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Mayo County Council



# CATHAOIRLEACH'S AWARDS

# 2024

## Information Booklet

Cathaoirleach's Awards  
2021  
Young Environmentalist  
of the Year  
Award

Closing date for nominations is  
***Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025***



## **Cathaoirleach for Mayo County Council, 2024-2025, Cllr John O'Hara:**



"It's my honour to open the nomination process for the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2024.

"Over the past three years the Cathaoirleach's Awards have become one of the highlights of Mayo County Council's year.

"Having attended the awards in previous years, I have seen the joy that winning these awards have brought to community groups and individuals across the county. I have also seen how delighted all the nominees were to see their trojan work get recognised.

Being the Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council is a tremendous honour and I'm looking forward to meeting all the nominees when the awards evening comes around and congratulate them for the work they do in their communities."

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## Section 1 - General Information

Community and voluntary activism is thriving in Mayo, and it is vital that the services of the many community volunteer groups that work among us, and the valuable impact that this work has on the quality of life of the citizens of County Mayo, is acknowledged publicly.

In recognition of this, Mayo County Council is delighted to invite nominations for the third annual Cathaoirleach's Awards.

### I. WHAT ARE THE CATHAOIRLEACH'S AWARDS?

The Cathaoirleach's Awards honour and celebrate the many groups that work quietly behind the scenes to make our communities stronger, more vibrant and caring, often inspiring and motivating others to become actively involved in their communities.

Unsung heroes are to be found in every town, village, street and road in County Mayo. They are of all ages and from all backgrounds, while working across diverse areas of interest, they all share one important characteristic; they give freely and generously of their time to make life better for their communities.

**The public nomination process is now open, and we invite you to nominate those whom you would like to be recognised for the work they do.**

### II. WHAT PRIZES ARE AWARDED?

All winners will be presented with a specially commissioned trophy, hand crafted in Mayo, at the Cathaoirleach's Awards Presentation Evening in early 2025.

Winners will also receive a bursary to use for their community work.

### III. HOW DO I MAKE A NOMINATION?

There is one *Nomination Form* for all categories. Please ensure to read this *Information Booklet* carefully before completing the *Nomination Form*.

- Please confirm that you have read our Data Protection Declaration on **Page 1**.
- Indicate which category you are making the nomination for on Page 2 of the *Nomination Form*. **An individual or Group can be nominated under one category only.**
- Information about the group or person being nominated for an award and information about the person or group making the nomination should be entered on **Page 3**.
- Give your reasons for making the nomination on **Pages 4 – 6**.



- **Up to 4 high resolution photographs and 1 short video clip can be submitted in support of your nomination.**
- The closing date for nominations is **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Nomination Forms may be submitted by post to the Communications Department, Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar, Co Mayo F23 WF90, or by email to [communications@MayoCoCo.ie](mailto:communications@MayoCoCo.ie) no later than Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

#### **IV. JUDGING/SHORTLISTING:**

Nominations will be considered by panels consisting of invited external experts and local authority staff.

All those nominated will be informed in due course if they have been successfully shortlisted in their respective category.

#### **V. ARE THERE ANY TERMS OR CONDITIONS?**

**There are a few simple conditions:**

- Except for the Diaspora Award, nominees should normally live or carry out the activities for which they are being nominated within County Mayo.
- While groups may nominate themselves, self-nominations from individuals will not be accepted.
- Before submitting a nomination, please ensure that you have notified the nominee.
- Nominations will only be considered on the official *Nomination Form*, which must be fully completed, signed by the nominator(s) and submitted by post to the Communications Department, Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar, Co Mayo F23 WF90 or by email to [communications@MayoCoCo.ie](mailto:communications@MayoCoCo.ie) no later than Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- The Data Protection Declaration on Page 1 of the *Nomination Form* must be completed.
- Canvassing will disqualify.



## THE CATEGORIES OPEN FOR NOMINATION ARE:

Please see below list of categories which are open for nomination. To note, some categories contain sub-categories, therefore you should ensure that you are nominating an individual/group in the correct category and sub-category.

