

## Welcome to Accolade

Accolade All Community Arts Communication (ACAC) is a community development organisation based in Banbridge and Newry, County Down, which uses the media of choral singing, music, song and dance to deliver a variety of projects and events across Northern Ireland and further afield.

Established in April 2013 by professional Musical Directors, **Vessie Ivanova and Nikolay Ivanov**, our organisation now has two Community choirs, chamber orchestra and Bulgarian dance troupe. We now boast over 100 members from over 12 nationalities with ages ranging from 16 to 80.

*New members are always welcome !*

### What Accolade means to its members

All Together,  
Community,  
Choral Singing,  
Open to each other and everyone  
Learning new songs, performing.....  
Accolade— being grateful for life  
Diversity,  
Enjoying ourselves



## Accolade's Outreach work

We are extremely proud of the outreach work that we do across different communities in Northern Ireland. Accolade has delivered over 20 programmes to a diverse range of beneficiaries however our main focus is the vulnerable in society eg The Alzheimer's Society, The Brain Injury foundation, older people, newer communities and cross community peace building work.

**Famine commemoration—Newry—Sept 2016** - Accolade was deeply honoured to perform at the



Ireland Famine Commemoration ceremony attended by over 6000 people including national and international ambassadors, diplomats and other dignitaries, including the Deputy First Minister Arts & Culture Ministers for Ireland and Northern Ireland.

### Stormont - Dec. 2015

We received the greatest recognition of our community and peacebuilding work— with an invitation to perform at Parliament Buildings , Stormont courtesy of Jo-Anne Dobson MLA.

## *When do we meet ?*

Accolade Community choir, **Newry**  
**Tuesday** - at 7.00pm  
Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry

Accolade Community choir, **Banbridge**  
**Thursday** at 7.00pm—Community Room  
TESCO OUTLET, Banbridge

Accolade Chamber Orchestra  
**Monday** at 7.00pm  
Bannside Presbyterian Hall, Banbridge

For further information, please contact our  
Musical Directors :-  
Mrs Vessie Ivanova or Mr Nikolay Ivanov  
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### **Up & Coming Events :-**

Friday 22nd April - **DCAL legacy event**,  
Kingspan Stadium , Belfast  
courtesy of OFMDFM Deputy First Minister  
and Culture Minister

Wednesday 18th May - Accolade Quiz -  
Canal Court Hotel, Newry - 8.30pm

Saturday 18th June —Live concert –2.30pm  
Seapatrick Parish fete, Banbridge

Saturday 25th June — live performance  
Buskfest, Banbridge town centre

Tuesday 5th July - Accolade A.G.M.—7.30pm  
Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry

## **Accolade contacts**

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