



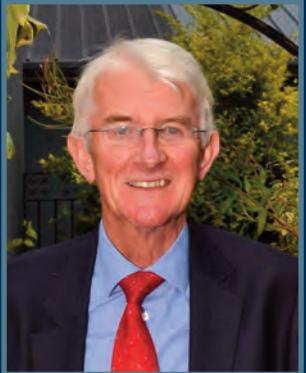
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Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin 4





Message from Tom Dowling

Welcome to the 20th year of our annual IPB Pride of Place Awards, where we continue to celebrate the extraordinary voluntary work of communities all over the island of Ireland. It is twenty wonderful years since the very first awards ceremony and the ethos of the awards continues to be about acknowledging and recognising in a meaningful manner the important fantastic work of all our communities.

I am delighted that our host council this evening in the Clayton Hotel is Dublin City Council, who supported these awards from the beginning and consistently nominated brilliant communities for judging.

Our fabulous journey could not have reached this milestone without the far-sighted vision of those who recognized the importance of communities participating in such a prestigious competition embracing all aspects of community endeavor. The following deserve special mention:

- Co-operation Ireland for its fantastic leadership under its Chairperson, Christopher Moran and Chief Executive Peter Sheridan, whose presence and support we enjoy at these awards. A special thanks and recognition for Cooperation Irelands exceptional Pride of Place team.
- Our headline sponsor IPB Insurance for their vision in recognising the importance and value of these awards. I wish to particularly acknowledge the continuous support of its Chair, George Jones, and its Head of Marketing, Tom Keane, who recognized many years ago the excellent fit these awards are for IPB Insurance.
- The Local Authorities all over the island of Ireland, their Councillors, Chief Executives, and their exceptional Pride of Place liaison officers, who continue to nominate amazing entrants.
- Our team of experienced judges, who each year are delighted and inspired as they hear directly from the nominated communities and their journey of success as they ease the path of life for so many.

My final words, as always, go to all the incredible hardworking, kind-hearted communities who look after the vulnerable people in their communities, while continuing to maintain the exceptionally important routine work that we all take for granted. We really appreciate your endeavors, resilience, kindness, and achievements which inspire all of us to support and recognise your work. We hope you enjoy this evening.

Tom Dowling
Chairperson, Pride of Place

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Message from Dr Christopher J Moran

The establishment of the Pride of Place Awards in 2002 was the beginning of a journey which we in Co-operation Ireland could never have envisaged would lead us to where we are today. As you read this brochure, the 2022 Awards are now arguably the largest celebration of community endeavour north and south, with up to 600 people having travelled to Dublin this evening.

As Ireland's leading peacebuilding charity, we strive to support relationship building whenever we can, and it is of huge pride that our association with the Pride of Place Awards is now approaching its third decade. The success of the awards is down to the unsung heroes who go the extra mile in their community across every county.

As Chairman of Co-operation Ireland, I am filled with a sense of pride when I see first-hand the determined efforts of people to make a difference in the place where they live. It is wonderful that these unsung heroes of the local community, be they individuals or groups, get recognition not only for the work they have put in to improve their areas, but for how they have inspired friends and neighbours to get involved also.

It is a mark of the Awards that they continue to attract entries from towns and villages across the island, both rural and urban. Having pride in where you live is not restricted to any type of people or place and that is reflected in this year's entries – up to 100 from villages, towns and cities - north and south.

I want to thank our partners in IPB Insurance who are again sponsoring the Pride of Place Awards. Their support over many, many years for the programme has enabled it to grow to become one of the finest reflections of community life in Ireland. It clearly shows their commitment to community and voluntary enterprise. I also wish to thank Dublin City Council for hosting this year's gala awards ceremony.

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Tom Dowling, Chairman of the Pride of Place Committee. As architect of the competition Tom has developed Pride of Place to become one of the most prestigious community competitions on the island of Ireland. He and the entire judging panel are completely behind the ethos of the competition and give freely of their time and expertise.

Please enjoy reading this brochure, which gives a great snapshot of the passion and enthusiasm of the people involved. I wish you all a very enjoyable evening and continued success in all your projects.

Dr Christopher J Moran
Chairman, Co-operation Ireland



A Message from the Chair of IPB Insurance, George Jones

Together with our partners Co-operation Ireland and the Pride of Place committee, IPB Insurance is delighted to welcome you to the 20th All-Island IPB Pride of Place community awards competition. We are proud sponsors of the Pride of Place awards and see our sponsorship as a perfect fit. Community is about working together and as a mutual insurer, IPB Insurance is an organisation founded on the spirit of collaboration and the belief that we are stronger together.

This competition provides a fitting platform to recognise the vast strides communities across the island of Ireland are making. It is essential, now more than ever, that in these challenging times that we reflect and focus on the positives and take time to celebrate the excellent work accomplished around this great island.

I continue to be amazed by the standard of submissions and their social impact on communities is a testament to your individual and collective vision for a better Ireland. The Pride of Place awards serve to act as both an acknowledgement and celebration of achievement by communities and voluntary groups who freely give of themselves to enhance their social, economic, and natural environments.

Looking at the finalists for this year's awards, I am pleased to see so many communities represented, and the breadth and depth of the initiatives undertaken to make where you call home a better place. It is inspiring to see the work being performed by you for the benefit of your neighbours and communities. You are all here on merit, proving the power of the collective and what can be achieved when people work together to achieve a common goal.

We live in a global village where international events can impact us closer to home. Recent and current events such as the pandemic and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine has required a huge collective effort by local authorities and their communities. I am certain that the generosity, resilience, and welcoming spirit of communities across the island will ensure that we continue to overcome current and future challenges as they arise.

I want to acknowledge the founders and organisers of the awards, Co-operation Ireland and Chairman, Dr Christopher Moran and Chief Executive, Peter Sheridan along with all the team involved that do so much to make the island of Ireland a better, more peaceful place to live and work. I want, in particular, to congratulate Pride of Place Chair, Tom Dowling and all the judges who give so freely of their time every year. Over the past twenty years Tom's energy and commitment has been a key driver to the enduring success of Pride of Place.

Finally, congratulations once again to you all on your success to date and may I wish every one of you the very best for the future. On behalf of everyone at IPB Insurance, I commend and congratulate you all and wish every one of you the very best of luck and enjoy your night!

George Jones,
Chair, IPB Insurance



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Message from Lord Mayor of Dublin, Caroline Conroy.

It is my privilege and honour to welcome you all from the island of Ireland to Dublin City for the IPB Pride of Place Gala Awards in association with Co-Operation Ireland on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the awards.

I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Finglas Tidy Towns on achieving the status of overall winner in their category last year.

I am also particularly pleased to extend my best wishes to the four groups representing Dublin City this year:
Ballymun Health & Fitness Festival
Dublin 7 Community Alliance
Iochicore Environmental Group
Raheny Tidy Village Group

The work done by all the people in their communities is vital to the development of strong and close communities and sets an example for future generations.

I would like to congratulate each community for showcasing their specific pride initiatives, be it physical, social, cultural or environmental which will have a long lasting and positive impact on their communities.

I thank you for making local neighbourhoods a better place to live, work and visit.

Dublin City Council are proud to be associated with these awards and wish all groups and organisers of this prestigious event every success in this evening's celebrations.

We do hope you enjoy your visit to Dublin city and look forward to you, your family, and friends return visit.

Caroline Conroy
Lord Mayor of Dublin City

Welcome to Dublin City

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Dublin City Council warmly welcomes you to the Clayton Hotel Conference Centre for the 20th Anniversary of the IPB Pride of Place Gala Awards in association with Co-Operation Ireland. We are very proud and honoured to welcome you here tonight to recognise your great achievements and reward your dedication to making a difference in your local communities throughout Ireland.

We hope that you will enjoy your visit to our wonderful city and explore everything that Dublin has to offer. Dublin is Europe's only capital city with a UNESCO Bay Biosphere and City of Literature designation. As Ireland's capital city, we play a key role as the gateway to Ireland, with almost 30 million arrivals per year. For many, this city is the first impression of our country. In Dublin, we take our role as the countries' welcoming committee very seriously. This year, we were voted the Europe's 6th friendliest city by Conde Nast.

However, we are not just famous for our welcome. Behind our Cead Mile Failte, there is a city with a passionate interconnected network of organisations, individuals, locals and communities who are striving to make Dublin a better place to visit, as well as live and work in. The city is a melting pot of cultures, traditions and communities which is home to many, and known over the world for blending the traditional with the contemporary as well as pushing the boundaries of innovation and technology.

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Dublin is where community, culture and innovation come together to co-create and transform the traditional city experience. We know that at the heart of this great city is a community of volunteers, creators, artists, doers, makers and locals who make Dublin what it is.

Tonight, we will celebrate those who make our city and country a great place to live, work and visit. On behalf of Dublin City Council, we wholeheartedly welcome you to our city. And we look forward to welcoming you again on your next visit.