	Category	Sub-category
1.	Mayo Publication Awards:	1(a) Publications from commercial publishers 1(b) Publications from community groups
2.	Contribution to Local Heritage and Biodiversity Awards:	2(a) Contribution to Local Heritage 2(b) Contribution to Local Biodiversity and Natural Heritage
3.	Contribution to Community Life Awards:	3(a) Community Endeavour Award 3(b) Community Social Inclusion Project Award
4.	Tourism Awards	4(a) Community Tourism Award 4(b) Tourism Business Award
5.	Environmental Awards:	5(a) Green Community of the Year 5(b) Environmental Initiatives: Energy and/or Travel 5(c) Environmental Initiatives: Circular Living - Waste and/or Litter
6.	Contribution to the Arts in Mayo Award	
7.	Irish Language Initiative of the Year	
8.	Diaspora Awards:	8(a) Mayo Diaspora Outstanding Contribution 8(b) Mayo Diaspora Outstanding Engagement

Full descriptions and category criteria are in **Section 2 - Award Categories in Detail** section of this document.



## Section 2 - AWARD CATEGORIES IN DETAIL

### 1. MAYO PUBLICATON AWARDS (2 AWARDS)

#### (Individual and Group Nominees accepted)

This Award is for the best book on any aspect of life in Mayo. Entries may include local heritage and history, biography and autobiography, folklore and traditions, natural history, sport, parish annuals and any other aspect of life in the county. Publications from individuals, organisations and communities are accepted. Fiction, poetry and drama entries are not eligible.

**Is féidir iontrálacha a bheith i mBéarla nó i nGaeilge. Entries may be in Irish or in English.**

Entries must have been published between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Two copies of the nominated publication must be submitted with the Nomination Form for consideration.

Separate awards will be made to:

- 1(a) Publications from commercial publishers
- 1(b) Publications from community groups

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY AWARDS (2 AWARDS)

#### 2(a) CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL HERITAGE

##### (Group Nominees only)

This Award recognises the contribution by groups to the conservation, management, protection or promotion of Mayo's cultural, archaeological or built heritage.

The award recognises:

- fresh approaches and initiatives that link heritage to communities, promoting active engagement with heritage and its appreciation by the public.
- the application of good heritage practice in managing sites, collections or objects.
- efforts/activities to ensure the survival of a heritage feature or structure.
- contribution to heritage knowledge through research or data collection.

**Publications will not be considered for this award category.**



## **2(b) CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL HERITAGE (Group Nominees only)**

This Award recognises the contribution by groups to the conservation, management, protection or promotion of Mayo's biodiversity and natural heritage.

The award recognises:

- fresh approaches and initiatives that link biodiversity to communities, promoting active engagement with biodiversity and natural heritage and its appreciation by the public.
- the application of good practice in managing biodiversity or natural heritage sites.
- contribution to biodiversity and natural heritage knowledge through research or data collection.
- conservation efforts toward protecting a habitat or species using best practice measures.

**Publications will not be considered for this award category.**

## **3. CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY LIFE AWARDS (2 AWARDS)**

### **3(a) COMMUNITY ENDEAVOUR AWARD**

**(Group Nominees only. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

This Award recognises community groups that show initiative, leadership and involvement in projects and activities that embody the spirit of genuine partnership and benefit the overall community.

### **3(b) COMMUNITY SOCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT AWARD**

**(Group Nominees only. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

Social Inclusion is about involving everyone within communities and this Award recognises those groups working to strengthen local communities, increase participation and promote social inclusion through their organisation, its activities and events.

## **4. TOURISM AWARDS (2 AWARDS)**

**(Group Nominees only. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

### **4(a) COMMUNITY TOURISM AWARD**

The Community Tourism Award seeks to recognise the efforts of voluntary groups or social enterprises in contributing to the development of outstanding experiences for visitors to County Mayo.



