



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. Mike Cubbard

The Mayor's Awards is a highly esteemed event that acknowledges the selfless efforts of individuals, communities and voluntary groups who give their time and energy to better our community. Volunteers are the heart of our city, and their invaluable contributions leave a lasting impact on the lives of many. As Mayor I strongly encourage the public to nominate those individuals, communities and voluntary groups who you believe are deserving of special recognition for their exceptional contribution to our city.

With the objective to "value, support and promote the contribution of volunteers and encourage participation in voluntary activity", I am honoured 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 2025 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
<https://forms.office.com/e/ZKz2J4E539>

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 6th March 2026**.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony on **Wednesday 29th April 2026** in the Galmont Hotel, Galway to which all eligible Nominees 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 536358 / 091 536311
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Winners of the Mayor's Awards 2025:

The Galway City Council Volunteer of the Year Award:

Galway Hospice Foundation Volunteers were Galway City Council's Volunteer of the Year 2025 at the Twenty Second Annual Mayor's Awards for Galway City. There were eight 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:

Galway Street Ambassadors

Residents and Local Areas Award:

Merlin Woods Allotments Group

Community Service & Social Inclusion Individual Award:

Johanna Downes

Community Service & Social Inclusion (Group) Award:

Cancer Care West Support Volunteers

Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award:

Gerald Molloy

Environmental Sustainability Award:

Tuatha of Terryland Forest Park

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award:

Sarah Caulfield

Children and Youth Support Award:

Galway Sea Scouts