



# 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. Clodagh Higgins**

The Mayor's Awards are the most prestigious annual awards which recognise those who make a significant contribution to Galway City. These awards are an annual opportunity to celebrate inspirational local people and groups who go above and beyond to support our community.

With the objective to “value, support and promote the contribution of volunteers and encourage participation in voluntary activity”, Galway City Council announces the twentieth Mayor's Awards. Nominations are invited for individuals or groups 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.

### **Neighbourhood/Community Champion 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.

### **Older Person 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 2022 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.

Each of the award winners will receive a commemorative gift and a payment of €500. Each of the 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.

### **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.

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 nomination forms submitted.

The closing date for nominations is **4pm Friday 24th March 2023.**

The awards will be presented at a ceremony on **Wednesday 24th May 2023 in The Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway** to which all Nominees and Nominators will be invited.

Nomination forms are available from Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, Galway City Libraries or from [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie).

Send nomination forms to:  
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For further information on the Mayor's Awards please email Liam/Emma on [mayorsawards@galwaycity.ie](mailto:mayorsawards@galwaycity.ie)



## Winners of the Mayor's Awards 2021

### **Galway City Council Volunteer of the Year**

**Catherine Moore Temple** was Galway City Council's Volunteer of the Year 2021 at the Nineteenth 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 recipients in each of the categories were:

**Arts, Culture, Heritage & Cursaí Gaeilge Award**  
**St. Patrick's N.S**

**Residents & Local Areas Award**  
**John Coogan Park Residents Association**

**Community Service & Social Inclusion Individual Award**  
**Saibh Egan**

**Community Service & Social Inclusion Group Award**  
**Access for All**

**Older Volunteer of the Year Award**  
**Evelyn Moran**

**Sports Volunteer of the Year Award**  
**Merlin Woods Football and Sports Club**

**Children and Youth Support Award**  
**A.S.S.C**

**Young Volunteer of the Year Award**  
**Comhairle na nÓg**

**Environmental Sustainability Award**  
**Westside Community Organic Garden**