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- Rathcormac Game & Wildlife Club
- Rylane Community Park Association
- Dunmanway Family Resource Centre Meals on Wheels

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A Safe Space to be Me, Co Antrim

A Safe Space to be Me is a charity with premises in Antrim town and Crumlin, County Antrim, serving the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area, working towards connecting individuals and communities. Formed in 2017 initially to provide services in Crumlin, premises in Antrim were also acquired to meet an identified need for therapeutic services supporting the most vulnerable across the borough. The Hub in Crumlin has become a one stop shop providing a range of supports for the community including free counselling for adults, young people and children aged 4 and up, a befriending service, foodbank, emergency food support, community larder, honesty cafe (reducing food waste and food poverty), benefits and budgeting advice, outreach youth provision, family support, parenting courses, activities such as music and movement, stay and play, arts & crafts and any other needs when identified. This work is part funded through providing training for mental health professionals and the public and room hire.

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Achill Tourism, Co Mayo

Achill Island lies off County Mayo on the west coast. Marked by rugged mountains and peat bogs, the island is known for its tall sea cliffs and clean beaches, which makes it a popular spot for water sports. Achill Tourism is a community-based tourism office. The Board is comprised of members closely associated with Achill and its surrounding area. Achill Tourism relies very much on community members and volunteers in area for many of its services and events. Some of the works that have taken place over the past 18 months include the following: Achill Community Response Centre established in Achill Tourism office for vulnerable people in community as a result of COVID-19; collaboration with Mayo County Council in the roll out of the Clew Bay Bike Trail; development of tracks and trails, working with Community Groups and Mayo County Council; disability access improved to the Achill Beaches with obtaining the Beach Wheelchair; providing tourism information at the Greenway Activity Centre on the Greenway; implementing and organising the weekly Achill Greenway parkrun.

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Adare Women's 2020 Club, Co Limerick

During the Covid-19 lockdown local women got together and established Adare Women's 2020 Club in the late summer of 2020. The Club's priorities are to promote optimum health and wellbeing among women of all ages, to help keep them physically, mentally and socially active, and to provide them with a dedicated, friendly and welcoming meeting place, where women can come together in a safe environment and undertake activities such as book club, quizzes, walking group games or to just enjoy a friendly chat.

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An Garda Siochána Wicklow– Chatting Benches

The 'chatting bench' initiative first launched in Bray was also rolled out in Wicklow town, Arklow and Baltinglass. The benches allow for members of the public to sit down and have a chat with a member of the Gardaí. The initiative first took place in early 2021 along Bray Promenade - now Gardaí, in conjunction with Wicklow, Baltinglass and Arklow Municipal Districts, have expanded the scheme. For at least one hour every week, with the time being announced beforehand on the Garda Siochána Wicklow Facebook page, a member of the Gardaí will be present at the benches, available to have a socially distanced chat with anyone interested. The topics of conversation do not have to be Garda related, but in circumstances where someone is uncomfortable, for whatever reason, going to a Garda Station, this can be an opportunity to speak with a Garda in confidence.

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An Garrán, Tramore, Co Waterford

An Garrán is located in the picturesque seaside town of Tramore, County Waterford. The An Garrán Residents Association was established over seven years ago with an emphasis on enhancing the local area, promoting inclusiveness and providing advocacy for the needs of the community. An Garrán Residents Association works in partnership with Waterford City & County Council Estates Management Department, the Community Garda, and other relevant agencies as required. The group also arranges sports, health, fun, and social activities for the community. The International Neighbour Day is a special event promoting inclusiveness and enhancing community spirit with residents from various countries showcasing their culture and cuisine. An Garrán as a society is hugely prolific in its dealings with people and their welfare. Inclusion is the all-embracing maxim in dealing with local issues and there is a great effort by all to create a sustainable and welcoming neighbourhood.

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An Tochar GAA Club and Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership, Irish Sign Language Project

An Tochar GAA club and Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership have developed an Irish Sign Language video with support from the Irish Deaf Society, GAA, The Camogie Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association and Wicklow GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee. This video will show the most commonly used GAA terms in Irish Sign Language. It will be accompanied by signage for the club grounds providing links and QR scanners directly to the videos. It will also be shared widely on online channels and social media. This project was the brainchild of a local club member, who uses Irish Sign Language and who wanted to make the club more inclusive. There will be a six-week programme undertaken by the academy coaches in An Tochar GAA where they will introduce 2 different signs into their training sessions in order to embed Irish Sign Language into the club. Other clubs in the county will be invited to take part and will be provided with pitch and indoor signage to promote the programme.

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Annahilt & Magheraconlue Community Association, Co Down

Annahilt & Magheraconlue Community Association based within the rural village of Annahilt on the outskirts of Hillsborough has worked tirelessly with other local partners including the Primary School and Play Group to collaboratively enrich the lives of residents given the rural displacement of the area. The association has developed many projects to support residents as well as prioritising pride in their local area, such as the environmental group who has taken ownership of the local green spaces within the village and engage in regular litter picks, planting and tending to the flower beds. This active group is regularly seen within the community providing a friendly interface. The association also sources regular training courses within the community to build the capacity of residents and often hosts events and meetings to bring people together, building relationships within this rural village, where many residents would have little social ties without the linkages provided by them.

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Armagh County Agricultural Show

Based in Markethill, a rural town in Co Armagh, the Armagh County Show is celebrating its 175th year. For one day in June 15,000 to 20,000 visitors descend on the town. The highly motivated team works on the show 12 months of the year and on show day are assisted by up to 80 volunteers. The County Show gives visitors a holistic insight into agricultural life with particular focus on areas like support for farmers, health and wellbeing and more. Significantly, the show runs qualifying classes for the All-Ireland finals, including for the prestigious Dublin Horse Show. The 'footprint' of the show is important. The local economy is supported through day visitors, overnight stays and associated spend. The show leads the way in waste management and recycling in collaboration with local company ReGen & local scout groups. Armagh Show supports local charities, fundraising takes place not only on the day but, throughout year. Positive community support has been critical to the show's success.

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Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island), Co Donegal

Comharchumann Árainn Mhór operates as a community development organization and Lead Language Planning Organization for Arranmore Island. The co-operative, through activities, aims to develop the island's environmental, tourism, cultural and heritage resources for the betterment of the economic, cultural and social life of the island. Current projects being undertaken by the group include: regeneration of underused land into purpose-built recreational amenity for use of the entire community; development of Blueway to encourage engagement within the community with nature the natural heritage of the area; encourage engagement in a sustainable manner with the natural heritage – promotion of the principles of Leave No Trace to users of land and marine based tours; involvement of stakeholders within the community, encouraging engagement and empowerment which in turn promotes a sense of ownership and civic pride; establishment of stakeholder committee to oversee development and promotion of tourism initiatives. Broad public and community/youth/business consultation processes are undertaken to ensure the input of all.

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Balbriggan Men's Shed, Co Dublin, Fingal Council Area

Balbriggan Men's Shed plays a vital role in the community life and wellbeing of this fast expanding town in North Fingal. Balbriggan is one of the youngest and most ethnically diverse communities in Ireland and the Men's Shed provides a welcome outlet for all those who want to work shoulder to shoulder in the town. Formed in 2015 the Men's Shed has invested much in the premises it inherited from the local church. With support from Fingal County Council and the Irish Men's Shed Association the group is an exemplar of what a progressive Men's Shed should look like. In 2022 the group became a partner in Thrive Balbriggan, a new project promoting positive mental health, led by Mental Health Ireland. The Shedders are always open to new members and reached out to the newly arrived Ukrainian community by hosting a Ukrainian-themed family day. The Shed is also associated with Aster Family Resource Centre, Balbriggan Integration Forum and Flemington and Castletlands Community Centres.

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Ballinakill, Co Laois

Ballinakill is situated on the R433 close to the Laois-Kilkenny border. It has a rich heritage and a great natural beauty. Its unique 'Toll Trees', Market Square, 1798 Monument, Ballinakill Castle and Heywood Estate & Gardens are some of the landmarks which frame its history and tell its story. Its natural beauty is a backdrop for various outdoor activities - heritage walks, cycle routes & fishing or a simple stroll through the woods to enjoy the peace and tranquillity it offers. Ballinakill has a variety of voluntary clubs - GAA, Tidy Towns and the recently formed Ballinakill Community Development Association. The local hall is home to cookery, guitar & fitness schools, an active retirement group, bingo and cards. It has a squash club, outdoor swimming pool and a playground. Ballinakill is a vibrant, growing community whose members are committed to making the most of its beauty, history, facilities and fostering local talent.

