

KERRY COMMUNITY AWARDS



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Application Guidelines 2026

The Kerry Community Awards recognise outstanding community initiatives that improve the quality of life in local communities across the county.

Applications should highlight projects or initiatives that have made a positive difference socially, environmentally, culturally, or economically in Kerry.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- The Kerry Community Awards are open to all community, voluntary and non-profit groups / organisations based in County Kerry regardless of size.
- Groups must be current members of Kerry Public Participation Network (PPN). For further information on joining Kerry PPN visit www.kerryppn.ie.
- The project / initiative submitted for judging must be already in operation or completed within the last twelve months.
- The project / initiative must benefit a local community in Kerry.
- Applications must be accurate and truthful.
- Only one entry per group will be accepted.

HOW DO I ENTER?

- Complete the official online application form available at www.kerryppn.ie. Hard copies can be requested by emailing kerrycommunityawards@kerrycoco.ie or contacting 066 7183686.
- Ensure all required sections of the form are completed.
- Submit the form by the closing date, 3rd July. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Links to photos, videos, webpages and social media to support the application are welcomed. Do not send original materials as they may not be returned.



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WHAT ARE THE AWARD CATEGORIES ?

Applicants must select one category only:

- **Climate Action & Biodiversity:** Projects whose innovation and commitment is reducing the impact of climate change, nurturing biodiversity or improving and protecting the environment in the community.
- **Community Youth:** Projects that make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of children and young people in the local community.
- **Inclusive Community:** Projects that reduce social exclusion and improve the quality of life, particularly for marginalised or vulnerable members of the community.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Projects that promote healthy lifestyles and strong community connections, creating positive environments for physical, social and mental wellbeing.
- **Arts, Culture and Heritage:** Projects that enhance the community by conserving, protecting and promoting Arts, Culture and Heritage through collective activities e.g. Drama, Music, Literature, Festivals, Conservation & Heritage works.
- **Age Friendly Community:** Projects that make your community a great place in which to grow old.
- **Community Achievement:** Unique and outstanding projects that improve the local community, celebrate innovation, resourcefulness and volunteering.

HOW ARE THE AWARDS JUDGED ?

- Applications are reviewed by an independent judging panel.
- Judges will focus on:

1. **Impact – What difference has been made?**
2. **Community Benefit – Who has benefited and how?**
3. **Engagement – Level of community involvement**
4. **Outcomes – Clear results or achievements**

- Shortlisted applicants may be contacted by judges.
- Judges may request a visit or further information.
- A selection of finalists will be publicly announced.

ADVICE FROM THE JUDGES

- Keep your answers clear and to the point.
- Avoid jargon – write in plain language.
- Focus on the results and the impact of your project on your local community, not just the activities.
- Include real life examples or numbers where possible.
- Stick to the suggested word limits.
- Make sure you have completed all sections of the form.
- Provide supporting information such as photos and videos where possible.



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