The Award will recognise any of the following initiatives that contribute to outstanding visitor experiences or extend the Céad Mile Fáilte in our towns or rural areas:

- Collaborative initiatives between visitor destinations in the County.
- Efforts that support a balanced calendar of annual events/activities.
- New or innovative attractions, activities or festivals.
- Collaboration with tourism and hospitality providers to ensure high-quality integrated visitor service.

#### 4(b) TOURISM BUSINESS AWARD

The Tourism Business Award seeks to recognise the efforts of local business in contributing to the development of outstanding tourism experiences for visitors to County Mayo.

The Award will recognise any of the following initiatives that contribute to the visitor experience across the county.

- New Visitor Experience/Offering.
- Collaboration with other businesses, agencies, and destination groups to give added value and or to create something new or re-imagined.
- Collaboration with tourism and hospitality providers to ensure high-quality integrated visitor service.

### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (3 AWARDS)

**Category A – Green Community of the Year** - recognises communities and voluntary organisations that have undertaken initiatives across several environmental themes.

**Category B - Environmental Initiatives: Energy and/or Travel** - recognises community groups and voluntary organisations who have carried out initiatives to reduce carbon emissions associated with energy use and/or modes of travel within their community.

**Category C - Environmental Initiatives: Circular Living – Waste and/or Litter** - recognises community groups and voluntary organisations who promote circular living within their communities and/or work to keep their communities' litter free.

**Please note applicants can only be nominated in one of the three categories listed above.**

**Where a community/voluntary organisation is nominated, they must be a member of the Public Participation Network to be eligible for an award. To apply for membership, visit [www.mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn](http://www.mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn)**





### **GREEN COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**(Group Nominees only. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

This category recognises the overall work that local voluntary groups have done to reduce emissions and improve their local environment under 5 themes: Biodiversity and Natural Habitats, Energy and/or Water Efficiency, Transport, Waste & Circular Economy & Engagement with Community.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES: ENERGY AND/OR TRAVEL AWARD**

**(Group Nominees only. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

This award recognises the best Community Energy and/or Travel initiatives. This category is open to all Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations who have undertaken initiatives to reduce carbon emissions associated with energy use and/or modes of travel within their community.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES: CIRCULAR LIVING - WASTE AND/OR LITTER AWARD**

**(Group Nominees only. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

This category is open to all Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations who promote circular living within their communities and work to keep their communities' litter free.

Circular living promotes a move away from the 'take, make and waste' model and fosters a culture of reuse, repair, repurpose and waste prevention. In doing so circular living preserves precious natural resources, protects habitats, and reduces pollution.

## **6. CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS AWARD**

**(Individual and Group Nominees accepted. See 'Tips for Applicants' for further application advice)**

This Award recognises the work that local individuals and groups do to encourage and promote the Arts in their community, including those who:

- Take every opportunity to promote the Arts in their community.
- Have been involved in activities and initiatives that stimulate public interest in the Arts.
- Have been involved in activities and initiatives that promote knowledge, appreciation and practice of the Arts.
- Have been involved in activities and initiatives that assist in improving standards in the Arts.



## 7. TIONSCADAL GAEILGE NA BLIANA | IRISH LANGUAGE INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

**Is féidir duine aonair nó eagraíocht a ainmniú | Individual and group nominees accepted.**

*Leis an ngradam seo, déantar comóradh orthu siúd a thapaíonn gach deis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i Maigh Eo. Bronnfar an gradam seo i mbliana ar dhuine nó ar ghrúpa a d'eagraigh tionscadal Gaeilge den chéad scoth sa bhliain 2024. Glacfar le raon leathan tionscadal faoin gcatagóir seo, mar shampla, féilte, imeachtaí, feachtais feasachta, feachtais ar na meáin shóisialta, foilseacháin, scéimeanna tacaíochta pobail, gníomhaíochtaí óige srl, fad is gur reáchtáladh as Gaeilge iad.*

This award celebrates and recognises those who take every opportunity to promote the Irish Language in Mayo. This year's award will be made to a group or individual who organised an excellent Irish Language initiative in 2024. 'Initiative' may be interpreted broadly and may include, for instance, events, festivals, awareness campaigns, social media campaigns, publications, community supports, youth activities etc which were conducted through Irish.