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Ballymahon, Co Longford

Bridgeways Family Resource Centre based in Ballymahon is one of the 121 National Family Resource Programme RC's. Bridgeways provides community-based Family Support, Community & Youth Development. This is a model of work which provides a wide range of activities that strengthen positive informal social networks through community-based programmes and services. The main focus of these services is on early intervention and prevention, aiming to promote and protect the health, well-being and rights of children, young people and their families. At the same time, particular attention is given to those who are vulnerable or at risk. Bridgeways has an important wider function in the provision of information, advice, training and facilities for the community and groups experiencing marginalisation. The work is centered on the needs of the community. Bridgeways FRC provides universal and targeted social support to families and the community in the line of one to one support, support groups, parenting programmes, counselling, holistic services etc. Bridgeways FRC provides recreational and developmental support, below is a list of some of the supports available.

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Ballymun Health and Fitness Festival, Dublin City

Ballymun Health and Fitness Festival was created in 2020 as a response from the local community. The response was to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the community and also an early intervention from the community, and particularly younger people, who are beginning to self-medicate more. Ballymun Health and Fitness Festival has also created positive relationships between organisations in Ballymun and created a better more cohesive approach to working in Ballymun as opposed to working in isolation on the same issues. There has also been the beginning of the Scouts, Community Games, and the inaugural Ballymun Decathlon Triathlon as a result of the work of the volunteers. Looking forward Ballymun Health and Fitness will assist in the confidence building and upskilling of existing and new coaches in the area. This will encourage the latter to promote themselves more in their local community and build their own brands.

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Ballyogan, Carrickmines, Dublin 18 Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Area

Ballyogan is a vibrant community set in Carrickmines, Dublin. The main focus of activity is around the Samuel Beckett Community Civic Campus which is made up of The Samuel Beckett Community Facility, Ballyogan Family Resource Centre, DLR Leisure, The White House Youth Club and Ballyogan Estate Management Group. All ages are catered for from 0-100. The annual Family Fun Day finishes off summer camps and mini world cups where residents come together and enjoy sports, activities and food. Clean up days are regular under the guidance of the Estate Management Group. Crosscare operate from the White House ensuring the needs of all young people from 10-24 are met from hangout sessions, counselling and Garda Diversion Projects that are in operation. And this year has seen the Ballyogan Community welcoming Ukrainians to their area providing space and opportunities for those resettling here. Ballyogan is all about community and providing services to help all.

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Bawnmore Estate, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim

Bawnmore and District Residents Association has been in existence for 30 years. Located in the Bawnmore area of Newtownabbey close to North Belfast, they take great pride in their community and in making it a better place for future generations. The group works along with many statutory and voluntary organisations to enhance the lives of all who live in the area. A strong committee of volunteers works tirelessly to run many different projects and activities for all age groups including parents & toddlers, senior citizens, good relations, health & wellbeing, environmental and regeneration projects, youth/youth outreach projects, summer schemes and interventions, festivals/cultural events including the annual Nativity & Christmas tree celebrations. They work closely with their local GAA club, football club and two local schools. Much of their success is due to the ongoing support from their volunteers and funding from local government (for Small Pockets of Deprivation) and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

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Cahir, Co Tipperary

Cahir Tidy Towns was originally established in 1959 & currently has 22 active members. They are supported in their projects by Tús participants and Tipperary County Council. Cahir's idyllic location is naturally enhanced by the river Suir which runs through the town and around the renowned Cahir Castle, the scene of eight movies. The group have initiated many biodiversity plantings, walks, gardens and wildflower meadows and improvements in recent years which have greatly improved the atmosphere of the town. Projects completed in recent years include Memorial Garden, St Declan's Way, Inch Field Sculpture Trail, Biodiversity Woodland Walks, the Fairy Trail, Restoration of the Dovecote, and Illumination of Key Features in Cahir Park. All have been a proven success and enhanced the town's natural amenities. The group have been awarded a bronze medal in the last three National Competitions and feel that their dedication and ongoing activities make Cahir a great place to relax and enjoy the natural amenities

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Carney, Co Sligo

Nestled between Benbulben, Drumcliffe Bay and the Lissadell Estate in North Sligo, Carney is a charming, picturesque and vibrant village in the Parish of Drumcliffe. Its vibrancy comes from the unique community spirit of the people in this area, where enthusiastic volunteers of all ages and sections of the community get together, whether through the Carney Tidy Towns group, the local Oxfield Community Centre or the plethora of community and sports groups and associations. Hugely successful collaborations between these community groups have transformed the locality over the last 15 years – delivering a series of riverside and woodland looped walking trails; improving pedestrian facilities throughout the village, new footbridges and links for access; redeveloping the community centre and sporting/leisure facilities; and enhancing the local environment and appearance of the village in terms of both built and natural amenities. These achievements have resulted in a true sense of pride of place.

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Carrickmacross Workhouse, Co Monaghan

Carrickmacross Workhouse Visitor Experience tells the story of life, death and emigration in the Workhouse during the 1840s Great Famine. History is brought to life using an Animated Film, Interpretative Artworks, Information Panels, and Architectural Features. The Workhouse is a fine cut-stone building dating from 1841 in the middle of the Great Hunger. Families entering the workhouse were separated, with men women and children living in different dormitories. The buildings fell into disuse and lay idle for many years, until Farney Community Development took a lease on the front building in 1990, and with labour provided from Community Employment workers overseen by Committee members with construction experience, they faithfully restored the building. It has served as a community hub for south Monaghan for the last twenty years, providing much needed services from childcare to citizens information to meeting space. Tours are available all year round conducted by volunteer guides. A genealogy service is also available through the Workhouse. The tourism experience that a visitor gains from a visit to Carrickmacross Workhouse is second to none.

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Castleconnor, Co Sligo

Dedicated volunteers identified the needs of the Castleconnor area to enhance the life of the community with regards to safety, historical amenities and biodiversity. A new stone wall and footpath with lighting was constructed to aid the health and safety of the community to link the primary school to the community centre, GAA grounds and walking track. In addition, Killanley Cemetery has had considerable improvements including the upgrading of unmarked graves, the sourcing and planting of plants and trees, the erection of benches together with a huge undertaking of having the cemetery surveyed with the number and mapping of each grave clearly identified. With biodiversity at the forefront, the Warren Walk was developed primarily as a woodland walk with sections which cross farmland, freshwater marsh and estuarine mudflats. As the interaction of these various habitats gives rise to a wealth of flora and fauna, the group oversees the running and upkeep of the walk under the guidance of conservation experts.

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Cavan Comhairle na nÓg

During COVID Cavan as a county endured a number of tragedies in relation to suicides in the county and particularly with young people. In response to this Cavan Comhairle na nÓg decided the theme for their AGM would be mental health and in addition to this they decided to record a short video where the Comhairle members asked staff from the various mental health agencies from the Cavan and Monaghan area a series of questions such as:

- Tell me a bit about the service you provide? What age range does it cater for? What type of support is offered/who is the service for? and how can the service be accessed? The video shows interviews with Cavan General Clinical Nurse Manager , So-Sad Ireland – Cavan branch, Pieta House, Calms, Community Mental Health Nurse, SLBS -Cavan- Pieta House, Primary Care Cavan and North West STOP.

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Cavan GAA County Board 'STRONGER' Programme

County Cavan has unfortunately experienced the tragic loss of family, friends, teammates who took their own lives. Expressing concern clubs have sought the help of Cavan GAA and other organisations to support their members and their communities so that they can assist and guide people as necessary. In addition to these tragedies, communities have also adversely been affected by Covid-19 with a marked increase in mental health issues, anxiety and addiction among 18 – 30 year olds. Cavan GAA in partnership with the HSE and other support groups have worked with clubs and individuals who have experienced trauma and tragedy in a sympathetic, caring, sustainable, supportive role. In response, one significant area of the support provided is a preventative measure. Cavan's GAA Health and Wellbeing committee in partnership with HSE have developed the STRONGER Programme. The aim of this project is to develop a resource to help people within communities. The recognising of changing behaviours from a mental health viewpoint by early intervention and direction to appropriate professional help is the ethos of the STRONGER programme.

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Clanrye Group, Newry City

Clanrye Group is a leading provider of high-quality programmes, services and supports designed to empower the local community, including Training and Qualifications, Health & Wellbeing Services and Employment Programmes. Clanrye Group works to support and empower people to make positive changes in their lives by achieving personal and professional goals and reconnecting them with their community. The group provides: training and qualifications – to develop life and vocational skills, accredited/non-accredited courses and qualifications; health and wellbeing activities/support to address physical and mental health and wellbeing; employability support – work placements/experience with employers or community projects; and assistance with sourcing, securing, and remaining in employment. The group also offers: personal, family support and advocacy; enrichment activities to develop soft, personal, and transferable skills; and advice, support, and advocacy service for unpaid carers.

