



Community Matters

CACD Helping People to Help Themselves

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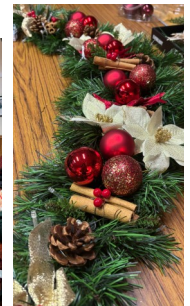


CACD recently enjoyed a wonderful evening hosting a Christmas garland-making workshop, where participants had the chance to get creative and enjoy good company.

The garlands produced were both original and beautifully crafted, reflecting each participant's personal style.

Using a mixture of artificial and fresh materials, attendees were able to design unique garlands to take home and display for the Christmas season.

This workshop formed part of our Co-Ownership project, and we extend our thanks to Co-Ownership for their generous funding and support. More events and activities are planned in the coming months, so be sure to keep an eye out for what's next!



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Use of the corporate identity must not in any way directly or indirectly imply the existence of any form of relationship or benefit other than as set out in writing between the parties".

CACD at Home Coffee Morning



We want to thank everyone who joined us on the 10th of December at our CACD At Home Coffee morning. It was great to welcome everyone to the office and catch up over a cup of coffee and some warm mince pies!

Information



Men's Christmas Dinner

Participants in CACD's Men's Wellbeing Group have enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at Sintons in Scarva. A great meal was had by all and even better company. This marked the finish of the Men's Groups activities for 2025. A huge thank you to Clear for their generous funding, it has had a huge impact on our community. The men are looking forward to their woodworking workshops and other social outings in 2026.



Halifax Foundation NI Celebrated 40 Years

David and James were delighted to attend the 40th anniversary celebration of the Halifax Fund. An organisation that has supported our work for many years. Through Halifax funding, we have been able to Support several groups in our community. It was a pleasure to be invited to Stormont to celebrate and recognise the achievements of the Halifax Fund over the past 40 years.



20 Years of CACD Celebrations

As our 20th Anniversary Celebrations draw to a close, we are delighted to invite you to join us for our final special event.

To mark two decades of dedication, growth, and community impact, we will be hosting a Gala Dinner—an evening to celebrate all that CACD has achieved over the past 20 years, and to honour the many people we have supported and connected with along the way.

The celebration will take place in the beautiful setting of Brownlow Castle. It is sure to be an unforgettable evening!

A limited number of tickets remain. We encourage anyone wishing to attend to get in touch soon to secure their place at this special event. We look forward to sharing this memorable evening with you. Two Tickets per group available.



CACD CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
TO OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

GALA DINNER

16TH JANUARY 2026, 7pm
BROWNLOW CASTLE,
LURGAN, BT67 9BJ

For More Information
Email: admin@cacd.org.uk

Whats On



SENIOR Supper Dance

FOR PEOPLE AGED 50+ LIVING IN THE ABC COUNCIL AREA
TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026
ARMAGH CITY HOTEL | 7.00PM - 9.00PM

This is a great opportunity to get out of the house, enjoy some dancing, a cup of tea and make new social connections. For more information or to book email:
• claire.mccann@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk or call Claire ☎ 0300 0300 900 ext:51814
• pat.pranty@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk or call Pat ☎ 0300 0300 900 ext: 61837

Please note: No bookings will be taken before Monday 5th January

Music by Houshy
Light refreshments will be served.

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KILLEEN ORANGE HALL

DANCE

16th. January
dancing to
Johnny Forde

Admission - £7.00

20th. February - Wee Tom
20th. March - Paul Lilley

Parent Well
A source of inspiration

Parent LineNI
0808 8020 400

Staying Safer & Smarter Online

*Content *Contact *Conduct *Consequences
Supporting children 11yrs & over to stay safer online

Small group information session for parents

Thursday 8th January 2026
10-11.30am on Zoom

To book your place call
0808 8020 400

Four Orange Thursday Club Dates

In Newtownhamilton

8th January 2026 Robert Brown
15th January 2026 Nigel Livingstone
22nd January 2026 BB Paul
29th January 2026 Nigel Livingstone

RECOVERY COLLEGE COURSES

We have a wide range of courses available

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2026

To register your interest / enrol on any of the courses, get in touch.
All our courses are free of charge.

Level 2 Food Hygiene

CACD currently has a number of places available for anyone wishing to complete Level 2 Food Hygiene training.

This is an online course that can be completed in the comfort of your own home, at a time that suits you. This course is highly recommended for anyone volunteering or taking part in any form of food preparation within their groups.

To register, please contact:
admin@cacd.org.uk

Good Governance Training

CACD will be delivering Good Governance training to local groups to support them in running their organisations effectively and responsibly.

This training is designed to help groups understand best practice in governance, ensure compliance, and strengthen their ability to access funding and other supports.

Groups interested in availing of this training should contact us for information or register interest: david@cacd.org.uk

Keep Warm packs

A big thank you to HSCNI for providing the keep warm packs. We were able to provide these packs to those in need of them in our community. Including those involved with Baby Basics in Mullavilly helping young families in need. Packs were provided to other local community groups supporting vulnerable people in the area. We were glad to make these packs more accessible for everyone.



Southern Health and Social Care Trust



Information



In 2025, CACD proudly celebrated its 20-year anniversary, marking two decades of supporting our community and strengthening local groups. The celebrations brought together community members, volunteers, and partners, recognising the dedication and contributions of everyone who has been part of CACD's journey. We thank the National Lottery for their Funding of our Celebrations.



In May a special reception was hosted by Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Kyle Savage at the Palace Building, Palace Demesne. Bringing together current and former Directors, Committee members, and CACD staff. In June CACD hosted a special Showcase Event in Craigavon Civic Centre, featuring performances by Clones FRC Different Keys Community Choir, Markethill Pipe Band, Fiddlin' Home, Sam Strain, Eric Clydesdale and Paul Berry. Our Heritage bus tour in September was a highlight in the CACD Calendar this year, with stops at Dan Winter's House, Brownlow Castle, and Carleton Street Orange Hall. A lovely day with lots of great food along the way, a good time was had by all who came! We look forward to joining with everyone for our final Celebration event. A Gala Dinner, held in Brownlow Castle.



Financial Assistance Grants

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council operates a number of grants and financial assistance programmes to contribute towards community projects.

- Arts & Culture
- Community Engagement
- Community Events & Festivals

For full list of Categories considered visit:

www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding

If you need assistant contact one of our Development Workers.

Closing date: Monday 12 January 2026 at 12 noon



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COMMUNITY FUND**

Dormant Assets for All

This funding, from the Dormant Assets 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.

Message for the Year Ahead

We hope everyone that a happy and safe break over Christmas. As we look ahead to 2026, everyone at CACD looks forward to another year of supporting our community to grow and thrive. If we can assist you or your group in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We wish everyone a healthy, successful, and positive New Year.

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