## 8. DIASPORA AWARDS

**(Individual and Group Nominees accepted)**

### **(8a) MAYO DIASPORA OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION**

**(Individual and Group Nominees accepted)**

This award recognises persons of Mayo descent who have achieved significant success in their own field of expertise and have made a lasting contribution to not only the community they live in but their community back home in Mayo.

This award is to honour those who have brought significant pride to Mayo, through their accomplishments and have demonstrated a willingness to give back to Mayo.

Please consider the following before making a nomination:

- Describe the work they have done to contribute to furthering the ideals and wellbeing of Mayo people or causes overseas.
- Don't assume the judging panel will be familiar with the work of any individual or group. Give some background information including examples of previous and current work and achievements and samples to support this.



- Outline the difference the individual or group make to their local communities, how their work meets the criteria of the award and the reasons why they deserve the award.

### **(8b) MAYO DIASPORA OUTSTANDING ENGAGEMENT** **(Individual and Group Nominees accepted)**

**This category recognises the work and achievements that individuals /groups have done to contribute to furthering the ideals and wellbeing of Mayo people or causes overseas.**

The nominees for this Award should be sought from Mayo Associations, but any person or group can nominate.

Please consider the following before making a nomination:

- Describe the work they have done to contribute to furthering the ideals and wellbeing of Mayo people or causes overseas.
- Don't assume the judging panel will be familiar with the work of any individual or group. Give some background information including examples of previous and current work and achievements and samples to support this.
- Outline the difference the individual or group make to their local communities, how their work meets the criteria of the award and the reasons why they deserve the award.



## **Section 3 - TIPS FOR APPLICANTS**

### **CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY AWARDS (2 AWARDS)**

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL HERITAGE (Group Nominees only)**

This Award recognises the contribution by groups to the conservation, management, protection, or promotion of Mayo's cultural, archaeological or built heritage.

The award recognises:

- fresh approaches and initiatives that link heritage to communities, promoting active engagement with heritage and its appreciation by the public.
- the application of good heritage practice in managing sites, collections or objects.
- efforts/activities to ensure the survival of a heritage feature or structure.
- contribution to heritage knowledge through research or data collection.

**Publications will not be considered for this award category.**

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL HERITAGE (Group Nominees only)**

This Award recognises the contribution by groups to the conservation, management, protection or promotion of Mayo's biodiversity and natural heritage.

The award recognises:

- fresh approaches and initiatives that link biodiversity to communities, promoting active engagement with biodiversity and natural heritage and its appreciation by the public.
- the application of good practice in managing biodiversity or natural heritage sites.
- contribution to biodiversity and natural heritage knowledge through research or data collection.
- conservation efforts toward protecting a habitat or species using best practice measures.

**Publications will not be considered for this award category.**



## COMMUNITY ENDEAVOUR AWARD

**This Award recognises community groups that show initiative, leadership, and involvement in projects and activities that embody the spirit of genuine partnership and benefit the overall community.** Only groups are eligible to apply.

In your nomination include the following detail about:

### THE NOMINATED GROUP

- Must be a member of the Public Participation Network to be eligible for an Award. To apply for membership, visit <https://mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn>.
- Include some details on the membership of the group – set out how it represents the community.
- How long is the group in existence?
- How many members are in the group?
- What is the group working to achieve? Why was it set up?
- Is it open to new members?
- Does the group work with any other groups/organisations/agencies to achieve its goals?
- What values does the group hold?

### COMMUNITY

- Provide a brief profile of the community the group represents, i.e. the area's population/demographic, whether rural/urban etc.
- How does the group actively involve members of the community to participate in community-based activities?
- What initiatives has the group run that have encouraged greater involvement from the community?
- How has the group's activities impacted on the area?
- What important positive impact(s) has the group made to the community and how has it made a positive difference?