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Clonmellon, Co Westmeath

Clonmellon, on the N52, is the gateway to Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. The village has seen a dramatic revitalisation in recent years through the work of dedicated volunteers, led by the Tidy Towns Committee, Clonmellon Community Council, St Paul's GFC, Clonmellon Community Centre, Clonmellon Community Garden group and others. The last two years have seen many challenges for voluntary groups, but all have continued to link in together. Floral arrangements and planters, provided by the busy community garden and the local men's shed, enhanced the green areas. Activities such as biodiverse planting and picnic benches, streetscaping, the rolling out of a rural renewal scheme with painting, furniture and signage, a successful fortnightly farmers market, Santa's Visits, Christmas lights, growth of the GAA facilities, upgrading of the community centre, renovation of St John's church and graveyard and the children's participation in developing the school grounds, have all contributed to a sense of unity and pride within the community.

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Cootehill, Co Cavan

Cootehill Town Teams have sub-groups who work together to improve the appearance of the town and quality of life for all residents. Staff, trainees and pupils from Drumlin House Training Centre and the Holy Family School have been involved in events such as the Walkability Study, Back in 5 and Make Way Day with the Accessibility Group. These have led to improvements in footpaths and crossings for all. The group has also consulted with local parents and Cavan County Council to improve Cootehill Playground. Tidy Towns are at work in the Community Garden, preparing hanging baskets and managing regular maintenance. The Economic Group is working on a digital hub for Cootehill, preserving and maintaining the Church Street Graveyard as well as making an historical walking map of the town. The SC group in co-operation with Cavan County Local Development have succeeded in obtaining a long awaited community space in Cootehill as well as being responsible for obtaining façade painting funding.

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Craigavon and Banbridge Volunteer Bureau

Craigavon and Banbridge Volunteer Bureau works in the ABC council area in a high area of deprivation. The Bureau was established in 1993 in response to needs of community and voluntary groups. It is a structured body providing support in all issues pertaining to volunteering, including recruitment, training and developing vocational volunteer placements. The Bureau works with people from all sectors of the community, with a strong interest in reaching underrepresented groups such as young people, older people, people with disability, giving them an opportunity to play an active role in the community through volunteering. The Bureau is currently addressing the emerging issues of Covid 19 such as, social isolation, loneliness and mental health issues. Their aim is to provide a leadership role in supporting groups to reopen and to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in their community. The Bureau provides training for volunteers and placements, providing ongoing support to ensure the health and wellbeing of volunteers and staff.

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Created in Cavan

'Created in Cavan' is the brand of Cavan Food Network, launched in February 2020 by Ireland's favourite chef, Neven Maguire. This exciting brand, with its bold, distinctive logo, provides consumers locally, nationally and internationally with the assurance that they are purchasing food or drink that has been lovingly created by dedicated local producers to reflect the unique landscape and culture of County Cavan. 'Created in Cavan' also gives food and drink producers from the county a platform to showcase their wares, communicate their unique food story and empowers the food industry in Cavan to cement its place amongst the best food counties in the country. The Calendar of Events for 2022 was launched in May, this includes a number of events which highlight what Cavan has to offer and promotes food tourism as well as supporting our local producers, hospitality, tourism, retailers and wholesalers who support the *look for local* agenda. This vibrant economy is vital to the future of the county.

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Creative Spark, Muirhevnamór, Dundalk, Co Louth

Creative Spark was launched in 2012 as a centre for creativity and innovation, located at the edge of a large Local Authority Housing Estate in Muirhevnamór, Dundalk, Co. Louth. It aims to provide dedicated creative training and workspace facilities for new and established enterprises in County Louth – a place to work and a place to learn. It is a registered charity operating as a not-for-profit social enterprise aiming to develop the local creative industries sector, support new and established innovative enterprises and activate creativity in the community. This multi-tenant enterprise hub provides access to skills, technology, structures and a platform for peer-support and capacity-building for creative practitioners, start-ups and entrepreneurs. This collaborative environment encourages learners, educators, innovators, start-ups, and the local community to meet and exchange ideas, knowledge and best practice – providing economic opportunity and development across the region. The Creative Spark building exhibits low-energy building solutions which have led to huge savings to occupants and users alike, while also reducing greenhouse-gas emissions.

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District 7 Community Alliance, Dublin City

In 2018 the 'Dorset Street Together Group' formulated a strategy, with participation from community groups, business owners, local stakeholders and with support from Dublin City Council including a €2,500 grant. Architects were contracted to develop 'The Dorset Street Together Plan'. The plan studied the cause of the degeneration of Dorset Street and its environs and identified solutions to rejuvenate the area. Following on from this success, the District 7 Community Alliance was born. An umbrella group, representing Residents, Community and Business Groups across a wider area of North Dublin City Centre. It covers areas roughly within the boundaries of Dominick Street Upper, Dorset Street, the Royal Canal and Phibsborough. The Alliance focuses on Planning, Policing, Illegal Dumping and Community Development issues. The group engages with An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Metro North, the Mater Hospital, Bus Connects and elected representatives. An updated 'Greater Dorset Street Together Plan' was submitted in 2022, and forms part of the draft Dublin City Development Plan.

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Donegal Travellers Project

Donegal Travellers Project (DTP) is a locally based community development and human rights organisation that has been working to challenge racism and promote Traveller and Roma inclusion in Ireland since 1996. The Project was established in Donegal with the ultimate aim of achieving equality and recognition for the Traveller community. Donegal Travellers Project works in many specific areas including community development, health, early years and adult education, youth work, information and advocacy, interculturalism, accommodation and anti-racism. The project is made up of Travellers, members of the majority population and members of other minority groups committed to working together for the realization of a more equal society. Among other things, DTP contributes to the cultural development of local areas where the inclusion of Travellers and Roma are promoted throughout the county; promotes Traveller pride annually to build confidence and well-being in the Traveller community to improve relationships; and represents the particular needs and interests of the Traveller community with additional needs/disability.

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Douglas, Cork City

Douglas Community Association is in one of the city's biggest suburban areas and is very much at the heart of the community. From the outset the need for an inclusive, volunteer led community amenity was realised by a small group of committed residents. Their prime objective was to acquire a 5-acre field in the heart of Douglas for the community. This has been updated and modernized in recent years. The ethos of these founders is carried through to the present day, when the community centre provides an invaluable hub for the community. There are approximately 150 volunteers involved. A reflection of the Community Association's forward thinking approach to serving their community is that it played an important role in marking the celebration of the extended city boundary, to host a series of vibrant and dynamic community events. The Community Association now never rests on its laurels, and strives for continuous improvement, whether that be to achieve Green Flag status, to extend amenities, or to reach out to new groups and communities.

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Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim

Drumshanbo is located at the most southerly point of Lough Allen, the first lake on the Shannon. In 1991 Drumshanbo Community Council (DCC) was formed to make the town more attractive as a destination and business location due to the closure of a number of local businesses and the loss of over 300 jobs. DCC has been involved in several business developments and street enhancements. The site of the original jam factory was turned into a creche and special needs HQ, together with offices for use by local organisations. A new streetscape was created to allow for one way traffic. Funding was sought to create a 'Food Hub' incorporating several food production units producing boxty, ready-made dinners, Kiefer (dairy drink), chocolates and savouries and is home to the Shed Distillery. There is a very busy training kitchen which runs several courses in the hospitality area, particularly for disadvantaged, unemployed, migrants etc. Drumshanbo is now a vibrant and thriving town with further investment planned.

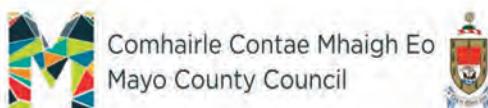
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Dundonald Art Corridor, Co Down

Dundonald Art Corridor is an art-led community-driven initiative developed to bring accessible art and creative spaces to residents. The organisation is solely volunteer-led with a permanent curative street gallery of ten walls, indoor exhibitions, annual art events and festivals, and poetry walls which are all used to showcase the products of group work. Since its inception the group has developed a range of sub-groups to harness the needs and interests of the community, including youth projects, disability & special needs group and 'Litter Ninjas' (focused on environmental clean-ups). In addition, Dundonald Art Corridor has engaged in a programme of designing and sharing postcards of joy which have been used during the pandemic to 'brighten someone's day'.

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Congratulations and sincere thanks to our community groups – Kilmoevee and Achill Tourism, nominated for Pride of Place 2022 for highlighting their hugely successful work and achievements.



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Dunmanway Family Resource Centre Meals on Wheels, Co Cork

Dunmanway Family Resource Centre (DFRC) is part of the national programme called the Family and Community Services Resource Centre Programme and is managed by a Voluntary Board of Directors. DFRC operates Meals on Wheels in Dunmanway town which is core funded by the HSE along with generous donations and local grants that meet the criteria of Meals on Wheels making it possible to provide such a service. The goal is to provide affordable nutritious meals to anyone who needs them. Of course, in addition to funding, there are two core elements without which the service could not operate. Firstly the staff who prepare in excess of 200 meals per week. Secondly and most importantly, without fail every week in hail, rain or snow, there are up to 35 volunteers, some of whom help in-house and drivers who give of their time to deliver these meals and to connect with clients and friends.

