



Laois County Council

In partnership with

Laois Public Participation Network

Community & Voluntary Awards 2017

Nomination Form

*This form should be used to nominate a Group/Club/Organisation
Groups/Clubs/Organisations can nominate themselves*



N.B! Before completing this form, please read the accompanying terms & conditions and judging criteria

Application Form

Under which Category do wish you to nominate a Group/Club/Organisation:

Please tick one only

Arts, Culture & Heritage – *Sponsored by*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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.</p>
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Healthy & Active Community– *Sponsored by*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The award recognises Groups/Organisations that encourage a healthy community by promoting positive environments and initiatives that support and encourage physical activity, healthy lifestyles and a sense of community connection. Examples include: Walking/Hiking Clubs, indoor and outdoor activities and Physical Activity Programmes</p>
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Children & Youth – *Sponsored by*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>This award recognises Groups/Organisations which have a positive impact on the lives of children. Examples include: Community Childcare Services/Facilities, Youth Groups, Sports Clubs, homework clubs, also those who work with children with additional needs and disabilities.</p>
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Environment – *Sponsored by*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>This award recognises Groups/Organisations working to enhance and develop their community and/or their locality from a social or environmental perspective and create a sense of pride and inclusivity in their area. Types of groups include: Community Development, Tidy Towns/Villages, Environmental, Enterprise & Youth, Tourism, Housing estates.</p>
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Social Inclusion – *Sponsored by*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>This award recognises Groups/Organisations that actively work in a supportive role in their communities and whose aim is to minimise 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.</p>
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Age Friendly – *Sponsored by*



<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>This award recognises Groups/Organisations who help to create an inclusive, equitable society in which older people can live full, active, valued and healthy lives. Examples include: active retirement, senior citizen clubs, meals on wheels, mens shed, befriending services etc.</p>
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I wish to nominate the following Group/Club/Organisation for a Community & Voluntary Award:

Name of Group/Club/Organisation	
Address	
Contact Name	
Phone No. (daytime contact)	
Email address for contact	

- 1) Is the Group/Organisation a member of Laois PPN? Yes NO
- 2) No. of Voluntary workers No. of Paid Workers
- 3) What year was your Group/Club/Organisation founded? _____
- 4) How is the Group funded? _____

NOMINATOR: *(the person or group making the nomination – please ensure you read the terms & conditions regarding this section!)*

Your Name <i>(either an individual or a group)</i>	
Your Address	
Phone No. <i>(daytime contact)</i>	
Email address for contact	

State the reasons why the group deserves the award?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please highlight the current/recent activities and achievements of the nominated group/organisation?
(You can use photos and/or separate pages to illustrate these if you prefer)

How does the group/organisation benefit the community?

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

Older People	<input type="checkbox"/>	Travelling Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minority Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethnic Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Women, Youth & Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	People living in rural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>		

What are the future plans of the Group/Organisation?

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. *The group/club/organisation must be well established.*
2. *The group/club/organisation must be registered with Laois Public Participation Network.*
3. *Please note that it is not necessary that the person/group making the nomination is associated with, or a member of, the nominated group.*
4. *The group should not be in receipt of regular State funding, e.g., regular grant aid. Should the group have received a once-off grant for a particular item/project, this should be disclosed and will be judged accordingly.*
5. *The nominated group must have set out what they are about, highlighting their current/recent activities and the impact that all of their activities have on the local and wider community including, if appropriate, their level of participation locally and their level of volunteerism.*
6. *The nominated group must have set out what their plans are for the future, based on their commitment to making a difference in the community.*
7. *Photos and/or accompanying documentation will be accepted, in fact encouraged, as part of the nominated application. Please send in **copies only** of photos, certificates, etc as originals may not be returned.*

JUDGING CRITERIA

Groups will be judged by the Adjudication Panel based on the following criteria:

- Contribution of the group to the community
- How representative the group is of the community
- Level of voluntary involvement and participation
- How well a groups services and/or activities are planned and delivered, and the use of innovative approaches
- Positive impact of the work of the group on the local and wider community
- Positive impact the work has had on the target category, i.e., arts, community services & support, sports & recreation, etc.
- Use of inclusive working methods, e.g., reaching out to ensure that those who most need to actually get involved/benefit from inclusion.
- Future benefits to the community

**Completed application should be marked
"Community & Voluntary Award 2017 Nomination"
and sent by 5pm on Friday 21st July, 2017 to:**

**Ms. Geraldine Delaney
Community Development Section,
Laois County Council,
County Hall, Portlaoise**

For further assistance and queries, please contact (057) 86 64107 or email gdelaney@laoiscoco.ie