

NEWSLETTER

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2026

GLADCA SERVICES



SERVING THE COMMUNITY:

For over 50 years, GLADCA has proudly served the community. From small beginnings in the 1970s, we have grown into a trusted one-stop center for local people offering Education services, immigration advice, health and wellbeing activities, Yoga sessions, coffee mornings, walking sessions, supermarket vouchers and food parcels etc.

We have supported more than 12,000 service users over 12 months. We empower individuals to become law abiding citizens, developing stronger and more inclusive community. Our goal has always been simple we ensure that everyone feels valued, welcome, and safe.

We continue to promote equality, inclusion, and opportunity for all.

We create a model of community care that not only addresses immediate needs but also build long term skills and confidence that people need to rebuild their lives and live an independent life. GLADCA is the beating heart of community life deeply rooted in our local area, working on grassroot level and we are proud of our journey so far, and ambitious about the future.



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GLADCA SERVICES

It's as busy as ever across our sector, and there's been lots going on GLADCA, so if you've got a couple of minutes to spare, please do have a look through the articles and notifications below. There's plenty of great stuff to report however there's only ever a snapshot in the newsletter and if you want to know more, don't forget to take a look at our website.



OUR SERVICES:

- ESOL PRE ENTRY
ENTRY 123, LEVEL 1&2
- ESOL, IT, EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
- IT WORKSHOPS
- GLADCA IMMIGRATION SERVICE
- GLADCA WELFARE ADVICE
- GLADCA CRICKET CLUB
- COFFEE MORNINGS
- FOOD PARCEL AND SUPER MARKET VOUCHERS.



GLADCA SERVICES:

- ESOL PRE ENTRY ENTRY 1,2,3, LEVEL 1&2
- EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS (CV MAKING)
- IT COURSES
- GLADCA CRICKET CLUB
- COFFEE MORNINGS
- GLADCA IMMIGRATION SERVICES
- WELFARE ADVICE
- FOOD PARCEL AND SUPERMARKET VOUCHER

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GLADCA 50th Anniversary: SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50 YEARS

Inspire Education Group

Ofsted Outstanding

ASDA Free Food Parcel & ASDA Voucher

GLADCA IMMIGRATION SERVICES

GLADCA CRICKET CLUB

COFFEE MORNING

Resume / CV Workshop @ GLADCA

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At GLADCA, we are proud to offer a wide range of **FREE** services to support our community in Peterborough. Whether you want to improve your English, gain job skills, learn IT, welfare advice, or connect with others, we are here to help...



GLADCA FREE ESOL AND IT CLASSES

We deliver ESOL courses from Pre-Entry to Level 2, as well as ICT, Employability, and Integration sessions, designed to build confidence, communication, and digital skills. Learners report increased confidence, improved English, and greater access to employment, volunteering, and further study.



ESOL, IT, EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Our free digital and employability course is to help individuals gain skills and confidence needed to find employment. We offer support with CV writing, job searching, completing applications forms, and preparing for interviews.



EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR A JOB?
We will help you!

Free short course to help you develop your perfect CV and apply for job...

COURSE OUTLINE

- CV WORKSHOPS
- INTERVIEW SKILLS
- JOB SEARCH

COURSE DURATION
4 WEEKS
4 HOURS PER WEEK

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

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COMMUNITY FUND

FREE COURSE

Resume / CV Workshop @ GLADCA



- ✓ MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- ✓ Liver health check
- ✓ Vaccination Awareness
- ✓ Cervical Screening Awareness
- ✓ Mental Health Awareness
- ✓ Peri Natal Mental Health Awareness
- ✓ Management of Menopause
- ✓ Legal Education and Listening