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Dunshaughlin, Co Meath

Dunshaughlin (population 4900) is a thriving commuter town 40 minutes from Dublin on route to the Hill of Tara. It derives its name from St. Secundinus/St. Seachnall who was appointed as the first Bishop of Dunshaughlin by St. Patrick in 443 A.D. Historic elements of the town also include the nearby Lagore Crannog from the 7th century and the Norman settlement of the 12th century providing a rich heritage including historic buildings which are treasured by the inhabitants. There is a vibrant community in this thriving contemporary town with modern facilities for social services, education, health care provision, public services, local authority administration, community facilities, the arts, entertainment, sporting activities, retail shopping and light industry whilst the town has retained its rural charm and characteristics. Young people have flourished in this environment, 208 of whom designed posters for a Climate Action Campaign devised and promoted by Dunshaughlin Tidy Towns Group entitled "Protect Our Planet".

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Flossie and the Beach Cleaners, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin

Inspired by Flossie Donnelly, a 14 year old environmental activist with a passion for protecting marine life and fighting plastic pollution, Flossie and The Beach Cleaners was founded in 2019. Flossie and The Beach Cleaners is an environmental charity. It has since become an ever-growing group of marine enthusiasts in Ireland and around the world who care deeply about the ocean and its marine life. The group's aim is to raise awareness about plastic pollution and the damage it is doing. They visit as many junior schools as possible, with volunteers and TY students delivering fun and stress-free workshops on plastic solutions and climate change. They also do weekly beach cleans, give talks and run regular fun events to create awareness. To help displaced Ukrainian people settle into the community this group has created a weekly 'Clean and Chat' – involving them at the beach and using the opportunity to chat in English.

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Friends of Merlin Woods, Galway City

Merlin Park Woods is located on the east side of Galway city. It is the largest, oldest urban woodland in the city. It is home to a wide variety of habitats, wildlife species and a haven for the local community away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. Friends of Merlin Wood began in 2012 and has worked to promote the positive use of Merlin Park Woods, reducing anti-social behaviour through positive community engagement working on litter picks, arts and drama projects, environmental campaigns and actions. Friends created information boards for the woodlands, wildlife booklets, surveys and document the wildlife. They link in with local community youth groups and adult groups and help to create employment through a variety of projects. They are currently working on dry stone wall restoration projects, woodland coppicing, writing and drama workshops and events, including running biodiversity and heritage week each year. They were recently honoured with a Mayoral reception.

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Geashill, Co Offaly

Geashill is a beautiful village on the R420 between Tullamore and Portarlington. It has a church, shop and petrol station, Post Office, school, GAA club, two public houses and a playground. The Digby family developed Geashill as a planned estate village and it is well laid out with the village green at its core. Geashill Tidy Towns has been active for forty years developing the Heritage Village of Geashill to its fullest potential, making it a great place for residents and visitors. Its voluntary committee includes people of all ages and from all backgrounds. The group is inclusive, involving new and existing residents in their activities. Geashill Tidy Towns has a particular focus on Biodiversity and was National Pollinator Award winner in 2017 and 2019. The group has also won the county award for the last 11 years and received the award for Ireland's Tidiest Village in 2021. This has only been possible through everyone in the village working together.

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Glen Community Garden, Cork City

The Glen Community Garden has been in development since 2008 when seed funding from Niche Health Project was channeled into a growing space in the Glen area of Cork's Northside. The Glen community is designated a RAPID area and as such is the focus of targeted social inclusion and health interventions from a range of agencies and organizations in the city. Tucked away in a hidden green oasis on the edge of Glen River Park, the project is now staffed by a part-time gardener and a full-time local volunteer, and provides a safe and welcoming space for various groups to engage in food growing, teamwork and community building. The project benefits from various local authority and HSE grant streams and prides itself on maintaining relationships with budding community gardeners over the years. The project is a point of pride for community members in the Glen, particularly regular weekly groups who are committed to both the gardening experience and the social engagement that comes with participation.

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Glenroe Ballyorgan, Co Limerick

Glenroe Ballyorgan is a dispersed rural community in south Limerick. Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council (GBCC) has 17 members with a good mix of skills, youth and experience and a range of active subgroups that help to revitalise the community with events, activities and physical developments. School closures in Ballyorgan and Glenroe were the catalyst for community action, when GBCC was established. Coolfree Preschool now operates in the former Ballyorgan NS and Glenroe Community National School was opened in August 2020. Projects include: safety measures on the road; modern dressing rooms at Glenroe GAA Complex; development of a community walk; astroturf project underway; underage camogie club set up; children's camps for Spring/Summer 2022 in eco awareness, sport and art; the "Parish Habitat and Biodiversity" EIP Project to enhance farmer and community biodiversity; and an earth sculpture on the Keale River Walk. GBCC has been on an amazing journey since its establishment in 2015, one of persistence and achievement to help revitalise the rural community by working together and continuing to grow and develop.

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Graiguenamanagh Tourism Hub, Co Kilkenny

The Barrow Valley Community Development group was established by local volunteers with the objective of improving the social and economic landscape of Graiguenamanagh and the surrounding Barrow Valley through developing recreation tourism. By drawing on the outstanding natural beauty of the Barrow Valley, the area is promoted as the perfect location for outdoor activities. A Tourism Hub has been built that now integrates education, economic and social resources. Early on a lack of tourist accommodation in the area was identified so a decision was made to encourage the kind of tourists that bring their own; the Hub started offering overnight parking for motorhomes and campervans and has over the past few years developed the site into one of the most popular inland motorhome aires. This brings a steady stream of tourists to Graiguenamanagh all year round who spend a whopping 1.5 million euro locally.

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Grange Housing Estate, Mullingar, Co Westmeath

The Grange Estate is the largest of the local authority housing estates in Mullingar. The Grange estate only began development in 1982 with the development of the first estate, Grange Crescent. The Grange Community Group was formed in 1996 through bringing together several individual estate committees and was and is served by a team of very committed volunteers. The group takes pride in being socially inclusive, self-sustaining, and developmental. The community centre - built in 1999 after much lobbying - is the heart of the community. The many initiatives that take place there cater for everybody in the community. These include subsidised childcare facility, youth clubs, Traveller and multi-cultural initiatives, health initiatives, estate maintenance, and even their own football club and pitch. Strong relationships have been forged with all the local statutory and voluntary agencies in Mullingar and the group is an active participant in the RAPID and PPN structures within Westmeath County Council. The group's maxim is that there are no problems - only solutions.

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Hilden Estate, Lisburn City

Hilden Estate Community Association is based in the Hilden Estate of Lisburn City, a low-income community with high levels of economic deprivation. This group seeks to improve the emotional and physical wellbeing of local residents through developing a range of initiatives and programmes including preserving nature and wildlife, creative arts, health & wellbeing programmes including drugs, alcohol and suicide awareness, improving employability and job skills of residents. Hilden Community Association works alongside other key stakeholders to address the housing crisis within the area as well as addressing the high levels of ASB amongst younger residents. The group is primarily made up of local volunteers who work in partnership with statutory and community partners in order to deliver services to those who are marginalised and isolated. The group regularly engages with the local community in order to ensure that programmes being delivered are meeting community needs and to promote the overall wellbeing and development of the residents.

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i.C.A.R.E., Inishowen, Co Donegal

The vision of i.C.A.R.E. (Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education) is to support families of individuals with Autism by delivering innovative new pathways for social integration and personal development for individuals with autism; promoting autism awareness and advocacy at a local and national level; and developing curriculum to present training and development opportunities. The mission of i.C.A.R.E. is to provide high quality support, respite care and training to families of individuals with autism in Inishowen. They are dedicated to delivering quality therapeutic resources to them. i.C.A.R.E.'s belief is that each person affected by autism has the right to avail of high quality and expert support systems to facilitate their optimum development, build life skills and strengthen their place in society. The range of services delivered by the group include afterschool kids' clubs, drama classes, fitness classes, lego therapy, music, cookery, horticulture, respite, youth club, activities for siblings and school holiday activities - among others.

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Inchicore, Dublin City

The 20th anniversary of Inchicore Environmental Group is celebrated this year. The group is comprised of Inchicore residents who are interested in improving the appearance of their area. They now have over 200 people on their mailing list. They do bi-monthly clean-ups and other improvements along the canal and Inchicore village and work closely with local groups such as community groups and sporting organisations to help out in Inchicore and its environs. They also help neighbouring environmental groups and are very keen to work with schools and also organisations such as Luas and Frontline services. Inchicore Environmental Group is also represented on the Kilmainham Inchicore Network and was asked to participate on the proposed redevelopment of St Michael's Estate. Other projects they have been involved in were Little Boras Baby & Toddler Group, the River Experts Project and Street Feast. So overall they are a very diverse group that have won a number of City Neighbourhood Awards for their work.

