



# LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE 2024 AWARDS

## Information Booklet



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Closing date for entries is 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## What are the 'Love Where You Live' Awards?

The Love Where You Live Awards are a unique opportunity to recognise and publicly acknowledge the positive contribution that communities, schools, and individuals make to County Leitrim. The voluntary work, dedication, and commitment to working together makes Leitrim a vibrant and caring place to live.

In recognition of this, Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Public Participation Network are delighted to invite nominees for the 2024 Love Where You Live Awards.

## How do I enter?

You enter online by completing the Entry Form on the Community section of the Leitrim County Council Website, [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) and [www.leitrimppn.ie](http://www.leitrimppn.ie)

Opening date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## How are the awards judged?

Judging will take place with an onsite visit with an independent judge. For the Diaspora award an interview will take place. Judging will be fair and impartial.

Shortlisting may occur if there are a large number of entries. Nominations will be shortlisted by an independent external committee. Nominees will be notified in writing.

## What are the prizes?

Winners will receive a monetary award, the winner of the Diaspora will be presented with a specially commissioned award.

## Are there any terms and conditions?

1. Groups/Individuals/Schools can be nominated or nominate themselves.
2. Groups/individuals/Schools can only apply under one category.
3. Before submitting an application, please ensure that you have notified the nominee.
4. Nominees are to live in County Leitrim or carry out the activities for which they are being nominated in County Leitrim (with the exception of the Diaspora Award).
5. All entries must be completed online on the official application form which will be available on the Leitrim County Council website, with the exception of the schools award.
6. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Each finalist will receive 3 tickets to the awards ceremony which will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024.



## What are the categories?

Category	This Award recognises:
<p><b>Primary Schools – Actions for Pollinators</b></p> <p><i>(One winner and one runner up per Municipal District)</i></p>	<p>This award celebrates and recognises schools that have made their school grounds pollinator friendly. Schools can carry out actions for pollinators by providing connected natural habitats so that our pollinators can survive and thrive.</p>
<p><b>Green Community of the Year</b></p> <p><i>(One winner and one runner up per Municipal District)</i></p>	<p>This award celebrates and recognises the positive contribution that voluntary groups have done to improve, revitalise and protect their local environment.</p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> planting to promote biodiversity, heritage/conservation, recycling, waterways protection, litter control.</p>
<p><b>Estate of the Year</b></p> <p><i>(One winner and one runner up per Municipal District)</i></p>	<p>This award celebrates and recognises the work that housing estates, residential areas, apartment complexes have done to create a sense of pride and inclusivity in their area making it an attractive place to live.</p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> planting to promote biodiversity, recycling, heritage/conservation, litter control, promoting social inclusion.</p>
<p><b>Diaspora</b></p> <p><i>(One overall winner only)</i></p>	<p>This award celebrates the hard work and dedication of individuals who have made a significant difference in Leitrim Communities around the world. It recognises those individuals who have achieved something special by making a positive impact on Leitrim and its people.</p>
<p><b>Social Inclusion</b></p> <p><i>(One winner and one runner up per Municipal District)</i></p>	<p>This award recognises community groups that actively work in their communities with the aim to minimise social exclusion and/or help to improve the quality of life for socially excluded groups. Your group must be registered with Leitrim PPN to enter this PPN sponsored award.</p> <p><b>Examples include;</b> Working with the Older People, People with Disabilities, Ethnic Minorities, Travelling Community, New Communities, LGBTQ+ and people experiencing homelessness.</p>
<p><b>Community Achievement</b></p> <p><i>(One winner and one runner up per Municipal District)</i></p>	<p>This award recognises community groups that have delivered unique and outstanding projects or services which have improved their local community. The award celebrates innovation, resourcefulness, and volunteering. Your group must be registered with Leitrim PPN to enter this PPN sponsored award.</p> <p><b>Examples include;</b> Community Centres, Community Alerts, Children and Youth Services, Active Age, Women’s / Men’s Groups, Family Resource Centres etc.</p>



## How will marks be awarded?

<p><b>Primary Schools – Actions for Pollinators</b></p> <p>Judging involves visiting schools who have submitted a project. All Primary Schools in County Leitrim will receive a letter from Leitrim County Council’s Biodiversity Officer with further details.</p>	Research and awareness	20
	Survey of school grounds	20
	Link with local community	20
	Practical actions	40
	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>
<p><b>Green Community of the Year</b></p> <p>Judging involves visiting the area and meeting with community groups.</p>	Voluntary Community Effort	25
	Nature and Biodiversity	20
	Sustainability	20
	Litter Control	15
	Improvement	15
	Overall impression	5
	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>
<p><b>Estate of the Year</b></p> <p>Judging involves visiting the estate and meeting with Volunteers.</p>	Voluntary Community Effort	25
	Nature and Biodiversity	20
	Sustainability	20
	Litter Control	15
	Improvement	15
	Overall impression	5
	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>
<p><b>Diaspora</b></p> <p>Judging involves an interview with the Nominee</p>	Innovation and Leadership	30
	Impact on Leitrim and it’s people	40
	Collaboration	30
	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>
<p><b>Social Inclusion</b></p> <p>Judging involves visiting the groups and meeting with volunteers (Shortlisting may apply)</p>	Voluntary involvement and Participation	20
	Support Socially excluded groups	30
	Achievements and Initiatives	30
	Improvement	20
	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>
<p><b>Community Achievement</b></p> <p>Judging involves visiting the groups and meeting with volunteers (Shortlisting may apply)</p>	Voluntary involvement and participation	20
	Overcoming Challenges	20
	Vision and Purpose	20
	Innovation/Flexibility	20
	Improvement	20
	<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>



**If you have any questions about  
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