### PAST & FUTURE PROJECTS

- Provide specific examples of projects the group has been involved in.
- Provide examples of what the group has achieved through use of grant applications, local fundraising resulting in a project/activity.
- What projects are the group currently working on or plan to do?
- Provide documentation to support your application including photographs.



## Community Social Inclusion Project Award

**Social inclusion is about involving everyone within communities and this Award recognises those groups working to strengthen local communities, increase participation and promote social inclusion through their organisation, its activities and events. Only groups are eligible to apply.**

Include the following detail in your application:

### THE NOMINATED GROUP

- Must be a member of the Public Participation Network to be eligible for an Award. To apply for membership, visit <https://mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn>.
- Include some details on the membership of the group. Set out how it represents the community.
- How long is the group in existence?
- How many members are in the group?
- What is the group working to achieve? Why was it set up?
- Is it open to new members?
- Does the group work with any other groups /organisations/agencies to achieve its goals?
- What values does the group hold?

### COMMUNITY

- Provide a brief profile of the community the group represents, i.e. the area's population/ demographic, rural/urban etc.
- What need in this community did the group work to address?
- What important positive impact(s) has the group made to the community and how has it made a positive difference?

### PAST & FUTURE PROJECTS

- Provide specific examples of projects/activities/ events the group has been involved in.
- Provide examples of what the group has achieved through use of grant applications, local fundraising resulting in a project/activity/events.
- What projects/activities are the group currently working on or plan to do?
- How does the work the group does strengthen networks/relationship with all members of the community?
- What projects has the group carried out to promote social inclusion?
- Provide documentation to support your application including photographs.



## TOURISM AWARDS (2 AWARDS)

### COMMUNITY TOURISM AWARD

**The Community Tourism Award seeks to recognise the efforts of voluntary groups or social enterprises in contributing to the development of outstanding experiences for visitors to County Mayo.**

The Award will recognise any of the following:

- Initiatives that contribute to outstanding visitor experiences or extend the Céad Míle Fáilte in our towns or rural areas. This could include town or village, ambassadors, enhanced visitor orientation services, new tourism product offerings, etc.
- Collaborative initiatives between visitor destinations in the County, including cross selling initiatives, county wide product development, marketing and promotion.
- A balanced calendar of annual events/activities which should have a particular focus on events held in the off and/or shoulder seasons.
- Collaboration with tourism and hospitality providers to ensure a high-quality integrated visitor service. Collaborative initiatives could include cross selling, bundling of products for ease of use, enhanced experiences and value for money.

### TOURISM BUSINESS AWARD

**The Tourism Business Award seeks to recognise the recognise any of the following initiatives that contribute to the visitor experience across the county.**

The Award will recognise any of the following:

- New Visitor Experience/Offering.
- Collaboration with other businesses, agencies, and destination groups to give added value and or to create something new or re-imagined.
- Collaboration with tourism and hospitality providers to ensure high-quality integrated visitor service.



## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (3 AWARDS)

Where a community/voluntary organisation is nominated, they must be a member of the Public Participation Network to be eligible for an award. To apply for membership, visit [www.mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn](http://www.mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn)

### GREEN COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Group Nominees only)

This category recognises the overall work that local voluntary groups have done to reduce emissions and improve their local environment under 5 themes: **Biodiversity and Natural Habitats, Energy and/or Water Efficiency, Transport, Waste & Circular Economy & Engagement with community.**

When completing your application please consider the 5 headings below and explain what you have achieved so far, **particularly over the last 12 months**. Please write a max of 250 words per heading:

- I. **Biodiversity and Natural Habitats** - Describe any activities your community group has recently taken to conserve biodiversity, use biological resources sustainably, improve natural habitats.
- II. **Energy and/or Water Efficiency** - Describe the steps your community group has taken to improve energy efficiency and/or water efficiency.
- III. **Transport** - Describe any sustainable transport initiatives your organisation has taken, e.g., to reduce congestion, to green your fleet, or any other actions that result in fuel savings, CO2 emission reduction.
- IV. **Waste & Circular Economy** - Describe the steps taken to reduce waste within your community.
- V. **Engagement with community** - Outline the impacts on engagement with the wider community

### ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES: ENERGY AND/OR TRAVEL AWARD

(Group Nominees only)

This award recognises the best Community Energy and/or Travel initiatives. This category is open to all community groups and voluntary organisations who have undertaken initiatives to reduce carbon emissions associated with energy use and/or modes of travel within their community.

Please consider the following when making your nomination:

- Reduction of reliance on fossil fuels/ Saving on CO2 emissions
- Innovation
- Replicability/Scalability of project





- Community impact (e.g., Affecting behavioural change/ Educational campaigns)
- Other co-benefits. (e.g., Increased biodiversity/health benefits/improved quality of life, etc.) as a result of the project.

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to:

- Small community renewable energy projects (solar, hydro, wind)
- Retrofitting of community buildings
- Improved cycle/walk ways, bike parking
- Community electric vehicles/bikes
- Energy/Transport Awareness events

## ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES: CIRCULAR LIVING – WASTE AND/OR LITTER AWARD

(Group Nominees only)

**This category is open to all Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations who promote circular living within their communities and/or work to keep their communities' litter free.**

Please consider the following when making your nomination:

### Litter Management Initiatives:

- Efforts made in relation to general upkeep and litter control such as routine or seasonal litter picks.
- Awareness campaigns ran locally relating to various common litter sources.
- Use of anti-litter awareness materials from Mywaste.ie such as 'your country your waste' and 'butts belong in bins'
- Engagement with householders, schools, businesses, and other organisations in relation to litter awareness/litter control.
- Participation in litter campaigns such as national spring clean or 2 minute beach clean.

### Waste Management Initiatives:

- Promotion of good waste management locally using community events/talks.
- Promotion and use of information and assets from mywaste.ie such as bin labels, posters and social media resources.

### Circular Living Initiatives:

- Promotion of local or national reuse online platforms such as zero waste or repair my stuff.
- Events and schemes to encourage swapping & reuse of items.
- Promotion of local repair services.
- Upcycling/repurposing projects locally.
- Work done to reduce food waste.
- Local composting schemes or promotion of home composting.



- Any other schemes locally that encourages keeping items in circulation as long as possible.

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS IN MAYO AWARD

**This category recognises the work that local individuals and groups have done to encourage and promote the Arts in their community.**

Nominations can be submitted by members of an Arts group or a member of the public can nominate an Arts group or individual.

Please consider the following before making a nomination:

- Please ensure that the individual/group have been notified and agree to the nomination before you submit the nomination form.
- Describe the work they have done to encourage and promote arts in the community.
- Don't assume the judging panel will be familiar with the work of any individual or group. Give some background information including examples of previous and current work and achievements and samples to support this.
- Outline the difference the individual or group make to the arts and their local communities, how their work meets the criteria of the award and the reasons why they deserve the award.
- Where a group is nominated, they must be a member of the Public Participation Network to be eligible for an award. To apply for membership, visit [www.mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn](http://www.mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn)

## TIONSCNAMH GAEILGE NA BLIANA | IRISH LANGUAGE INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

(English below)

Leis an ngradam seo, déantar comóradh orthu siúd a thapaíonn gach deis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i Maigh Eo. Bronnfar an gradam seo i mbliana ar dhuine nó ar ghrúpa a d'eagraigh tionscnamh Gaeilge den chéad scoth sa bhliain 2024. Glacfar le raon leathan tionscadal faoin gcatagóir seo, mar shampla, féilte, imeachtaí, feachtais feasachta, feachtais ar na meáin shóisialta, foilseacháin, scéimeanna tacaíochta pobail, gníomhaíochtaí óige srl, fad is gur réachtáladh as Gaeilge iad.