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John Coogan Park, Newcastle, Galway City

John Coogan Park, Newcastle, Galway City is a Small Housing Estate of 75 Houses and one of the first neighbourhoods in the Westside Area of Galway City. There is a very active residents association participating in various projects. Coogan Park Residents Association has been involved in the maintenance and upkeep of the estate including planting, landscaping, neighbourhood watch etc. The Association holds an annual memorial community day and works continuously with Galway City Council and An Garda Síochana to make the neighbourhood a safe, clean and welcoming place for all. They recently participated in the Greening of the Laneways Project organised by Galway City Council and are delighted to be winners of the Galway City Mayor's Award for residential and local areas. Future plans include works commencing on a memorial garden, more improvements to their laneway and further efforts to enhance Coogan Park in general.

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Kerry Public Participation Network

Established in 2014, the primary purpose of the Kerry PPN is to enable its 900 member groups to input into and have their voices heard within the formal decision-making structures of the local authority. Kerry PPN has identified that community wellbeing which is the combination of social, economic, environmental, cultural, and political conditions identified by individuals and their communities are essential for them to flourish and fulfil their potential. To this end Kerry PPN along with their membership have instigated several initiatives to improve community wellbeing within County Kerry. This included the development of a community wellbeing vision for the county, defibrillator mapping and capacity training for all, as a well-informed community is a strong community. The Kerry PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing will act as a guiding vision for everything. It is a benchmark for PPN Representatives and the Secretariat – feeding into policy decisions and planning activities. It is a shared vision for the well-being of our communities for this and future generations.

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Kilbride, Co Meath

Kilbride (Cill Bhríde) is a beautiful rural village in Co Meath. The focal points of the village comprise the communities of the Church and Community Hall, Scoil Bhríde national school, shop and garage, bar and restaurant, GAA Club, Scouts group, ICA guild, bowls club, graveyard committee and a very active Tidy Towns Group. Kilbride Tidy Towns group has, over the past six years, developed a unique sense of active co-operation and partnership between all the above bodies; working with all residents and businesses in or associated with the village, its group of volunteers has had great success in keeping Kilbride tidy, enhancing its beauty, encouraging biodiversity and climate change, highlighting its heritage to make the village a better and more beautiful place to live, work, go to school, and visit. The Group works tirelessly to achieve its aims by consultation, inclusiveness and a passion which has engendered a greater sense of pride in the village and throughout the community.

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Killeshandra Camino, Co Cavan

The community of Killeshandra in County Cavan is gearing up to host the first ever Killeshandra Camino. On 18th June 2022 four hundred walkers from all over the country will head off on a 35.5KM walk around the picturesque, lake-dotted landscapes of West Cavan. The idea for Killeshandra Camino originated with a hard-working local committee which is passionate about walking and believed that Killeshandra had as much to offer as any other destination in the country. The committee were determined to find ways to help rejuvenate local businesses and support the local economy. Tickets went on sale in early Spring and all four hundred tickets were sold. Local food producers will be on hand to provide sustenance along the way. Killeshandra Camino has the potential to become an annual event which can showcase the area, provide a much-needed injection into the local economy and become a flagship event of which the community can be proud.

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Kilmoeve, Co Mayo

Kilmoeve Community Centre and Kilmoeve FRC, together with local voluntary organisations including Kilmoeve Shamrocks GAA Club, the Active Age Club, Foróige and the Swimming Pool put the village forward for the 2022 Pride of Place Competition. The community continuously strives to do better for residents and visitors alike. Since success in the 2011 competition there has been considerable development: a new Astro-turf pitch, community tunnel, thatch cottage, high-speed broadband hub, a stand at the GAA pitch, and refurbishment work at the swimming pool. There has also been much work on developing historical sights and work is under way on ten assisted-living homes (supported living). The community centre played an active role during the pandemic through the meals-on-wheels programme, laundry and befriending services. Summer camps, exercise, gardening and music classes, card games and heritage nights, bingo, birthday parties (private catered events) also feature. Encouraged by participation in the Pride of Place 2022 Competition Kilmoeve can be an even better place to live and to visit.

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Lawrencetown, Co Galway

Lawrencetown is a small village in East Galway at the confluence of three counties – Tipperary, Offaly and Roscommon. Lawrencetown Community Development Group was formed in 1997 to improve the social, educational, and economic environment of the village and its surroundings, through a bottom-up community development led approach. Its primary focus is to make Lawrencetown Village an attractive place for inward migration and retention of local residents. Recent achievements include: the creation of a Heritage Trail; renovation of heritage assets; development of a new playground and community recreation area; biodiversity and tidy towns activities and development of a new community childcare facility. The group's work is guided and informed by the group's ethos and dedication to inclusiveness, participation, quality, sustainability, and transparency. Building on the success of their most recent 5-year Community Plan, the Group will undertake a comprehensive consultation process to identify the needs and wants of the community which will form the future vision for this vibrant village.

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Knockatallon, Co Monaghan

Knockatallon is a tiny remote community perched on the edge of the Sliebh Beagh cross-border uplands region. Social isolation and economic deprivation were challenges which faced this community. They rose to the challenge by innovating and self-help. The community formed a development group, which identified that the community needed a social outlet that was capable of generating some economic wealth. And so Ireland's first community-owned hotel was born. The group has gone on to develop astro pitches and a children's playground. A Tidy Towns group has been established and great work has been achieved to give more of a village feel. The community also runs an annual family 'Hooley in the Heather', links have been made with other communities, mountain trails have been upgraded and mountain adventure type activities are being set up. The people who live here are very aware of how precious their environment is and have become involved in several initiatives to protect the uplands and also to develop the area in a sustainable way.

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Liffey Linear Park, Newbridge, Co Kildare

Newbridge Tidy Towns Association was originally set-up by the then Droichead Nua Town Commission in the early 1970's, in an effort to encourage the town's community to come and work together to improve the appearance of Newbridge, making the town a more attractive place in which to live, work and do business. Its flagship project and the jewel in the crown of the Newbridge area is Liffey Linear Park, a 9.5 acre public park which stretches along the banks of the River Liffey, in what used to be a floodplain. The Park is maintained by the Association and Kildare County Council, but is enjoyed by the community as a whole. The Park is a venue for a huge range of creative and artistic uses and has proven to be a particularly vital and vibrant amenity to local people during the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic.

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Lisnamult, Roscommon Town

Lisnamult is a local authority estate located in Roscommon Town. The Residents' Committee was formed in April 1973 providing representation for tenancy, infrastructure and playground development. Over time the Residents' Committee expanded and developed their vision for the area with the formation of "Greenfield Childcare" providing employment and afterschool care. In 2010, a feasibility study judged Roscommon as poorly served with infrastructure and facilities to cater for the growing needs of the catchment area. In 2013, Roscommon Community Sports Park was established, followed in 2014 with a 4G AstroTurf and flood light pitch. 2019 saw the construction of the new Sport's Park building. The new facility has led to increased footfall for a variety of user groups. The building contains a "Changing Places" bathroom facility, the first in the County and in Connaught to receive accreditation from Inclusion Ireland.

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Listowel Family Resource Centre, Co Kerry

Founded in 1991, and gaining FRC status in 1998, Listowel Family Resource Centre (FRC) is one of 121 FRCs nationwide under the Family Resource Centre Programme. The FRC Programme is Ireland's largest family support programme, delivering universal and targeted services and supports to all individuals, families, and communities. These services include parenting support, play therapy, adult training and education, women's support group, Alzheimer's carers support group, post-natal depression support group, dyslexia and dyspraxia parent support group, breastfeeding support group, Listowel laundry for the elderly, counselling, creche, pre-school, and after-school childcare, Parent Plus programme, Strengthening Families programme, Rainbows Programme for children who have experienced loss, social prescribing, SafeTalk and Assist training, support for problem gambling, and targeted youth employability support. Since 2007, Listowel RFC has been working with the LGBT+ community in Kerry, overseeing ScEEN in Kerry LGBT+ social events and the Trans Kerry Support Group.

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Loop Head Peninsula, Co Clare

Loop Head Peninsula, located at County Clare's westernmost point, is a remote community of eight villages and one small town which has suffered significantly from depopulation. To address this, Loop Head Together was established in March 2020 to facilitate the communities of Loop Head Peninsula to come together in a spirit of resilience and integration to create a place 'where everyone can thrive'. Despite Covid restrictions, the work continued via Zoom and social media. The group has achieved remarkable results in this short time - with almost 50 local organisations signed up as 'Community Partners', 78 workshops delivered via zoom and in person and 10 projects underway. However, it is the exciting project innovation that sets this group apart - these include EU funded carbon sequestration research using hemp, Loop Head Energy Action Partnership with Flensburg University Germany, nature monitoring and nature tourism development and most recently, community integration projects with 230 new community members from Ukraine.

