

Community Group of the Year 2015

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council



Nomination Form

Closing date for nominations
Friday 30th October 2015

Category: _____

1. Name of nominated group: _____

2. Group address: _____ Phone number: _____

3. Provide a brief description and background of the group/ project/ initiative:

4. Describe the work undertaken by the nominee group, project or initiative (as described in question 3):

5. Describe the impact that the group, project or initiative has had on the community:

6. Outline the positive outcome for the community as a result of the work of the nominee group, project or initiative. _____

7. In 100 words or less explain why your nominee should be selected for this award:

8. How many years has the nominee group, project or initiative been established?: _____

9. Contact details of the person making the nomination and relationship to the group, project or initiative:

10. List of supporting documentation:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Please note that this material will not be returned.

Signature: _____ Date: / /

Nominations to be sent to:
Community Development Office
Fingal County Council,
Grove Road, Blanchardstown,
Dublin 15.

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Nomination Form Guidance Notes

1. The Purpose

The Community Group of the Year Award takes place in alternate years with the Community Person of the Year. The Community Group of the Year event celebrates the work of groups, projects and initiatives who make a difference to our communities because of their hard work, dedication and vision. The Award, made by the Mayor, shows the value that Fingal County Council places on those groups, projects or initiatives and the importance of their work within communities.

There are eight specialist categories:

1. Arts, Culture and Heritage
2. Community Development
3. Community Facilities
4. Environment
5. Older People
6. Representative Organisations
7. Sports and Recreation
8. Youth

2. Who may make a nomination?

Nominations for the Community Group of the Year Award will be accepted from the general public, community organisations and elected representatives. Any person or persons may make a nomination by completing a nomination form.

3. Who may be nominated?

Any group working as volunteers in Fingal, giving their time to help others in the community. Groups may be nominated in the selected 8 specialist categories. The person making the nomination should ensure that the nominee has voluntary experience appropriate to the category. Any group may be nominated for several categories by completing the respective nomination forms.

All category winners are eligible for Group of the Year, an overall community award.

4. Timings of nominations

Nominations should be submitted by **4pm on Friday 30th October 2015**. The Awards Event will be held on **Tuesday 24th November 2015** in the Draíocht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

5. Address for nominations

Nominations to be sent to:
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6. Confidentiality

All nominations for this award will be treated in the strictest confidence. Only short listed nominations will be contacted.

7. Completing the nomination form

Please complete the nomination form completely and accurately. It is important that you provide as much information as possible about your nominee group, project or initiative and try to explain their actual contribution or service to the community. Any supporting information would be welcomed, but must be clearly printed or typed. Photographs and DVD's are also accepted. Please endeavour to limit the number of items.

Please note this material will not be returned.

8. Letters of support

Letters of support should be from others who have first hand knowledge of and can endorse the nominee's contribution.

9. Acknowledgement and progress of nominations

Upon receipt of your nomination, we will send an acknowledgement. We regret that it is not possible to enter into correspondence neither on the merits of a particular nomination, nor on its progress while it is under consideration.

10. Further enquiries

Further enquiries relating to the **Community Group of the Year Award** may be made to **Linda Ennis** at 01 890 5567 or at linda.ennis@fingal.ie

11. Judging

The Judges' decision will be final



Arts, Culture & Heritage

This category is open to groups, projects or organisations who have initiated creative or cultural events or entertainment in Fingal.

Projects could involve organising a festival, exhibition or arts event. 'Arts' includes the performing arts, literature, visual arts and crafts, film and TV. The winning group, project or initiative will be able to show that it is making an impact on the cultural life of a community.

Nominated groups, which have initiated arts, cultural or heritage activities in this category might include:

- Providing a programme of Community Arts Activities, eg. Arts Week, Drama, etc
- Developing a Community Arts Facility in your area
- Developing a programme of Dance, Drama, Music or Photography
- Developing a programme of Historical Activities
- Developing Local Festivals
- Heritage & Arts Venues
- Arts & Heritage Organisations

Special consideration will be given to groups who have developed innovative integration programmes during 2015.

The nominees will be shortlisted and judged on the content of the nomination form and additional information supplied.

For further details see section 7 of the guidance notes.



Community Development

This Category is open to a group, project or initiative that works through the principles of community development - a group, project or initiative who encourage and enable people to work together to influence change and facilitates full involvement from marginalised and excluded groups.

