

CELEBRATING VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY  
IN COMMUNITY LIFE IN GALWAY CITY

2011

# The Mayor's Awards Gradaim an Mhéara



AG CEILIÚRADH GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ DEONACHA  
I SAOL AN PHOBAIL I GCATHAIR NA GAILLIMHE





**Mayor of the City of Galway  
Cllr. Hildegarde Naughton**

The Mayor's Awards, which are held on an annual basis, acknowledge outstanding people and organisations who, through their commitment to participating in unpaid community and voluntary activities, have made a significant impact on the quality of their communities in Galway City.

With the objective to “*value, support and promote the contribution of volunteers and encourage participation in Voluntary activity*”, the Community Development Group of Galway City Development Board, in conjunction with Galway City Council, announces the ninth annual Mayor's Award Scheme. The Mayor's Awards are supported again this year by the St Anthony's & Claddagh, St Columba's and the Naomh Pdraig Credit Unions and focus on and celebrate voluntary activity in community life in the city.

Nominations are invited from people resident in Galway city for individuals or organisations who are involved in voluntary activity which takes place in the city in one of the following categories:

### **St Anthony's & Claddagh Credit Union Arts, Culture, Heritage & 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.

### **St Columba's Credit Union Residents & 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 neighbourhood in which they live. This award recognises that contribution.

### **Naomh Pdraig Credit Union Social & Community Service Award**

This award acknowledges the broad spectrum of community and social activity which takes place within the city. This activity goes a long way towards strengthening the sense of community experienced by people in the city.

### **Business Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award recognises the commitment and enthusiasm of individuals or organisations that

have voluntarily supported business (through, mentoring, advice and planning) to develop into successful enterprises.

### **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 of 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 Credit Unions Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award will be made to one of those nominated in another category who may also be the winner of one of those awards.



## The Winners of the Mayor's Awards 2010

**St. Anthony's & Claddagh Credit Union  
Arts, Culture, Heritage & Cursaí Gaeilge**  
126, Artist-run gallery

**St. Columba's Credit Union Residents' & Local Areas**  
Ms. Valerie Pointer

**Naomh Pdraig Credit Union Social & Community Support**  
The Ballinfolie Mór Community Garden  
**and**  
Dr Richard Joyce

**Sports Volunteer of the Year**  
Mr. Paddy Connolly

**Children and Youth**  
The Ballinfolie Parent & Toddler Group

**Young Volunteer of the Year**  
Mr. John Hubert

**Galway City Credit Unions Volunteer of the Year**  
"The Night For Manuela" organising committee

There will be a commemorative trophy and a cheque for €700 for each winner. Each of the nominees will receive a certificate from the Mayor of Galway City at the Awards Ceremony in April.

Nominators are asked to complete the accompanying form, outlining:

- **The nominees activities and their achievements and contributions in these activities**
- **The difference the nominee has made in the community**
- **The reasons why the nominee deserves the Award**

Nomination forms available from: Community & Culture Department, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, or from [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie)

A judging panel is made up of the Mayor of Galway City, the Director of Community & Culture, the Chair of Galway City Partnership, a representative each from Galway City Community Forum, the Community Development Group, the Credit Unions in Galway City and from the local media. The panel will review the nominations and make their decisions based on the contents of nomination forms submitted.

The closing date for nominations is 4pm on Wednesday 29 February, 2012. The awards will be presented in The Black Box Theatre on Tuesday 3 April, 2012 to which all nominees and nominators will be invited.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO

The Mayor's Awards 2011

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