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Lough Ree Angling Hub Ballyleague, Co Roscommon

For more than sixty years Ballyleague was defined by its turf and peat-harvesting industry. So, when the local ESB power station closed in November 2020, 200 Bord na Mona workers also lost their jobs. Recognising the importance of the natural resource of the River Shannon, a group of locals came together with the idea of setting up a tourism enterprise that would not only continue the proud tradition of angling tourism in the area but focus on social inclusion of people with disabilities from angling. Dedicated community representatives came together to support the project which included the design and manufacture of a boat - with wheelchair easy access. Today over 3000 people from all over Ireland have sailed on the boat and the people behind this community tourism venture have just opened the new National Accessibility Centre for Watersports and Recreation. This is a community which refused to lay down in the face of adversity and eleven people are now employed in the new centre.

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Mountshannon Community Council, Co Clare

Mountshannon Community Council's mission is to foster a trusted gathering place where members engage in dialogue, inquiry, and advocacy to build a vibrant inclusive community. The Council strives to improve amenities and initiate activities in order to achieve its mission of making Mountshannon a good place to live and visit. The Council is responsible for the running of a Community Childcare Centre, the Community Employment Scheme and the maintenance of parks and walking trail. It established a number of subcommittees to support many aspects of village life including - Tidy Towns, the Historical Society, Community Lotto and POBAL Senior Alert Scheme. The village is located in the East of County Clare on the shores of Lough Derg. It is a rural community with strong links to history which include Holy Island which you can access via boat tours from Mountshannon harbour. A short walk from the harbour is the Aistear Park which includes a playground, a maze, a labyrinth, exercise equipment and an open air amphitheatre.

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Mountview, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, Fingal Council Area

Mountview in Dublin 15 is one of the older urban neighbourhoods in Blanchardstown in the Fingal administrative area. Built in the 1980s and 90s, the estates of Whitechapel and Fortlawn struggled with many of the issues then prevalent. These resourceful communities lobbied hard over the years for a state-of-the-art Community Centre and succeeded after many years of trying. The Mountview Youth & Community Centre and its sister Fortlawn Facility comprise the hub of this now thriving area. Mountview also has a Family Resource Centre, a Neighbourhood Youth Facility and many strong and active community groups such as the Fortlawn Flower Power Community Garden group. The Centre hosts many groups including the award winning Mountview Boys & Girls Football Club, an active Senior Citizens group and a group from the local Kurdish community. Mountview has represented Fingal County Council in the Pride of Place Competition previously alongside sister community Blakesstown and all the groups and projects in the area have strong links to the Council.

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Mucklagh, Co Offaly

Mucklagh Community Centre is the active heart of Mucklagh village (pop. 1,457), a rapidly growing community situated on the N52, near Tullamore. The village has a Primary School, Church, Nursing Home, and very active GAA & Soccer clubs. The rapid population increase (60% over 20 years) drove the need for a substantial Community Centre to cater for the expanding population. In 2016 Mucklagh Community Development opened their state-of-the-art Community Centre, which is managed by a forward-looking Board of Directors. They aim to provide suitable facilities for all groups such as Active Age, Pre-school, Youth, Sports groups, Meals on Wheels, Residents Associations, Drama Society etc. The Centre contains a full-size basketball court, kitchen, meeting rooms and offices - all wheelchair friendly. The centre works closely with a variety of agencies such as Offaly County Council, HSE, Sports Partnership, and the Local Development Company to provide welcoming inclusive activities. Additional developments are planned to ensure its continued central role in supporting the community.

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Mullinavat, Co Kilkenny

Mullinavat, a small village in South Kilkenny, could be considered one of Kilkenny's best kept secrets. It is home to areas of natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, a wide range of arts, sports and social clubs and a strong community spirit. This year the community came together to form a multi-generational Town Team, called 'Mullinavat Matters'. This group was tasked with linking the groups already existing in the community to work together to further enhance facilities and amenities and create a shared plan for future growth. Over the years the community has delivered numerous projects that assisted in improving the quality of life for the people of Mullinavat. Recent developments include a debt-free state of the art community centre and a revamped inclusive playground. The community is now fundraising to develop a Community Walking Track. Previous initiatives included the development of retirement and social housing, large fundraising events, 'Christmas on the Green', village clean-ups and many more projects.

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Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Mullingar (pop 20K) is a large town located in the heart of Westmeath approximately 60 km from Dublin. Mullingar takes its name from the Gaelic "An Muileann gCearr" meaning the left-hand mill. The renowned Royal Canal flows through it along with the river Brosna and just outside the town there are some beautiful lakes (Westmeath is known as the "Lake County"). A beautiful greenway is also an attractive feature. Over the years Mullingar Tidy Towns has built up many relationships with various community and statutory groups/organisations such as youth groups, schools, sporting groups, groups that cater for people with disabilities, residents' associations and many more. Hundreds of volunteers and a hard working committee have helped to make Mullingar Tidy Towns successful and the TUS and Community Employment participants that are placed with them. Work done to date includes, improving the appearance of the town, promoting bio-diversity, encouraging cleaner environments, painting, planting, and supporting local projects that enhance not just the physical environment but also mental wellbeing.

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Narraghmore, Co Kildare

Narraghmore is a vibrant rural community in south Kildare at the centre of Ireland's Ancient East. The Narraghmore Development CLG has led an impressive transformation of the village and oversees a variety of hardworking voluntary groups such as Biodiversity & Tidy Town Committee, The Old Hardware and the newly formed Sustainability Committee. Over the last number of years, they have utilised the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to bring life back into the village centre with the redevelopment of the former hardware store into The Old Hardware Shop & Tearoom, which also supports sales of local crafts and offers community spaces for classes, meetings and events – and is run solely by community volunteers. The facility was designed as a community hub for all residents, young and old – and visitors to the area such as passing cycling groups. The group also works closely with other community groups such as Foróigé, Scouts, St Laurence's GAA, the local Heritage group and Narraghmore Vintage Club.

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Old Balreask Woods Community Garden & Estate, Navan, Co Meath

Old Balreask Woods is an estate on the outskirts of Navan. Like many estates it has a residents association focused on maintaining the green areas and grass cutting. However, more was required to enhance the lives of the residents both young and old. A dark laneway in the estate was turning into an area for anti-social behaviour, action was needed and the idea to develop a community garden began. The initial plan was to grow sunflowers and possibly some vegetables but most importantly to involve local residents, young and old, and teach them about biodiversity and wellbeing. Residents were advised of the planned new garden in the resident association newsletters and in a WhatsApp group. There was great interest from many of the residents and the children, with the supervision of parents and organisers, helped with the digging of the garden and the planting of seeds. The community garden has a great future and is now a feature of which the whole estate is proud.

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Oldtown, Co Dublin, Fingal Council Area

Oldtown, population 750, in North County Dublin is a quiet village with a rich history. Situated in rural north Fingal, Oldtown this year celebrated being the first village in Ireland to welcome electrification in 1947. Oldtown Community Council, with a strong committee and targeted use of social and traditional media to promote its varied activities, is the driving force behind most community activity in the village. Oldtown Community Council co-ordinates all seasonal festivals, such as the St Patrick's Day Parade, Summer & Halloween Festivals and the annual Christmas Fair. The Wilde Geese GAA Club in the village has one of the oldest handball alleys in Ireland. The Community Council has reached out to newer estates, such as Clonmehan -- built by FCC -- on its outskirts and promotes inclusion in all its activities. The Friends of Clonmehan historical group, along with the Community Council has helped restore the local Community Hall with funding from Fingal County Council, Pobal and LEADER.

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Pullough Village, Co Offaly

Pullough (pop. 700), an isolated rural village on the Grand Canal (20km from Tullamore), provides an example of how to overcome economic decline through positive community action. Surrounded by bogland, Pollagh has a church, a community shop, public house, GAA club, primary school and community centre. After years of economic decline, the residents of Pullough fought back and set up a range of voluntary groups who have made this a lively and successful community again. Pullough Residents Development Association is the umbrella group representing thirteen local groups including Community Alert, Active Age, Heritage Group, Tidy Towns, Men's Shed and Youth Space. The canal is now a tourist attraction, with the Greenway passing through the village and bringing business to the area. The local shop closed for two years until a local group opened Offaly's first community shop run entirely by dedicated volunteers. It is a space for all ages to meet and for visitors to the village to get sweets and treats.