The winning group, project or initiative will be able to show that it is making an impact on the community by addressing issues that negatively affect that community.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- A group / project / initiative that provides citizen information / welfare rights/parish information through the verbal, multimedia or print medium
- A group/ project/ initiative who tackles or challenges Social Exclusion
- Community Development Project
- Family Resource Centres
- Community or Adult Education Projects
- Community Facilities that promote Community Development
- Community groups who work to embrace ethnic diversity
- Groups that challenge or lobby for improvements in services, for example in childcare, health, addiction support and homelessness

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Community Facilities

This Category is open to groups that are involved in the management and enhancement of community facilities.

A community facility provides for the social, recreational, economic and / or cultural needs of the community. Such facilities can be used for a range of community initiatives.

The winning group in this category will be able to demonstrate the positive impact their facility has made within their local community.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- Facilities management - Multi-purpose Community / Family Resource Centres / Single interest / integrated community facility
- Developing a wide range of initiatives within their community facilities
- Adaptation / improved service provision within their existing facilities
- Researching / planning / securing funding for the development of new community facilities
- The construction of a new Community Facility
- Innovative projects i.e. effective management / business planning towards the development of sustainable facilities
- The development of initiatives that target socially excluded groups
- Networking with other facilities / service providers in the provision of community initiatives

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Environment

This Category is open to groups, projects or initiatives that make the health of the environment an intrinsic part of everyday life, and those that are involved in supporting their communities to make informed decisions that effect positive environmental change.

The winning group in this category will be able to demonstrate that they are promoting environmental development as part of everyday life.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- Recycling initiatives
- Promoting awareness around clean air & energy, Global warming, health and our environment, green living etc.
- Development of nature trails
- Promoting the use and future development of local natural amenities
- Innovative projects to develop open spaces
- Recording wildlife, flora or fauna
- Projects that involve surveying and producing a plan of action to change black spots e.g. Derelict buildings, waste ground, choked streams etc
- Promote recording or dialogue of facts that acquaint the community with information that supports the promotion of environmental development
- Work to achieve best practice and recognition in local, national or international competitions e.g. Better Communities, Tidy Towns, Pride of Place

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Older Persons

This Category is open to a group, project or initiative that works through the principles of supporting older people - a group, project or initiative who encourage and enable older people to work together.

The winning group in this category will be able to show that it is making an impact on the community by addressing issues that affect older people or promotes their needs.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- A group / project / initiative that involves the Active Retired
- A group/ project / initiative tackling the challenges to Older People
- Senior Citizens groups
- Facilities for Older People
- Community, education or information projects
- Developing Programmes & Activities for Older People

Special consideration will be given to groups who have developed innovative integration programmes during 2015.

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Representative Organisations

This Category is open to groups who work on a thematic basis, supporting a collection of associations or groups of people with similar aims and objectives.

The winning group in this category will be able to show the impact its existence has on its members and the wider community.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- Residents or Tenants Associations
- Community Councils
- Estate Management Groups
- Community and Voluntary Fora
- Thematic Networks e.g. health, ethnic, environment, disability, gender specific or sports

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Sport & Recreation

This Category is open to a group, project or initiative that is involved in the development and support of sport, recreation or physical activity in Fingal. This award aims to recognise the enthusiasm, commitment and talent demonstrated by nominees.

The winning group in this category should demonstrate that their involvement has had a positive impact on sports participation and development.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- The development of sports or recreational facilities
- The development of programmes in any sporting or recreational discipline
- The development of a play area
- Coaching, managing, development, training
- The establishment and support of physical activities for the marginalised

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Youth

This Category is open to a group, project or initiative that operates through the principles of Youth Group development. A group, project or initiative who encourage young people to work together to influence change and facilitates full involvement from marginalised and excluded groups.

The winning group will be able to show that it is making an impact on the community by addressing issues that negatively affect the young people in their community.

Nominations in this category might include groups working with any of the following:

- A youth group / project / initiative that provides information / welfare rights/parish information through the verbal, multimedia or print medium
- A youth group / project / initiative who tackles current challenges for young people
- Uniformed Groups
- Youth Resource Centres
- Youth Education Projects
- Provision of Youth Facilities
- Youth groups working with a social awareness focus e.g. fund raising for charity, visiting the elderly, working with the socially excluded

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