#### Critéir Iontrála:

- Glacfar le tionscnaimh a cuireadh ar siúl trí mheán na Gaeilge sa bhliain 2024
- Is gá go mbeadh cosaint agus cur chun cinn na Gaeilge, nó seirbhís a chur ar fáil do mhuintir na Gaeilge, mar cheann d'aidhmeanna an tionscnaimh seo
- Glacfar le raon leathan gníomhaíochtaí, ina measc sin, féilte, imeachtaí, feachtais feasachta, feachtais ar na meáin shóisialta, foilseacháin, scéimeanna tacaíochta pobail, gníomhaíochtaí óige srl
- Is féidir duine nó grúpa a ainmniú. Is féidir le grúpaí féinainmniúchán a dhéanamh, ach ní féidir le daoine aonair iad féin a ainmniú.
- Bí cinnte an t-ainmní a chur ar an eolas faoin iarratas

Cuir an t-eolas seo a leanas ar fáil mar chuid de d'iarratas, le do thoil:

- Cén aidhm a bhí leis an tionscnamh seo?
- Cén spriocphobal a bhí i gceist?
- Cén chaoi ar eagraíodh agus ar cuireadh le chéile é?
- An raibh baint ag an bpobal áitiúil nó ag eagraíochtaí áitiúla eile leis an tionscadal seo?
- Cén luach atá leis an tionscadal seo maidir le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge?
- Ar cuireadh canúintí áitiúla Mhaigh Eo chun cinn mar chuid den tionscadal?
- An tionscadal ionchuimsitheach é seo ó thaobh cumais agus ioncain de?

This award celebrates and recognises those who take every opportunity to promote the Irish Language in Mayo. This year's award will be made to a group or individual who organised an excellent Irish Language initiative in 2024.

#### Entry conditions

- Initiatives conducted through Irish during the year 2024 may be submitted for judging.
- Promotion of the Irish language, or the provision of an Irish language service, must have been a key aim of the initiative.
- 'Initiative' may be interpreted broadly and may include, for instance, events, festivals, awareness campaigns, social media campaigns, publications, community supports, youth activities etc which were conducted through Irish.
- Initiatives must be non-profit.
- Individuals or groups may be nominated. Self-nominations will be accepted for groups, but not for individuals.
- Please make sure to advise your nominee of your submission.

Please include the following information in your application:

- What was the aim of this initiative?
- Who was this initiative aimed at?



- How was this initiative organised?
- Were members of the local community or other local organisations involved in the initiative?
- How does this initiative contribute to the protection and promotion of the Irish language?
- Were any of Mayo's local Irish language dialects promoted as part of this initiative?
- What efforts were made to make this a socially inclusive initiative?

## DIASPORA AWARDS

### MAYO DIASPORA OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

(Individual and Group Nominees accepted)

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This award is to honour those who have brought significant pride to Mayo, through their accomplishments and have demonstrated a willingness to give back to Mayo.

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- Describe the work they have done to contribute to furthering the ideals and wellbeing of Mayo people or causes overseas.
- Don't assume the judging panel will be familiar with the work of any individual or group. Give some background information including examples of previous and current work and achievements and samples to support this.
- Outline the difference the individual or group make to their local communities, how their work meets the criteria of the award and the reasons why they deserve the award.

### MAYO DIASPORA OUTSTANDING ENGAGEMENT

(Individual and Group Nominees accepted)

**This category recognises the work and achievements that individuals /groups have done to contribute to furthering the ideals and wellbeing of Mayo people or causes overseas.**

The nominees for this Award should be sought from Mayo Associations, but any person or group can nominate.



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- Outline the difference the individual or group make to their local communities, how their work meets the criteria of the award and the reasons why they deserve the award.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT  
OF NOMINATIONS IS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS  
SHOULD BE EMAILED TO:**

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**OR POSTED TO:** The  
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