



Community Matters

CACD Helping People to Help Themselves

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If you are in need of help or advice from our Development Workers please contact them via their mobile phones or the main office number 028 3755 2103

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Reflecting on a Day of Heritage: A Journey Through Orange History

To mark Orange Heritage Week (21–28 September), which showcases the rich history and culture of the Orange Institution across Northern Ireland, CACD participants embarked on an inspiring journey through Armagh's Orange heritage. Organised by CACD, the day combined education, reflection, and fellowship, while highlighting landmarks central to the region's cultural identity.



The tour included **Dan Winter's House**, the modest County Armagh cottage where the Orange Order traces its roots. We heard the details of the Battle of the Diamond and the formation of the Orange Order. We also got an insight into what life was like living in the cottage and preservation required to keep its history alive.

We also visited **Brownlow House, Lurgan**, or Lurgan Castle as it is locally known. We heard the history that it was built in 1833 for the Rt. Hon. Charles Brownlow and was owned by the Brownlow family until the turn of the century, until changing fortunes resulted in the house and the surrounding grounds being purchased by Lurgan Loyal Orange District Lodge who own the property to this day.

In Portadown, we visited **Carleton Street Orange Hall**, a living archive of community life. Rich displays of banners, regalia, and photographs highlighted generations of history, while personal stories shared by the hosts brought warmth and humanity to the collection.

The day concluded at **St Luke's Church, Loughgall**, where attendees gathered for a relaxed BBQ. Thank you to the select vestry of St Luke's Church for the use of venue and to Glenanne Crown Prince LOL 133 for provision of the BBQ. Thank you to participants and guides for making the day a success. We are especially grateful to our funder, The National Lottery Community Fund Northern Ireland, whose generous support made this event possible.



Though this tour has ended, the story continues. To stay updated on future events, contact admin@cacd.org.uk and connect with heritage, celebrate culture, and share the story.



Information



Making the Most of Your Slow Cooker

CACD are looking groups to join our fun and healthy cooking programme

Get Involved

We are recruiting 5-7 participants for a Public Health Agency nutrition programme.

Learn Together

Enjoy hands-on cooking and healthy eating education, with slow cookers and weekly ingredients provided.

Session Details

The first session is in your venue, followed by remaining 3 sessions on Zoom or in person depending on group needs.



Contact admin@cacd.org.uk to register your interest!

CACD Development Workers Are Here to Help

Over the past few months, our CACD Development Workers have supported many groups with funding applications, governance advice, training, and a variety of other issues.

We're here to support all community groups. If your group could use help with funding, governance, training, or programme planning, don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can arrange a meeting with one of our Development Workers at our office, or we can attend one of your group's meetings. Even if you just want to chat through some ideas or need a bit of clarity, we're happy to help.

Contact us today – we're here to support you!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Autumn and Winter months are a great opportunity to ensure your committee members and volunteers are up to date with their safeguarding training. This may involve a full *Safeguarding Children* course or a refresher, depending on individual needs.

We are planning to run a **Full Safeguarding Children** on Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th October in Marlacoo Orange Hall from 7.30pm.

If you completed your full training **more than three years ago**, you may be eligible for a **refresher course**. This is a one-night session, which we will schedule once there is sufficient interest.

Contact admin@cacd.org.uk to enquire about training or to register to do this course.. A big thank you to **Community Sector Training** for their support in delivering this training.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COURSE

15TH, 22ND AND 29TH OCTOBER

Marlacoo Orange Hall

306 Marlacoo Rd, Armagh BT62 3TE

Book your place by contacting CACD on 028 37552103 or emailing admin@cacd.org.uk

CACD have again been successful with their bid to Cooperation Ireland to be a hub in the Circle of Learning Project.

CACD are recruiting four local groups to take part in:

- Up to four mentoring sessions in their own venue with David or James.
- Attend one networking event arranged by CACD with the other three groups
- Representatives from each group will be required to attend 4 networking events with 12 other groups carrying out similar projects
- Deliver a social action project up to the value of £650.00 each with the help of David or James.

Groups that have previously taken part in the Circle of Learning Project may also be eligible to take part in the new project.

Anyone who would like more details or to express an interest in taking part please contact David.

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Some of participants in 2025 project take part in finale event at Sticky Fingers, Newry

Whats On



**BATTLEHILL
BIG BREAKFAST.**

Fuel up with friends,
food & community spirit.

