



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

The Cathaoirleach's Community Awards 2015



Galway County Council Supporting Communities

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Introduction

From the Cathaoirleach of
the County of Galway



On behalf of Galway County Council I am delighted to be hosting the 2015 Cathaoirleach's Community Awards (previously the Mayors Awards).

Community & voluntary activity is thriving in County Galway and it is important that this is acknowledged and rewarded. I am delighted to be working with the Council on these Awards and I am looking forward to presenting the awards to the winners on the night.

Cllr. Peter Roche

Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

What are the Cathaoirleach's Community Awards?

The Awards recognise and celebrate the work that individuals, groups, organisations & schools in County Galway contribute to their communities. There are 12 Award categories in total. We are now seeking nominations for each Award category.

What are the 12 Categories?

1. Community Economic Initiative Award

This category recognises community groups who have developed initiatives in their area which have made a positive economic impact on the community. For example festivals, enterprises, markets, creating employment etc.

2. Environmental Award

This category recognises groups or schools who have worked with their community to improve the environment around them.

3. Sports Award

This category recognises groups or schools who have focused on increasing the number of people participating in sport.

4. Arts & Culture Award

This category recognises the work that groups have done to encourage and promote arts and culture in their community.

5. Heritage Publication Award

This category recognises the efforts that community groups have made to research, record and promote the heritage of their area.

6. Schools Contribution to Heritage or Irish Language Award

This category recognises the efforts that schools have made to celebrate, promote or increase the extracurricular use of Heritage or the Irish Language in their school or area.

7. Best Contribution to Heritage Award

This category recognises the efforts that community groups have made to the heritage of their area.

8. Best Contribution to the Irish Language (Gaeltacht)

This category recognises the efforts that community groups within the Gaeltacht have made to preserve, promote or increase the use of Irish.

9. Best Contribution to the Irish Language (non- Gaeltacht)

This category recognises the efforts that community groups outside of the Gaeltacht have made to promote and increase the use of Irish.

10. Age Friendly Award

This category recognises the efforts that groups have made to support and integrate older persons in the Community. This is particularly relevant as County Galway works towards becoming an 'Age Friendly' County.

11. Social Inclusion Award

This award recognises groups or schools that have worked towards trying to support 'excluded' or 'marginalised' people. For example young people, people with a disability, LGBT people, unemployed people, lone parents etc.

12. Volunteer of the Year Award

This category recognises the outstanding contribution that an individual volunteer has made to their community in 2015.

How do I Nominate?

1. There is one nomination form for all categories.
2. You state which category you are making the nomination for on the form.
3. You can make a nomination by downloading the nomination form from www.galway.ie/cathaoirleachawards , completing it and emailing it back.
4. Read the questions carefully. Section A is information regarding the group or person being nominated. Section B is information regarding the person making the nomination.
5. You may submit extra information or photos. The assessment will be based on the information provided on the form and any extra information given.
6. Closing date for receipt of nomination forms is **4pm Friday 30th October 2015.**

What Happens then?

1. The Awards will be independently assessed after the closing date.
2. Each category will be short listed to 5 nominees and a winner will be chosen.
3. The short listed nominees will be invited to the Cathaoirleach's Community Awards Ceremony on the evening of the 26th November 2015 where the winners will be announced and presented with their Awards and prize money.



2014 Award Winners

What is the Prize?

All winners will be presented with a specially commissioned prestigious Cathaoirleach's Community Award hand crafted by a local Galway craft producer.

Winners will also receive a prize of €500 to use for their work.

Are there any Conditions?

The following conditions apply:

1. The Cathaoirleach's Community Awards will be held on 26th November 2015. The short listed nominees must be present on the night where the winner will be announced. Short listed nominees will be notified in advance.
2. Nominees must be normally based and operate in County Galway (excluding the City).
3. Groups and individuals may nominate themselves.
4. The work of all nominees must be on a '*Not for Profit*' basis.
5. Nominations will only be considered on the official nomination form and received by the above closing date.
6. You can make a nomination by downloading the nomination form from www.galway.ie/cathaoirleachawards , completing it and emailing it back.

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