



The Mayor's Awards Gradaim an Mhéara

Celebrating voluntary activity in community life in Galway City
Ag ceiliúradh gníomhaíochtaí deonacha i saol an phobail i gCathair na Gaillimhe



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council



**Mayor of the City of Galway
Cllr. Pearce Flannery**

The Mayor's Awards, which are held on an annual basis, acknowledge outstanding people and organisations, who through their commitment to participating in unpaid community and voluntary activities, have made a significant impact on the quality of their communities in Galway City.

With the objective to “value, support and promote the contribution of volunteers and encourage participation in Voluntary activity”, Galway City Council, announces the fifteenth annual Mayor's Award Scheme.

Nominations are invited for individuals or organisations who are involved in voluntary activity which takes place in the city in one of the following categories:

Arts, Culture, Heritage and Cúrsaí Gaeilge Award

This award celebrates the contribution of volunteers to the continuing development of Galway as a city that places the arts, culture, the natural and built heritage and the Irish language at the heart of its existence.

Residents and Local Areas Award

Community living in the city is strengthened by the work which individuals and groups undertake across a range of activities in local areas to physically enhance the environment in which they live. This award recognises that contribution.

Community Service and Social Inclusion Award

This award acknowledges the broad spectrum of community activities that take place within our City. It also recognises the voluntary contribution of groups and individuals that have worked to encourage all people to engage fully in our society.

Older Volunteer of the Year Award

This award recognises the efforts of individuals or organisations to increase the participation of older people in their community and improve their quality of life and well-being.

Environmental Sustainability Award

Building on Galway City's European Green Leaf designation (2017), this award recognises volunteers working towards better environmental outcomes in Galway City.

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award

This award acknowledges the invaluable contribution volunteers make to their local community and the city through their involvement and commitment to sport and sporting organisations.

Children and Youth Support Award

Many people give of their time to support participation in recreation and other activities by children and young people across the city. This award recognises that work.

Young Volunteer of the Year Award

This category celebrates and acknowledges the work done by people under the age of 25 as volunteers with a variety of groups from youth organisations to support groups to representative bodies.

The Galway City Council Volunteer of the Year Award

This award will be made to one of those nominated in another category.

There will be a commemorative trophy and a payment of €500 for each winner. Each of the nominees will receive a certificate from the Mayor of Galway City at the Awards Ceremony.

Nominators are asked to complete the accompanying form, outlining:

- **The nominees activities and their achievements and contributions in these activities**
- **The difference the nominee has made in the community**
- **The reasons why the nominee deserves the Award**

Nomination forms are available from: Community & Culture Department, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, Galway City Libraries or from www.galwaycity.ie

A judging panel made up of the Mayor of Galway City, the Director of Services Community & Culture, the Chair of Galway City Partnership, the Chair of the Local Community Development Committee and representatives from Galway City Community Network, Volunteer Galway and the local media. The panel will review the nominations and make their decisions based on the contents of nomination forms submitted.

The closing date for nominations is 4pm on Tuesday 10 April 2018. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in May 2018 in the Galmont Hotel, Galway, to which all Nominees and Nominators will be invited.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO
The Mayor's Awards
Galway City Council, City Hall
College Road, Galway
Telephone 091 536406,
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Winners of the Mayor's Awards 2017

Arts, Culture, Heritage & Cursai Gaelige Award

St James' Pastoral Council, in recognition of its contribution to highlighting the rich heritage of the Bushypark Community area.

Residents & Local Areas Award

Paul Lennon, for his commitment and enthusiasm to volunteering with the Roscam/Rosshill Residents Association.

Community Service & Social Inclusion Award

Phil Grealish, for her many years of volunteering with various groups within Galway City and in particular with St Columba's Credit Union.

Older Volunteer of the Year Award

The Renmore Friendship Club, for their commitment to increasing the quality of life for elderly people in their community.

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award

Shane O'Connor, in recognition of his voluntary activity with the Galway Speeders' swimming group

Children and Youth Award

Croí na Gaillimhe Homework Club, for their dedication and energy in working with children in the Eglinton Hostel.

Young Volunteer of the Year Award

Róisín Farragher, in recognition of her voluntary Fundraising activities for a number of Groups within Galway City.

Galway City Council Volunteer of the Year

Brendan Smith, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to volunteering in Galway City.