

# Anti- Poverty work

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***The Community Development Alliance  
- in place of the Provisional Government.***

Equality

### OF THE **IRISH REPUBLIC**

Disability  
Projects

On behalf of those community development projects that are being closed down, and on behalf of those communities in our remit who are experiencing poverty, social and education disadvantage and savage community cutbacks; on behalf of those groups and communities who are most distant from the process, most removed from the power systems; we announce today the following development

The setting up of CAMA – Community Assets Management Agency, to protect the Community Development Projects that are being closed down at a time when their services are most needed. Community development projects give a voice to those people who consistently experience poverty; we empower people to set up services, policies and programmes aimed at reducing poverty and inequality. CAMA aims to articulate and protect those voices.

Core  
Community  
values

We call for the retention of the CDP programme, with all of its values and ethos protected, including the bottom up approach, and the retention of all community assets that were sought for and fought for in the name of those people and communities who are poor, vulnerable and left out on the margins.

After-  
school  
Projects

The retention of the Voluntary Boards of Management – volunteers, who for decades have worked hard to bring about equality and a new vision for the vulnerable members of our communities and the retention of the 180 CDPs and their private Limited Companies in order to protect the target groups in their area.

We urge the policy makers to listen to us and reverse the decision to close projects down. It will only hurt the young, the old, the poor, the disabled, the excluded and marginalized – and it will cost the state more in the end. CDPs have a proven track record as a 'value for money' and it attracts five time more funding than CRAGGA gives to the programme.

Community  
based  
Child care

The measure of a true democracy is its ability to empower its most vulnerable citizens with the means to participate fully in all decisions and systems that affect their lives and communities. Killing off Community Development Projects will also kill democracy and participation. We believe that no one in the political system wants that to happen. The Community Development Alliance are determined that our newly established CAMA pledges to act valiantly for the aims outlined above.

Community  
Health  
Projects

Issued on behalf of the Community Development Alliance