

Event / Meeting Details /Consultation	Further information	Key Dates
<p>Cork County Mayor's Community Awards 2019 -<u>Extension to deadline for nominations</u></p> <p>This year marks the seventh year of the Cork County Mayor's Community Awards Scheme. This awards scheme was introduced in the County to acknowledge publicly the work of volunteers and to recognise communities working in partnership with the Local Authority and other agencies to better our communities.</p> <p>Cork County Councillors and PPN Secretariat Members can nominate organisations and individuals who would like to put themselves forward for this award.</p> <p>If you or your organisation would like to be put forward for this award you should contact a County Councillor or a member of the PPN Secretariat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact details for PPN Secretariat Members can be found in the attached document 2019 Mayor's Awards Guidelines document is also attached. Contact details for County Councillors can be found here 	<p>Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Patrick Gerard Murphy will make eleven awards on the night including three each from North Cork, South Cork and West Cork. There will also be one overall Community and Voluntary Group award and one overall Individual award from within these nine award recipients.</p> 	<p>Mayor Murphy is asking people and groups to contact their local Councillor or PPN representatives to suggest nominees, "There are so many wonderful individuals and groups in Cork County that I want to afford recognition for the work they do. These awards are set to congratulate all those nominated on the enormous positives they are bringing to their communities and to promote further their commitment to their communities. Their selflessness, energy and enthusiasm are what these awards represent. I look forward to meeting each and every one of these communities and individuals on the night, which is set to be a wonderful community orientated and inclusive gathering."</p> <p>Guidelines are also attached, however, if you wish to discuss nominations you should contact a member of the PPN Secretariat or a County Councillor based in your Municipal District area.</p> <p>The closing date for receipt of completed nominations is: <u>5pm on Thursday, 7th March, 2019</u></p> <p>The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for: Wednesday 17th April 2019</p>
<p>The Community Foundation for Ireland Older Persons' Fund 2019</p> <p><u>Inclusion of Older People in Active Citizenship Roles</u></p> <p>Grants of up to €7,500 are available to organisations working towards inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles. Grants will support community based and national activities that promote older people as active citizens and build people's capacity and potential to take on roles in their community.</p> <p><u>Supporting Older People's Voices at a Local & National Level</u></p> <p>Grants of up to €7,500 are available to organisations working towards supporting older peoples' engagement in advocacy. Grants will support projects that empower older people to become advocates on issues that affect them.</p>	<p>The Community Foundation for Ireland is a grant making and donor services charity. The Community Foundation makes grants to not-for-profit and voluntary groups working in charities throughout the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>For more information phone the grants team on: 01 874 7354 or email info@foundation.ie</p> <p>More information is also available online here</p>	<p>Closing date for applications: 14th March 2019</p> <p>Grants will be made by: mid-June 2019</p> <p>Work should begin: July 2019</p> <p>1st Networking event: September 2019 (date to be confirmed)</p>

Cork Sail Training Bursary Scheme

Providing Sail Training Opportunities for young people from 15- 30 yrs

A number of bursary places are available to young people aged 15 -30 yrs to avail of sail training opportunities on both local ships and Tall ships.

These bursary places will help young people to develop resilience, learn to work as part of a team, develop leadership skills and enhance communication, interpersonal and decision making skills.

No previous sailing experience is necessary

The young person gets to experience all aspects of sailing- from climbing the rigging, setting the sails to navigating and steering the ship- all under the close supervision of the professional crew.

This is a great opportunity for young people to make new friends, challenge themselves and have an adventure!

Applications can be made online.

Local Community Groups can become a nominating organisation with Sail Training Ireland. This enables you to recommend and nominate young people from your organisation that would benefit most from the sail training experience. As a nominating organisation you will be notified of upcoming voyages and advised of progression routes suitable for your nominees.

Voyages are scheduled as follows:

15-17 yrs : 11th -16th August 2019

18-30 yrs: 18th - 23rd August 2019

Asgard Armarda: 14th- 23rd August 2019

To find out more about a voyage or becoming a nominating organisation or a sponsor please contact:

info@sailtrainingireland.com

or phone: 01 871 1745

See also: www.sailtrainingireland.com

Or see sailtrainingforyouth on Facebook

Spark Change Project

Opportunity to showcase your work to a national audience

Community and Voluntary organisations are invited to submit examples of projects that contributed to the environmental, social or economic sustainability of a community. Your projects will be showcased free of charge on the Spark Change Project's website and social media channels.