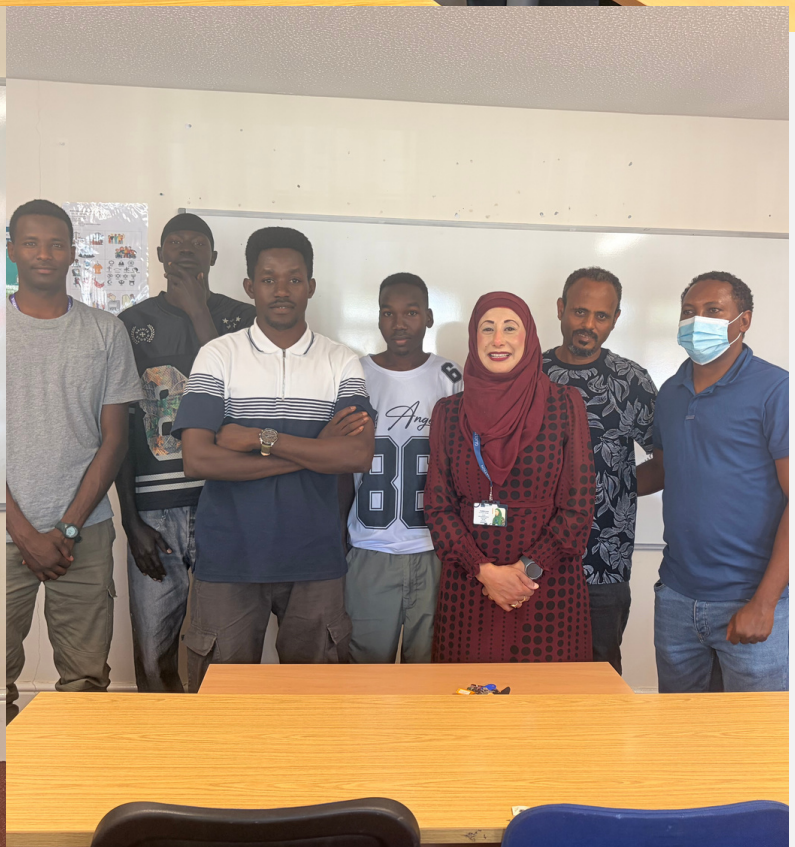




GLADCA REFUGEE INTEGRATION

PATHWAY PROJECT-RIPP

GLADCA's Refugee Integration Pathway Project helps refugees successfully settle into their new communities by providing ESOL classes, employability support, housing and welfare guidance, and digital and life skills training. The project promotes independence, confidence, and long-term integration through practical, person-centred support.





NADRA SURGERY - JULY 2026

On 18th July 2026 GLADCA hosted a NADRA Mobile Registration Surgery in partnership with the Pakistan High Commission (Birmingham Branch) to support the local Pakistani community. The event provided residents with the opportunity to apply for new NADRA cards, renew or update existing NADRA identity cards, process Power of Attorney documents, and obtain document attestation services. The initiative helped community members access essential consular services locally, reducing the need to travel long distances while ensuring convenient and efficient support for their legal and identification needs. Assisted more than 100 people with NADRA service





GLADCA CRICKET CLUB

GLADCA Cricket Club offers a fantastic opportunity for members of the community to stay active, build confidence and enjoy team work- completely free of charge. Our cricket club holds training sessions twice a week at Jack hunt Academy

*EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN.
COME ALONG AND BE A PART OF OUR GROWING CRICKET COMMUNITY!*

PASSIONATE ABOUT CRICKET ?
Come and join our **GLADCA COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUB..**

FREE!

- Open to all ages
- Coaching & skill development sessions
- Safe, inclusive & welcoming environment.
- Fitness, teamwork & fun
- Open to women and teens
- Building community through cricket
- Managing behavior through cricket

venue:
**JACKHUNT SCHOOL
BRADWELL ROAD,
PETERBOROUGH
PE3 9PY
EVERY THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY
4PM-6PM**

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NO REGISTRATION FEE

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Serving the community

COMMUNITY FUND

SPORT ENGLAND



GLADCA ANNUAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT - JULY 2026

On 22 July 2026, GLADCA successfully organised the GLADCA Annual Cricket Tournament (T10) and Community Fun Day at Splash Lane, Peterborough, PE5 7BD, bringing together residents, families, community organisations, volunteers, and local leaders for a day of sport, celebration, and community engagement. The event attracted more than 200 participants and visitors, creating a vibrant atmosphere that promoted unity, inclusion, healthy lifestyles, and cultural diversity within the local community.



The cricket tournament featured three teams: GLADCA Cricket Team, Kashmir Lions, and Kabul Strikers. Following a series of exciting and competitive matches, Kashmir Lions emerged as the tournament champions, while the GLADCA Cricket Team finished as the runner-up. The matches demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and competitive spirit, providing enjoyable entertainment for players and spectators alike.

The prize presentation ceremony was led by Councillor Dr Shabina Qayyum, Leader of Peterborough City Council and Yasmin Ilahi, Co-director GLADCA who presented the trophies and cash prize to the winning teams. The event was further honoured by the attendance of Francis Burkitt, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Heidi Haxeltime from lottery fund, along with several Peterborough City Council members, community leaders, partner organisations, and local stakeholders, whose presence reflected their continued support for community development and inclusive sporting activities





GLADCA WELFARE ADVICE

FREE WELFARE BENEFITS ADVICE



**WE OFFER FREE ADVICE AND
SUPPORT ON:**



- UNIVERSAL CREDIT APPLICATIONS.
- PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT(PIP)
- EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE(ESA)
- CARER ALLOWANCE
- ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE
- DISABILITY ALLOWANCE(DLA)
- KNOW YOUR BENEFITS ENTITLEMENT



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GLADCA
WELFARE BENEFIT ADVICE & SUPPORT

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GLADCA offers free and confidential welfare advice to support members of our community. Our experienced team provides guidance and information to help individuals and families to understand their rights and access support they need.

Through our Welfare Support Service, we assist individuals and families with a wide range of essential services, including crisis resilience payment(CRP), housing applications, Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Universal Credit, and other welfare benefits. By offering tailored advice and ongoing support, we empower vulnerable members of the community to overcome challenges, achieve greater independence, and improve their overall quality of life.



GLADCA IMMIGRATION SERVICES

GLADCA Immigration service provides trusted and confidential immigration support to help individuals and families understand their option and next steps. We have qualified IAA Level 1 advisors on site. We aim to provide clear information and practical support in a friendly and welcoming environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT GLADCA DIRECTLY

GLADCA IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Visitor Visas,
- Dependent Family Visas,
- Spouse Visas, Unmarried Partner Visas and EEA Family permits.
- Extension for Marriage or Family reasons
- Infinite Leave to Remain & Citizenship
- Sponsorship Guidance

Office Hours from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
call us to book **confidential consultation** today!

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Home Office **TEL: 01733 566343**
Email: immigrationadvisor@gladca.org



GLADCA SUPPORTS FOOD PARCEL, SUPER MARKET VOUCHER AND CRISIS PAYMENT SCHEME

GLADCA is a local CRF Community Partner supporting people in crisis through food parcels, food vouchers, welfare advice, direct support with CRF applications, and referrals to essential local services. We provide compassionate, person-centered support to help individuals and families overcome immediate challenges and build long-term resilience. We deliver supermarket vouchers and food parcels to help tackle poverty and food insecurity across our community.

FOOD PARCEL & VOUCHERS

FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

- Food parcels filled with care
- Asda vouchers to help with everyday essentials
- Supporting families, building stronger communities



ASDA VOUCHERS
FOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS AND EVERYDAY NEEDS





GLADCA DIGNITARIES VISIT

GLADCA was honoured to welcome a number of distinguished guests and community leaders throughout the year. These visits provided an opportunity to showcase our services, engage in meaningful discussions about the needs of the local community, and strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders.

During their visits, the dignitaries met with staff, volunteers, and service users, learning about GLADCA's work in welfare support, refugee integration, health and wellbeing initiatives, digital inclusion, employability, and community engagement. Their encouragement and positive feedback recognised the impact of our projects and reinforced our shared commitment to supporting vulnerable individuals and building a stronger, more inclusive community.



**Francis Burkitt High Sheriff of
Cambridgeshire ,visited GLADCA**



**Councillor Dr Shabina Qayyum
Leader of Peterborough City Council,
visited GLADCA**



Francis Burkitt High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire with GLADCA trustees



Jonathan Jelley-chairman PCVS,visited GLADCA



Francis Burkitt High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire,with GLADCA volunteers



Our Service Users Feedbacks

I was homeless and didn't know where to turn. GLADCA helped me complete my housing application and supported me throughout the process. Their kindness gave me hope. Thank you for helping me take the first step towards a better future.

Receiving a food parcel from GLADCA was a great blessing during a difficult period. Thank you for your compassion and outstanding support.

As a single mother of four children, I was struggling to provide food for my family. GLADCA supported me with food vouchers when I needed them most. Their kindness and timely help eased my worries and made a real difference to our lives. I am truly grateful for their support

I am very grateful to GLADCA for helping me access CRP funding. The financial support made a real difference to my life and helped me through a challenging period. Thank you for your dedication to the community.

I had a fantastic time at the GLADCA Annual Cricket Tournament. The event was full of fun, friendship, and community spirit. It was wonderful to see people of all ages and backgrounds coming together to enjoy the day.

Thanks to GLADCA's Employability and CV Workshop, I created my first CV and improved my digital skills. The support and guidance I received have given me more confidence to look for work.

Before joining the ESOL class at GLADCA, I couldn't speak English. Now I can communicate with people, understand everyday conversations, and feel much more confident. Thank you to the teachers for their patience and support

I am a volunteer at GLADCA, and it has been a wonderful experience. Volunteering has helped me gain valuable skills, build my confidence, and connect with people in the local community. I am grateful to GLADCA for giving me this opportunity."

I am a refugee from Eritrea studying at GLADCA through the Refugee Integration Pathway Programme (RIPP). The programme has improved my English, helped me develop employability skills, and provided me with the support I needed to settle into my new community. I am very thankful to GLADCA for helping me become more confident and independent."

My daughter joined the free cricket sessions at GLADCA Cricket Club, and it has made a huge difference to her confidence and wellbeing. She loves playing cricket, has made new friends, and looks forward to every session. Thank you, GLADCA, for this wonderful opportunity.



GLADCA Shortlisted for the National Diversity Awards 2026!

We are absolutely honoured and delighted to announce that GLADCA (Gladstone District Community Association) has been shortlisted as a finalist for the National Diversity Awards 2026 in the Community Organisation for Race, Faith or Religion Award category. To be selected from over 80,000 nominations and votes nationwide is a truly humbling achievement and a proud moment for our organisation, our team, volunteers, trustees, partners and the communities we serve. For over 50 years, GLADCA has been at the heart of Peterborough — breaking barriers, creating opportunities promoting inclusion, and supporting people from all backgrounds through education, health & wellbeing, advice, integration, and community projects. This recognition belongs to every learner, volunteer, partner, supporter, and community member who has been part of our journey. Our mission has always been simple: “Bringing communities together, celebrating diversity, and empowering people to thrive.”

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