

FINALISTS 2019

BEST ARTS/CULTURE (INCL. FESTIVALS & EVENTS)

Carrickmacross Market House Initiative (Monaghan)
Enniscorthy Rockin Food Festival (Wexford)
European Outdoor Arts Academy: School of Spectacle (Limerick)
Flavours of Fingal County Show (Fingal)
Francis Ledwidge Centenary 2017 (Meath)
Kenmare Halloween Howl (Kerry)
Summer in Bray (Wicklow)
Tubbercurry Old Fair Day Festival (Sligo)

BEST BUSINESS WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY Sponsored by An Post

Development of Community & Business Alliance Structures (Kerry)

Dynamic Purchasing System for Plant Hire (Kerry)

Ray of Sunshine after school (Wicklow)

Sherry Fitz Support (SDCC)

The Urban Co-op (Limerick)

BEST COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE

Athboy HUB (Meath)

County Carlow Community First Responder Co-ordination Committee (Carlow)

Cranmore Community Co-Operative Society Ltd (Sligo)

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg 'Perfect Imperfections' short film (Fingal)

Galway Community Heritage - Working together for our Heritage (Galway)

Mayo Cancer Support, Rock Rose House (Mayo)

Naas Community First Responders (Kildare)

The Best Years of Our Lives Have Yet to Come' (Cavan)

BEST COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

Drive Safer for Longer Programme (Mayo)
Healthy Abbeyfeale (Limerick)
MEDEX programme (SDCC)
Moments in Time - Dementia Friendly Garden (Wicklow)
Vartry Walks Project (Wicklow)
We're Breastfeeding Friendly (Limerick)

BEST COMMUNITY SPORTS TEAM/CLUB

Kick Ass Adventures (SDCC)
Running Club at Westport Leisure Park (Mayo)
Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure (Wexford)

BEST CONNECTED COUNCIL (COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MARKETING)

bray.ie (Wicklow)
mydoorstep.ie (SDCC)

BEST CSR COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Energia Get Ireland Growing
Intel Biodiversity and Sustainable Communities

BEST DISABILITY ACCESS & INCLUSION INITIATIVE

Back in 5 Campaign (Wicklow)
Fun Activities 4 All (Cavan)
Rush Harbour Playground, Rush, Co. Dublin (Fingal)
Sports Unit, Louth County Council, Sports Inclusion Disability Programme (Louth)
The Mall Shared Space (Kerry)
Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure - Poolpod (Wexford)



BEST EDUCATION/TRAINING INITIATIVE

KWETB-RIVERWALK CAFE- Culinary Entrepreneurship (Wicklow)
Limerick City and County Council, Safety Statement and Safety Management System
(Limerick)
Soundworlds Early Years Music Programme (Mayo)

BEST EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Coláiste Dún an Rí Kingscourt (Cavan)
Gaelscoil de hÍde Fermoy (Cork County)
Marine House Hospitality Training Centre, The Murrough, Co.Wicklow (Wicklow)
Middleton Educate Together National School (Cork County)

BEST ENERGY SMART INITIATIVE

Fingal County Council Installs Electric Vehicle Charging on the Public Street Lighting System (Fingal)
Installation of Photovoltaic Panels (PV's) in Aras Na Gaeilge and Human Biology Building,
NUI Galway (Galway)
Monasterboice Inn Energy Efficient Innovation (Louth)

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL/ECOLOGICAL PROJECT/INITIATIVE

Cavan Energy Expo (Cavan)
Circular Ocean (Cork County)
Ennis Tidy Towns Idle Conversation (Clare)
Fingal County Council Installs Electric Vehicle Charging on the Public Street Lighting System
(Fingal)
The Derryvalley Catchment Project (Monaghan)
Tropical Butterfly House, Malahide (Fingal)

BEST HERITAGE PROJECT

Athenry Town Walls Conservation, Management and Interpretation Project (Galway)

Development of Newbridge House & Farm as a Heritage Attraction (Fingal)

Honouring Heritage in Dromiskin (Louth)

The Norman Way, Co. Wexford (Wexford)



Tipperary Studies Digital Archive Project, Tipperary County Council Library Service
(Tipperary)
Wexford Great War Dead Public History Research Project (Wexford)

BEST LOCAL AUTHORITY INNOVATION FOR ATTRACTING INWARD INVESTMENT

Economic Infrastructure - Innovation Hubs (Kerry)
ENGINE (Limerick)
Kells Tech Hub (Meath)

BEST PUBLIC PARK

Blackrock Park (Louth)
Rock Garden Park, Rathbeale Road, Swords, Co. Dublin (Fingal)
St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15 (Fingal)

BEST SOCIAL HOUSING INITIATIVE Sponsored by GeoDirectory

Lord Edward Street Social Housing, Limerick (Limerick)
Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance, Baile na Laochra Cooperative Affordable Housing
Return Vacant Dwellings to use for Social Housing (Louth)
The Tubber Hill Housing Scheme and Master Plan. A piece of Urbanism – An alternative to 9
bungalows (Mayo)

BEST TOURISM INITIATIVE Sponsored by Fáilte Ireland

Bray Air Display (Wicklow)
Enniscorthy Rockin Food Festival (Wexford)
Limerick St. Patrick's Festival (Limerick)
Reeks District (Kerry)
Seven Heads Peninsula Tourism (Cork County)
South and West Sligo Tourism (Sligo)
Vartry Trails Project (Wicklow)
Volvo Round Ireland Festival (Wicklow)



BEST WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME Sponsored by Repak

Circular Ocean (Cork County)

RTE Waste Prevention and Environmental Management Programme (DCC)

www.repairmystuff.ie (Monaghan)

Zero Waste Cashel (Tipperary)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Billy Bebbington (Fingal)
Denis Heffernan (Tipperary)
Larry Magnier (Louth)
Mindszenty Finnegan (Monaghan)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Donegal County Council's flood response at Inishowen, August 2017 (Donegal)
Irish Community Rapid Response (Cork County)
Multi agency emergency response to the gorse fire on Bray Head (Wicklow)

BEST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR Sponsored by Social Innovation Fund

GIY Growbox
Meals 4 Health
MyMind Centre of Mental Wellbeing
O'Cualann Co-housing Alliance
Sailing into Wellness
Sensational Kids
Social Farming Ireland
The Shona Project



The following awards will be announced at the Gala Awards Ceremony in Croke Park
Saturday on 9th February 2019

NATIONAL IMPACT AWARD

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR Sponsored by IPB Insurance

GRAND PRIX AWARD Sponsored by IPB Insurance