



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. Eddie Hoare

The Mayor's Awards is a very prestigious event that recognises individuals, communities, and voluntary groups who make a significant contribution to Galway City. As Mayor I have had the great honour to visit voluntary groups and organisations all over Galway City and witness the great work that is being done by volunteers within our city. I'd strongly encourage the public to nominate those individuals and groups who you feel deserve this recognition.

With the objective to "value, support and promote the contribution of volunteers and encourage participation in voluntary activity", I am delighted to host this year's Mayor's Awards. Nominations are invited for individuals, communities, and voluntary groups in one of the following Mayor's Awards 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 and acknowledges this 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.

Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award

This input of our older citizens is fundamental to our development as a vibrant and wonderful city, and this award recognises the contribution to our community by people over the age of 65 years, throughout 2023 as volunteers either individually or in groups.

Environmental Sustainability Award

Building on Galway City's European Green Leaf designation, 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 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 given to one of those nominated in another category.

Winners will receive a commemorative gift and a bursary of €500 to use towards their volunteering. Nominees will receive a certificate from the Mayor of Galway City at the Awards Ceremony in recognition of their voluntary activity in community life across the city.

If you would like to nominate a person, group or voluntary organisation for any of these award categories please complete an online nomination form at

[www.galwaycity.ie/
MayorsAwardsNomination](http://www.galwaycity.ie/MayorsAwardsNomination)

All nominations are adjudicated by a panel of judges, chaired by the Mayor of Galway City, and based on the contents of the submitted nomination forms.

The closing date for nominations is **4pm on Friday 23rd February 2024.**

The awards will be presented at a ceremony on **Wednesday 1st May 2024** in the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway to which all Nominees and Nominators will be invited.

Nomination forms are also available from Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, the Galway City Libraries or from www.galwaycity.ie.

Send nomination forms to:
Community Section, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway.

Telephone:

091 536461 / 091 536358

Email:

mayorsawards@galwaycity.ie



Winners of the Mayor's Awards 2023:

The Galway City Council Volunteer of the Year Award:

Stephen Cullinane, Brian & Lisa Higginbotham were Galway City Councils Volunteer of the Year 2023 at the Twentieth Annual Mayor's Awards for Galway City. There were nine other category winners awarded on the day, across a hugely diverse range of areas, all making a significant impact across Galway City.

The winners in each of the categories were:

Arts, Culture, Heritage & Cúrsaí Gaeilge Award:

Bádóirí an Chladaigh

Neighbourhood Community Champion Award:

Ballinfoile Community Remembrance Garden

Community Service & Social Inclusion Individual Award:

Laura McDermott

Community Service & Social Inclusion (Group) Award: (Joint Winners)

Blood Bike West

United Women Galway

Older Person Volunteer of the Year Award:

Frank Downes and Zander

Environmental Sustainability Award:

Sliabh Rua Residents Association

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award:

Natasha Zgadova

Children and Youth Support Award:

Galway Sick Kids Foundation

Young Volunteer of the Year Award:

Sláinte Society- University of Galway