



*The
Mayor's Awards
2008*

*...celebrating voluntary activity in
community life in Galway City...*

*...ag ceiliúradh gníomhaíochtaí deonacha i saol
an phobail i gCathair na Gaillimhe...*

Gradaim an Mhéara 2008

The Awards Mayor's 2008

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", the Community Development Group of Galway City Development Board, in conjunction with Galway City Council, announces the sixth annual Mayor's Award Scheme which focuses on and celebrates voluntary activity in community life in the city.

The Mayor's Awards 2008 will again acknowledge outstanding people and organisations who, through their commitment to participating in unpaid community and voluntary activities, have had a significant impact on the quality of life of their communities in Galway City. Nominations are invited from people resident in Galway city 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 & Cursaí Gaeilge

This award recognises 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.

- Local Environment,
Neighbourhood & Residents Groups

Community life in the city is enhanced by the work which individuals, groups and associations undertake across a range of activities in local areas including support for older neighbours, organising children's events and who take pride in their local environment, enhancing their local areas.

- Social & Community Support

This award covers a broad spectrum of activity from work with people with disabilities, older people, social care and safety. In recognition of the large number of nominations received in each year, two awards will be made in this category for 2008.

- Positive Ageing Award

New for 2008, this award will celebrate the invaluable contribution which support organisations and advocates for older people and individual older people make in their city.

- Sports, Recreation, Children and Youth

Many people give of their time to support participation in sport and other recreation activities by adults and children across the city. This award acknowledges that valuable contribution to our city.

- Young Volunteer of the Year

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.



Mayor of the
City of Galway
Cllr. Pádraig Conneely

The judging panel will also decide on a seventh award, The Galway City Credit Unions Volunteer of the Year, who must be one of those nominated and who may or may not be the winner of one of the other awards. Those individuals and groups who received awards for 2007 may not be nominated again this year. There will be a Galway Crystal trophy and a cheque for €700 for each winner. Each of the nominees will receive a certificate from the Mayor of Galway City at the Awards Ceremony in January.

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

A judging panel is made up of the Mayor of Galway City, the Director of Community & Enterprise, a representative of Galway City Community Forum, the Chair of Galway City Partnership, the Chair of the Community Development Group, a representative of the local media and a representative of the Credit Unions in Galway City. 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 Wednesday 31 December, 2008. The awards will be presented in The Black Box Theatre on Tuesday 20 January, 2009 to which all nominees and nominators will be invited.

Send nominations to

The Mayor's Awards 2008
Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway
mayorsawards@galwaycity.ie

Closing Date

Wednesday 31 December 4pm

Awards Ceremony

Tuesday 20 January 7pm
Black Box Theatre





2007

ARTS, CULTURE & CURSAÍ GAEILGE
Brendan O'Connor
 ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE
Willie Henry
 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND RESIDENTS' GROUPS
Ballinfoile RAPID Committee
 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Pat McCann
 SPORT, RECREATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Eileen Carrick
 YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Geraldine Mangan
 ULSTER BANK VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
James Harris



2006

ARTS, CULTURE & CURSAÍ GAEILGE
Mark Keane
 ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE
Galway Civic Trust
 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND RESIDENTS' GROUPS
Mervue Senior Citizens' Committee
 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Peadar Canavan
 SPORT, RECREATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Michael "Chick" Gillen
 YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Kathryn O'Shea
 ULSTER BANK VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
Samaritans, Galway



2005

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE
Renmore Pantomime Society
 CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Maureen Cox
 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND RESIDENTS' GROUPS
Lesley Bohan
 SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Brendan Smith
 SPORTS AND RECREATION
Michael 'Little Sport' Walsh
 YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Andrew Banks
 ULSTER BANK VOLUNTEER(S) OF THE YEAR
The Volunteers of the Meals-on-Wheels



2004

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE
Donal Taheny
 CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Miriam Pybus
 RESIDENT GROUPS, NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENVIRONMENT
An Taisce
 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Jack Callanan and Galway Centre for Independent Living
 SPORTS AND RECREATION
Ciarán Delaney
 YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Pamela Groarke
 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Mike Swan



2003

ARTS AND CULTURE
St Patricks Brass Band Society
 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Mary Agnew
 DISABILITY, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SUPPORT
The Galway Sub-Aqua Club Search and Recovery Unit
 ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
Michael Hosty
 OLDER PEOPLE
Eithne Carey
 SPORTS AND RECREATION
Peter Doherty
 CIVIC SPIRIT AWARD
Br. David Byrne

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NOMINATION FORM

This form should be used to nominate a person or organisation.

I wish to nominate the following person/organisation for a Mayor's Award:

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

FAX NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

NOMINATOR

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

FAX NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Category (Please tick only one)

- Arts, Culture, Heritage and Cursaí Gaeilge
- Local Environment, Neighbourhood & Residents Groups
- Social & Community Support
- Positive Ageing Award
- Sports, Recreation, Children and Youth
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Date of birth _____ (must be under 25 years of age)

Please give details of the nominee's activities and their achievements and contributions in these activities.

Please give details of the difference the nominee has made in the community.

Please give details of the reasons why the nominee deserves the Award.

Please return completed Nomination forms by Wednesday 31 December 2008 to:
THE MAYOR'S AWARDS 2008, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway
or mayorsawards@galwaycity.ie