



# ***County Waterford Community Forum***

## **2011**

### **Community & Voluntary Awards**

Nomination Form and Guidelines



**Waterford County Local Authorities**  
**Údaráis Áitiúla Chontae Phort Láirge**

# Guidelines

## **Ethos and Focus of Awards**

Supporting and developing volunteerism is a key objective in the County Waterford Community Forum and Waterford County Council Strategy. The purpose of the County Waterford Community Forum, Community Awards Scheme is to recognise and celebrate the commitment and vibrancy of the community and voluntary sector in County Waterford and to recognise the value of the voluntary contribution made by community and voluntary groups to their own localities.

## **Categories**

The Scheme has six award categories which may change each year to ensure that all types of groups in County Waterford are eligible to apply during the lifetime of the Scheme.

## **General Conditions**

Groups must fulfil the following conditions to apply:

- Groups can be nominated or can nominate themselves
- When nominating a group the nominator should ensure that the Chairperson and/or Secretary of the group have been notified.
- A group can be eligible under one category only

County Waterford Community Forum may undertake to change the categories from year to year during the lifetime of the scheme and will review the scheme on a regular basis. County Waterford Community Forum reserves the right to make changes to the Scheme without any prior notice and at its discretion.

## **Adjudication Process**



The Awards will be assessed by an independent panel of judges, looking in particular for:

- ❖ Contribution of the group to the community
- ❖ How representative the group is of the community
- ❖ Level of voluntary involvement and participation
- ❖ How well a group's services are planned and delivered, and the use of innovative approaches
- ❖ Positive impact of the work of the group on the community
- ❖ Use of inclusive working methods e.g. reaching out to ensure that those most in need in the community get involved
- ❖ Future benefit to the Community




All nominations shall be assessed on the basis of the information provided on the nomination forms. Short listing will apply and finalists must be prepared to allow the adjudication panel to meet with the group/organisation if necessary.

## What will the Award Be?

### Category Award winners:

-  Framed Certificate
-  Cheque for €500

### Overall Award Winner

-  Commemorative piece of local Artwork
-  Cheque for €800
-  Live broadcast by WLRfm in 2012.

## Presentation of Awards

The awards will be announced and presented at the County Waterford Community Forum, Community & Voluntary Awards Ceremony in Clonea Strand Hotel on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2011.

## Closing Date

Please find a copy of the Nomination form attached.

Closing date for receipt of nominations is **5pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

Late applications will not be eligible.

## Application Process

Completed application forms should be returned to:

Muriel Tobin  
Community & Voluntary Awards  
County Waterford Community Forum Ltd  
2nd Floor  
Civic Offices  
Dungarvan  
Co Waterford

For further information, or for assistance in completing the nomination form, please contact Muriel Tobin, Administrator, Community & Voluntary Awards on:

Tel: 058-21198

Email: [murieltobin@waterfordcoco.ie](mailto:murieltobin@waterfordcoco.ie)



# Application Form

**GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN 2009/2010 MAY NOT BE NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD IN 2011**

***Under which Category do you wish to nominate Group/Organisation***  
***Please tick one only***

## Arts, Culture & Heritage

This award recognises Groups/Organisations who enhance their local areas, by conserving, protecting and promoting the Arts, Culture and Heritage of their local community through collective creative activities. *Examples include: Drama, Music, Literature, Arts, Festivals, Conservation, and Heritage.*

## Children & Youth

This award recognises Groups/Organisations which have a positive impact on the lives of children at local level. *Examples include: Community Childcare Services/Facilities, Youth Groups, Sports Clubs, also those who work with children with additional needs and disabilities.*

## Community Centres & Neighbourhood Services

This award recognises Community Centres/Groups that provide a valuable service to their local community to ensure a good quality of life by enhancing a state of physical, mental and social well - being. *Examples include; Community Centres, Community Alerts, Emergency/Support Services, Sport Clubs.*

## Environment

This award recognises Groups/Organizations working to enhance their local environment from a social or environmental perspective and create a sense of community & pride in their local area. *Examples include: Residents Associations, Community Development Groups, Tidy Towns/Village Groups and Environmental Groups.*

## Social Enterprise


This award recognizes the development of Social Enterprise, which represents businesses with primarily social aims and objectives. These businesses operate using commercial business models but principally reinvest any profits/surpluses generated back into their community or social beneficiary, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners. Social enterprises can be large or small, they can sell, trade or produce almost anything. They differ from mainstream business in that they are driven by a social/environmental mission, and they are wholly focused on the people and the community they serve. *Examples include: Youth & Childcare projects, Community Health Services, Art's, Heritage & Culture projects, Media/Tourism/Training programmes, Community Enterprises, Credit Unions and Community Transport.*


## Social Inclusion


This award recognises Groups/Organisations that actively work in a supportive role in their communities and whose aim is to cut social exclusion and/or help to improve the quality of life for socially excluded groups. *Examples include; Working with the elderly, People with Disabilities, Ethnic, Minority, Travelling Community, Young people in transition and the Homeless.*

Address of Group/Organisation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name for the Group/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone number for contact)

 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mobile number for contact)

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(Email address for contact)

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(Group/Organisation Website address)

(1). Is the Group/Organisation a member of the County Waterford Community Forum?

Yes

No

Don't Know

(2). No of Voluntary Workers

No of Paid Workers


What year was Group/Organisation Founded


How did you hear about the County Waterford Community & Voluntary Awards?

Details of person or Group/Organisation making the nomination (IF DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your phone number)

 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your email address)

**GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS, PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, REPORTS ETC TO FURTHER HIGHLIGHT THE WORK OF YOUR GROUP**

Please outline your reasons for nominating this Group/Organisation for a Community & Voluntary Award:

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**(6). Does your group meet the needs of any of the following target groups: (please tick all relevant)**

Older People

People with disabilities

Travelling Community

Women, Youth & Children

Minority Groups

Ethnic Groups

People living in rural areas

**(7). What are the future plans of the Group/Organisation?**

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