LEITRIM ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY AWARDS 2017

Leitrim County Council in partnership with the Leitrim Public Participation Network (PPN) are launching a new awards scheme in 2017 recognising the significant contribution made by community groups, residents groups, business, schools and individuals to making their local communities a better place to live, work and visit.



There are two main award categories – Environmental and Community.

The Environmental category promotes the achievement of a cleaner and greener environment and attractively presented local areas for benefit of all residents in the local community.

The Community awards aim to recognise the valuable contribution made by volunteers at both group and individual level in promoting social inclusion and participation in their communities.

Awards will be given in each category, across each Municipal District – Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton.

# Environmental Awards

Applications are invited from the following categories:-

## Cleaner and Greener Award

This category recognises communities who improve the appearance and attractiveness of their area using environmentally friendly methods.

It is open to Community Groups e.g. Tidy Towns, Local Development Groups etc.

### Judging Criteria

Voluntary community effort ............... 25%

Absence of litter...................................15%

Landscaping/biodiversity/weed control...................................................25%

Green Initiatives (energy/waste)..........25%

Overall impression ...............................10%

## Best Kept Estates Awards

Encourages residents toenhance the appearance and presentation of dwellings   
and open spaces within their estates

### Judging Criteria

Voluntary community effort ............. .25%

Open spaces.............. ..........................25%

Presentation of dwellings ...................20%

Green Initiatives (energy/waste) ........20%

Overall impression ..............................10%

## Primary & Secondary Schools Awards

Recognises schools who encourage active participation in promotion of the natural environment and upkeep of their school surroundings.

### Judging Criteria

Upkeep of school surroundings........... 25%

(landscaping/biodiversity/absence of litter)

Waste management/recycling ............. 25%

Energy efficiency/water conservation...25%

Overall impression ................................ 25%

## *Business Awards*

Recognises businesses who maintain the outward appearance of their premises and contribute positively to their local environment

### Judging Criteria Appearance of premises/shopfront....30%

Floral Display .......................................30%

Green Initiatives (energy/waste).........30%

Overall impression ............................. 10%

# Community Awards

Applications are invited from the following categories:-

## Community Facilities Award

Community facilities that enhance the work of the community and voluntary sector within the county.

### Judging Criteria

Voluntary involvement & participation....25%

Inclusiveness /Openness ........................25%

Community benefit.......... ........................50%

## Social Inclusion Award

Community groups that create opportunities for all to participate in local/community life.

### Judging Criteria

Voluntary involvement & participation ...20%

Supporting socially excluded group..........40%

Achievements and Initiatives....................40%

## Unsung Hero

Recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their local community.

### Judging Criteria

Voluntary involvement & participation ...25%

Outstanding contribution..........................50%

Community benefit ..................................25%

## Conditions of Entry

All entries must include 4 photographs of their areas which give a general impression of the area and improvements made. Photographs should have the name, address and contact details for entrant written on the back.

Completed entry form must be signed by a representative of the group/business/school.

Judging will take place in May /June (schools) and July (Communities).

Completed entries to be returned marked

***“Environmental and Community Awards”***

To:

Community Development Department,

Leitrim County Council, Áras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim

**no later than Friday 5th May 2017.**

Awards Ceremony will be held in Autumn 2017.

## For more information contact

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 [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie)

## Final checklist

When submitting your entry you must have enclosed:-

* Completed entry form
* 4 photographs with name of group and contact details on back

The adjudication decision is final and no correspondence regarding results will be entered into.