



Community Matters

CACD Helping People to Help Themselves

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CACD Gala Dinner

CACD concluded a year of celebrations marking its 20th anniversary with a wonderful Gala Dinner. The event was held at the stunning Brownlow Castle in Lurgan. The evening brought together directors, committee past and present, past and current staff, friends, and colleagues who have supported and worked alongside us over the past 20 years, making it a truly special occasion.



We were privileged to have the Lord Mayor Stephen Moutray attend the event, to acknowledge all the work that CACD has done over the last 20 years in the ABC Council Area.



A fantastic night was enjoyed by all, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff at Brownlow Castle for their professionalism and for ensuring the event ran seamlessly.



A special thanks to Clara Wilson, whose beautiful singing created a fantastic atmosphere. After dinner, Tie the Knot band took to the stage and kept everyone entertained.

We are very grateful to Awards for All for funding our celebratory dinner and helping us mark this important milestone in CACD's journey.



Information



Men's Wellbeing Group

Participants in CACD's Men's Wellbeing Group recently enjoyed a hands-on woodworking experience. The group visited Toyboxes NI and took part in a two-week woodworking programme, where they learned how to use tools safely and developed new practical skills. A big thank you to Jason, who led the workshops and shared his expertise.

During the first week, participants created a bird box, followed by a bird feeder in the second week. Everyone had a great time, enjoying good company while learning new skills together. This project is supported by the Public Health Agency through the CLEAR Project.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

ZOOM REFRESHER COURSE

5TH & 12TH FEBRUARY

This refresher course is for anyone who has already completed their Full Child Safeguarding course in the last 3 years.

TO REGISTER
EMAIL: ADMIN@CACD.ORG.UK
PHONE: 028 3755 2103

Level 2 Food Hygiene Course

We have a limited number of places available on the Food Hygiene Level 2 course. This is an online course that you can complete home.

You receive a certificate upon completion. The course is suitable for anyone who helps in a kitchen in any type of voluntary role.

Funding Clinic Appointments

CACD Development workers are available to provide one-to-one funding clinics at our office. Offering support with funding applications and guidance on funding opportunities relevant to your group. Please note: Access to the building is via steps, however, we're happy to meet at a more accessible location if that works better for you.



Whats On



All about **YOUTH** Save the date

Thursday 26th February
 9.30am-3.30pm
 Craigavon Civic & Conference Centre



New Year, New Lodge – **Junior Girls' Orange Lodge Launch!**

EXCITING NEWS FOR PORTADOWN!
DUE TO THE AMAZING GROWTH OF THE JUNIOR ORANGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN THE PORTADOWN AREA, WL01 101 IS FORMING A NEW JUNIOR GIRLS' LODGE.



Heritage Bible Scripture

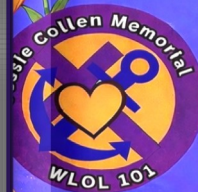
Fun & Games

Music Parades

Skills & Personal Development

Cultural Workshops

Monthly fellowship



A POSITIVE SPACE FOR GIRLS TO HAVE A VOICE, LEARN THEIR HERITAGE AND CELEBRATE THEIR CULTURE!

REGISTER NOW!

wlol101@yahoo.com

Meeting once a month in Edenderry Orange Hall

AFTERNOON *Tea Dance*

FOR PEOPLE AGED 50+
LIVING IN THE ABC COUNCIL AREA
FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026
BROWNLOW COMMUNITY HUB, CRAIGAVON
2.00PM - 4.00PM



MARKETHILL PIPE BAND PRESENTS

*Love is in
the Air*

When
Saturday 14th February 2026

Where
TANNAGHMORE ORANGE HILL
Mullurg Road, Markethill



Time
Start at 8pm

Compare: **Ewan McNeill**

Light super provided

£10
PER TICKET

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KILLEEN ORANGE HALL

8 Derryrairie Road, BT60 1NZ

DANCE

20th. February
dancing to

WEE TOM

Admission - £7.00

20th. March - CHARITY - Paul Lilley

17th April - - - - Kenny Paul

Information

Community Grants

ABC Council have a number of Community funding opportunities available.

Including:

- Large Capital Grant
- Small Capital Grants
- New Fund: the Events Equipment Grant
- New Fund: the Coronation Bursary Grant.

Closing dates vary between grants

The calls open on Monday 12 January 2026

For more information on what grants are available you can visit:

www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/fundingabc



The Rural Action Awards for 2025/2026 are open for applications.

The Awards offer rural community-based organisations in Northern Ireland or the border region of Ireland the opportunity to apply for and secure £1000 or €1000 towards their volunteer led community action project.

Our Rural Action Awards scheme for this year will again support 12 volunteer led community action projects up to March 2026.

As before, the scheme is open to constituted rural community-based organisations including charities, not for profit community groups, sporting and cultural organisations, heritage groups, Parent Teacher Associations, youth groups/clubs and social enterprises.

The scheme seeks to support practical, tangible and timebound projects where the project must complete within 12 weeks.

For more information you can visit: www.ruralaction.com



**RICHILL DISTRICT
L.O.L. NO. 2**



**THE WILLIAM
HUTCHINSON
MEMORIAL QUIZ**

**BATTLEHILL ORANGE HALL
FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026
AT 7.30PM**

PROCEEDS IN AID OF NEWRY HOSPICE



Delivered by

**THE NATIONAL LOTTERY
COMMUNITY FUND**



Dormant Assets for All

This funding, from the Dormant Asset Scheme, is for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Northern Ireland. It helps organisations to: build skills and capacity, be more resilient and prepare for future challenges.

You can apply for between £300 and £20,000 to run projects that last up to 2 years.

No fixed closing date. Get in touch with the office for assistance with your application.

Principal funders:



An Roinn Gnóthai Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs
RECONCILIATION FUND

