December @ 7.30PM
Speaker: Rev. Timothy Eldon
Music: Trevor Sharpe
Everyone Welcome
 Royal Black Hall, 66 Dungannon Road, Portadown, BT621LG

MARLACOO RURAL ASSOCIATION
Marlacoo Orange Hall
Saturday 30th December 23
At 8.30pm till late
Music By Eric Clydesdale
Supper included
All welcome.
Pay at door

Ballynabraggett Rural Development Association
Carols by Fairylight
 Ballynabraggett Orange Hall
 Friday 15th December
 7.30pm
 Festive supper afterwards

Information



The Rural Action Awards Scheme has reopened for applications and have a further 3 awards available for this intake which closes for applications on 20th December 2023. Rural community-based organisations in Northern Ireland, or the border region of Ireland have the opportunity to apply for and be in with a chance of securing £1000 or €1000 towards their chosen community project. For Terms & Conditions and how to apply visit www.ruralaction.co



Update on National Lottery Funding

On 15 November 2023 National Lottery Awards For All is changing. From then you will:

- be able to apply for up to £20,000 in a single award
- be able to get your project funded for up to two years
- no longer be able to hold more than one National Lottery Awards for All grant at a time.

This is different to what's currently available. On 15 November this change will double the amount you can apply for, as well as how long will be given to fund a project and the number of National Lottery Awards for All grants you can have at one time. For more information, visit the National Lottery website here <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/northern-ireland>



Newry Mourne and Down District Council Financial Assistance

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council operates a number of grants and financial assistance programmes to contribute towards community projects. A number of funding programmes is expected to open again in December. <https://www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding>



Ageism Action Day Grant

The Action Day is on **20th March 2024**, and will happen every year around the same time. Grants of up to **£500** are available. Groups can choose to mark the day as they would like, using the theme **"see and be seen"** as inspiration.

The deadline for applications is **10th January 2024** but we may have to close early if we receive a high level of demand so we encourage you to **submit as early as possible**. Information session on Friday 8th December between 10am and 11am or Thursday 14 December between 1pm and 2pm. Alternatively, you can email grants@ageing-better.org.uk with your specific questions and we will aim to respond.

For more information or to apply click: <https://ageing-better.org.uk/ageism-action-day-micro-grants-age-friendly-communities>



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The Ulster-Scots Agency Small Events Grant

- for groups wishing to celebrate the birth of Scotland's Bard, Robert Burns.

The grant will support groups delivering Burns events between 1 January and 29 February 2024.

The maximum grant available is £1,000 (minimum of £300). Groups are required to provide match funding of at least 25%.

Link: <https://ow.ly/Wxcb50Q8cnK>



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