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2025
174 LOUGHGALL ROAD, PORTADOWN

Full breakfast served hot
Tea & coffee available

EVERYONE WELCOME
8AM - 12 NOON

Details from Four Orange Thursday Club, Newtownhamilton. Dancing in Knockavannon from 2.00pm

2nd October - Dancing to Ivor Greer

9th October - Dancing to Eric

16th October - Dancing to Jonny Forde

23rd October - Dancing to Joe Mac.

30th October - Day Trip (Full Details later)



....the return of the
**BIG
BREAKFAST**

**HAMILTONSBAWN
ORANGE HALL
SATURDAY 15TH
NOVEMBER
FROM 8AM TO
12NOON**

KILLEEN ORANGE HALL

DANCE

17th. October
dancing to
Paul Lilley

21st. November - Eric Clydesdale
19th. - Christmas - Kenny Paul

POSITIVE AGEING WELL

OCTOBER 2025

Come along to celebrate and recognise the valuable contributions of older people and promote their physical, mental, and emotional well-being

Stay Steady HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION Positive Ageing Month October

FREE Information and advice stands from 10.30am - 12.30pm

07 OCTOBER 2025	GLM HALL MOUNTNORRIS, MAIN ST, MOUNTNORRIS, ARMAGH BT60 2TR
15 OCTOBER 2025	THE NAUTILUS CENTRE, ROONEY RD, KILKEEL, NEWRY BT34 4AG
22 OCTOBER 2025	DROMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLM PARK, LURGAN RD, DROMORE BT25 1HL
29 OCTOBER 2025	KILLAMADDY CENTRE, 190 BALLYGAWLEY RD, DUNGANNON BT70 1TF

Refreshments will be provided

Appointment based health checks by Farm Families which includes a 25-minute health check for anyone over 18, especially farmers, farm families and rural dwellers who haven't had a blood pressure or cholesterol check in the past year. The health check is completely free and delivered by qualified nurses.

Each health check includes:

Diabetes Risk ✓	Advice ✓	BMI ✓
Cholesterol ✓	Lifestyle & Wellbeing ✓	Blood Pressure ✓

Book your appointment by email pwb.events@southerntrust.hscni.net
Alternatively call 028 3756 4400 to book an appointment.

Hevry, Mourne and Down Age Friendly District AGE FRIENDLY Southern Health and Social Care Trust Farm Families Health Checks Public Health Agency Promoting Wellbeing

Information



Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2025/26

Book a one-to-one appointment with CACD to get help with your application!

Capital Grants of £500 – £2,000 Available

Eligible Project Themes:

Modernisation (of buildings/assets)
ICT (Information Communication Technology)
Health & Wellbeing
Energy Efficiency or Environmental Improvements

**Application Deadline: 12:00pm (midday) – Monday
20th October 2025**

Applicants must provide 15% match funding.

**Contact us to book your session, day and
evening appointments available**

028 37552103 or info@cacd.org.uk

**Funded by: Department of Agriculture,
Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)**

Arts Council NI's Travel Awards for Bands Programme.

We are thrilled to highlight the following bands are eligible for our ROLLING Travel Award for Bands:

—Accordion Orchestra/Band (part, melody or marching)

- Brass Band

- Concert Band

- Flute Band (part, melody or marching)

- Pipe Band

- Wind Band

REMINDER: We are now accepting applications on a rolling basis to encourage and support bands to showcase their talents outside of NI.

<https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding/travel-awards-for-bands>

Northern Ireland Community Infrastructure Fund

Funding is available for up to 95% of the total project cost, up to a **maximum grant award of £40,000**. The minimum grant award is £9,500. The total of your capital project must be a minimum of £10,000 and up to a maximum of £50,000.

The aim is to enable community organisations to better meet the needs of their community and/or improve the quality and range of activities delivered in community buildings.

The scheme will provide funding towards:

Repairs & refurbishments;
Accessibility upgrades (ramps, lifts);
Energy efficiency improvements (boilers, insulation, solar panels);
Kitchen & toilet upgrades for multi-use spaces

The scheme will open for **Expressions of Interest on 1 October 2025 and close on 29 October 2025** for projects to be delivered between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027.

Projects that pass the Expression of Interest stage will be invited to complete a full application. The full application must be submitted by 9 January 2026.

**Contact CACD staff today for assistance with your application
028 37552103 david@cacd.org.uk james@cacd.org.uk**

<https://cooperationireland.org/nicif/>



David & James will deliver information workshops on The Northern Ireland Infrastructure Fund halls programme. Register your interest in attending a workshop with james@cacd.org.uk and watch our facebook page for details of the workshops.



Principal funders:

