

**Hello!**

We are the Neill's teddy bears- you just saw us in the video! We hope you enjoyed watching us in our home at North Down Museum. We love it here, the staff at the museum treat us so well and are always letting us dress-up in different costumes for the visitors of the museum to see us in! Hopefully one day you'll be able to visit us there- we would love to meet you in person.

We are actually very old teddies. So old we can't even remember our birthday! We think it was sometime around 1940, making us 80 years old! We used to live in a shop window on the main street of Bangor. Our owner owned a coal business there called Robert Neill and Sons, if you ask your granny's and granddad's they might even remember seeing us!

Since we're so old now we need someone to give us special care to make sure we stay in the best condition. This is what museums do, they care for teddies like us who are really old so that as many people as possible can see us in the future. We are really important to the history of Bangor so the staff at North Down Museum keep us safe so that young people like you can visit us!

In return, we like to teach young people like you! Today we want to teach you all about Chinese New Year and how people celebrate it across the world. Come join us, it's going to be really fun!

We hope to see you in person someday soon!

*The Neill's Teddy Bear Gang*