This is a great opportunity to raise awareness of your work, showcase your impact and inspire change in other communities.

Submit your story by completing a short online form and uploading a photo and or video

at: <https://www.sparkchange.ie/success-stories/>

For more information please contact Lauren Carroll on 01 4548727 or email lauren@wheel.ie



Mayor's Community Awards

Guidelines 2019

Background

The Mayor's Community Awards scheme was approved by full Council on 11th February 2013, following development by the Social and Community SPC. Awards nights were held in June 2013, April 2014, June 2015, May 2016, May 2017 and April 2018. This year the event will be held on Wednesday, 17th April, 2019.

Structure of awards

There will be two categories to nominate within:

- Community and Voluntary Groups
- Individuals

The Mayor will give 11 Awards in total. There will be 9 Divisional awards, 3 for each of the three Divisions (North, South and West) and 1 overall award in each category in addition to the 9 Divisional winners.

Eligible Nominees

Community & Voluntary Groups or Individuals.

Nominations

- Nominations must be submitted on time and using the prescribed form only. The form will provide for a 1000 word description of the nominee and activities and the nominating party should also address all of the scoring criteria therein.
- 38 nominations will be sought from the Cork County PPN Secretariat, being two per member (1 group and 1 individual) other than members who will sit on the judging panel.
- Each Elected Member of Cork County Council can nominate 1 group and 1 individual (The Mayor, the SPC chair and Chairs of Divisional Committees will be asked not to nominate to avoid conflict of interest). **An elected member may only nominate a Group/Individual that is based within their Municipal District area. In exceptional cases, the Group/Individual may be operating within the MD area but may be based in a different/adjoining MD area. In such cases, the elected member must set out clearly what the Group/Individual contributed to the elected member's MD area.**
- Nominating parties must obtain the agreement of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination.
- Nominations will be brought to a Divisional Judging panel for consideration.
- Nominees may be shortlisted to be invited to the awards ceremony.
- The name of the nominating party shall be published

Timeline

The closing date for submission of nominations is Thursday, 28th February, 2019. Completed application forms should be returned to Mayor's Community Awards, Cork County Council, Floor 14, County Hall, Cork. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 17th April, 2019.

Cork County Council

Comhairle Contae Chorcaí



Divisional Judging Panel

- Four persons in each to include the Chair of the Divisional Committee, Divisional Manager (or nominee), a representative of the Cork County PPN Secretariat and a representative of Muintir Na Tíre.
- Where any judge has a conflict of interest in respect of any nominee, (s)he shall declare it and withdraw from scoring for that candidate leaving the other judges to score it.
- Judging will be facilitated by a member of staff of Cork County Council.
- Only the information submitted on the form may be considered in judging.
- All candidates must be scored for all criteria.
- Where judges cannot agree on the score for any candidate for any of the criteria, each judge shall score independently and the average shall be taken.
- Judging tally sheets must be fully completed and signed by judges.
- All matters of judging to be held in strict confidence until the Awards night.

County Judging Panel

- Comprised of Cork County Mayor, Chief Executive (or nominee), the Chairperson of the SPC (or nominee).
- Supported by the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Support Services, Cork County Council.
- Duty is to review overall scoring results and select one Countywide winner per category and three award winners per Division, having regard to the applications and the judges' scores.
- There must be at least one Group and one Individual winner in each Division. Divisional Awards shall therefore be given to the highest scoring nominee in each of the categories and the third Divisional Award shall be given to the next highest scoring nominee, regardless of category.

Criteria

The following criteria will be used by both the Divisional and County Judging panels to score the groups/individuals

1. Community Participation	Score 50/100
• Level of involvement by group/individual in community.	10 points
• Leadership demonstrated.	10 points
• Involvement with local authority, local businesses, local agencies.	10 points
• Social Inclusion.	10 points
• Evidence of developing links with surrounding areas.	10 points
2. Achievements of group/individual within their Community	Score 50/100
• Innovation.	10 points
• Responsiveness to issues in the area.	20 points
• Contribution to enterprise and economic development of the area and care of built and natural environment.	20 points

Rules

Members within the nominating bodies cannot be nominated themselves.

Completed Application Forms should be returned to:

Mayor's Community Awards, Cork County Council, Floor 14, County Hall, Cork.

Tel. 021-4285367 email: mayorsawards@corkcoco.ie