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Raheny Village, Dublin City

Raheny Village is a coastal hamlet situated in the northern suburb of Dublin. Raheny shares two large municipal parks with Clontarf - St Anne's Park and Bull Island with its 4.5 km beach. The Raheny Tidy Village group was founded in 1992 by a small group. They met informally each Saturday in Raheny library grounds and tidied the village centre. In the early days the group was financed by DCC and RBA. From 1998 onwards, Raheny Tidy Village Group started its own fundraising, doing bag-packs and sending letters of appeal to local businesses. In 2020, there was a first online fundraiser on a gofundme page. The vision for Raheny is: an attractive, sustainable and well-maintained coastal village with a vibrant local community; a village which is a pleasant place in which to live, work and do business; a place where the needs of all the community are respected; and a place where the community can be proud to live and welcome visitors.

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Rathcormac Game and Wildlife Club, Co Cork

Rathcormac Game and Wildlife Club was founded in 1971 in the small village of Rathcormac in north Cork. During the boom times there was a huge loss and destruction of valuable wildlife habitat in the area so in 2007 a habitat appeal was launched and fundraising was started to buy marginal land that would otherwise have been reclaimed. In 2011 six acres of land was successfully purchased near Corrin Hill and Cross. That year 40 years in existence was celebrated and the club won the NARGC Club of the year. In 2013 work commenced and the club negotiated the use of a Coillte carpark and by their kind permission a pathway was constructed through the woods to enhance the walk to the reserve. In 2019 Corrin Nature Reserve was opened to the public. In 2021 the club won its section of the North Cork Mayor's Awards. Future plans are for the further purchase of some adjoining land and to extend the Nature Reserve.

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Rossinver Community Development Company, Co Leitrim

In 1996, in the beautifully picturesque area of Rossinver, North Leitrim, a group of neighbours got together to restore a derelict chapel once known as Ballagh Chapel. With funding from both sides of the border, the New Ballagh Centre was born. With bespoke secular-stained glass and a rich history, the New Ballagh Centre is now the pride of the area. Rossinver Community Development Company at the Centre runs Feel Good clubs, support groups, return to education courses and evening classes for the community. Not only does it host a Feel Good group in the centre but it also oversees four other groups in the area. Rossinver Community Development Company is also currently working on creating a remote work hub for the community in the centre and is the custodian of Fowley's Falls, a series of cascading waterfalls that brings the Glenaniff River to Lough Melvin. This involves caring for and protecting it for future generations.

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Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Environmental Group, Co Wexford

Situated in the coastal community of Rosslare Harbour, Co Wexford, the Village Park is a unique outdoor amenity. The environment group was founded in 2004 to create an awareness of environmental issues and to promote planned open spaces for recreation and biodiversity. In 2006, the Group created a Memorial Park to those lost at sea and to the victims of the 1968 Viscount Air Disaster. Further expansion included the old village landfill. With the full support of the community, the (secret) gardens, the old landfill, and the memorial park, consisting of 4½ acres have been creatively crafted into the Village Park. The Park provides an imaginative and inclusive space for visitors, thanks to the ongoing dedication of local volunteers and collaboration with multiple agencies. The need to be mindful of sustainability and climate change mitigation and adaption measures are also core principles of this innovative group, and plans are firmly in place to develop a wetlands area within the park.

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Rylane, Co Cork

Rylane Community Park Association was set up in 2016 for the purpose of purchasing a site and developing a Community Park in Rylane Village. The group decided to set up a community space which could be of benefit and enjoyment to all members of the community. 24 Officers and Committee members make up this group. To date they have set up a weekly lotto, held raffles, fun days, fun run & walk, vintage runs and choral evenings to raise funds for the park. Through monies raised and various grants received (totalling over €165,000) Phase One of the project has been completed. This is a multi-sport pitch. The first match (soccer) was played on this pitch on Tuesday, 3rd May 2022. Phase 2 of the project is a playground which will start later in 2022. The group is made up of people from different backgrounds and ages, some have lived in Rylane all their lives and others have chosen Rylane as their home.

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Sailortown, Belfast City

Sailortown is Belfast's almost forgotten Maritime Village in Belfast's Docklands. Once home to 5,000 people it was devastated by inner city road building 50 years ago. The community, although dispersed far and wide, held on to their strong family ties. Twenty one years ago when their Church was threatened with closure, they rallied to preserve it and began gathering their social heritage to be passed on to future generations. Their vision is now almost realised as their Church has reopened in recent years as a community space and their heritage collections are being collated for interpretive use. St Joseph's now hosts community led activities and events, while the regeneration group works towards recreating a vibrant neighbourhood in inner city Belfast. Most recently Sailortown hosted a 4-day festival to celebrate St Joseph's 150th anniversary. Named 'The Gathering' it marked the project's success to date, welcomed old friends and new and showcased this historic waterfront area to a wider audience.

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Scariff, Co Clare

Scariff is a vibrant town situated in the heart of East Clare on the shores of Lough Derg. Scariff Community Council (SCC) was established in 1992. Its main goal is ensuring the community works together to ensure Scariff continues to be a wonderful place in which to live, work and visit. SCC has forged alliances with Clare County Council, local schools and sporting clubs representing the whole area. It carries out many town enhancements and manages the running of the voluntary Community Tourist Office in Scariff as well as owning and overseeing the upkeep of the Riverside Community Park. The latter is a significant flagship biodiversity and climate action project. LEADER funding and Town and Village renewal funding was also secured to upgrade the 1km walk in the Park, providing a safe track for people of all ages to use. The current plan is to install lighting at the Park to create a safe environment during evening hours. SCC also works alongside Clare County Council on local issues relating to town infrastructure, parking etc.

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Scoil Iognáid School Streets Initiative, Galway City

Scoil Iognáid is an Irish language speaking primary school in the heart of Galway City. In 2020, Scoil Iognáid, in partnership with Galway City Council, the National Transport Authority, An Taisce's Green Schools Programme, and in consultation with its various stakeholders (local residents, pupils, teachers, parents, local businesses and an Garda Síochána), launched a pilot School Streets Programme, the first city centre School Street in Ireland - creating a safer environment outside the school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop off and pick up times – creating a safer, calmer space for children, parents and residents to walk, scooter or cycle. The project arose out of concerns of parents and the school board in relation to child safety in the vicinity of the school, as children had to negotiate an extremely busy thoroughfare (with limited footpaths, and no traffic calming measures) with up to 160 cars sharing narrow roadway systems on their way to and from school.

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Shanganagh Rathsallagh Housing Estates, Shankill, Co Dublin Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Area

Rathsallagh Shanganagh Clifton Estate Management is one of the first estate management groups set up in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Area. Shanganagh is situated at the edge of Shankill Village South Co Dublin. This group operates from Shanganagh Park House which is situated in the centre of the local community and provides an impressive range of activities for all age groups which includes the provision of early years childcare services, an afterschool programme, Crosscare Youth Services, Adult Education and the senior citizens 'Recycled Teenagers' group. In 2020 a single-storey extension was completed to provide additional space and allow for Shanganagh Park House to increase the services provided from this Community Facility. The Estate Management Group and the Board of Management of Shanganagh Park House work tirelessly for the community promoting community cohesion and inclusiveness. They provide opportunities for people to play an active part in their local community and enjoy activities and social interaction in their local area.

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Shannon, Co Clare

"Shannon in Bloom" is an initiative of communities and the council in the Shannon Municipal District of County Clare. This was delivered by local community groups, supported by Shannon MD councillors, the Municipal District office and Rural and Community Development Officer. Shannon in Bloom was a coordinated community planting event which literally sowed seeds in Autumn that created beautiful biodiverse areas in the spring. Taking place over 2 weekends in Autumn 2021, groups from Ardnacrusha, Westbury, Shannonbanks, Newmarket on Fergus, Sixmilebridge, Bunratty, Parteen and Shannon worked together to plant over 6000 bulbs. This event was delivered as Covid restrictions eased, allowing groups to work in a safe outdoor setting, side by side. This created beautiful visual highlights in villages, giving everyone something to look forward to the spring, as a riot of colour heralded the arrival of brighter days and new beginnings. With pollinator friendly plants included, the Shannon in Bloom event is a boon to our local biodiversity, creating a haven for bees and other pollinators and insects.

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Singing for the Brain, Cork City

Singing for the Brain began as an initiative of HSE Community Healthcare in 2015 and has thrived in Cork City communities since. The aim of this arts project is to bring together a diverse group of people in a safe space to explore music and singing, guided by experienced musical facilitators. The programme focusses particularly on engaging with people living with dementia and Alzheimer's and their carers, in a welcoming and sociable environment. With the advent of the COVID 19 pandemic, the work of Singing for the Brain moved online. A highlight of 2021 was the bringing together, at University College Cork's Aula Maxima, of participants to enjoy live music and a sing along. The implementation of Singing for the Brain would not be possible without buy in and support by various grass roots community organisations. Without fail, these local groups bring a nuanced understanding of individuals and groups in their communities of geography or communities of interest, who would benefit from this opportunity. SFTB is an extraordinarily successful story of a collaborative interdisciplinary model rolling out in communities.

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Sion Mills Community Forum, Co Tyrone

Sion Mills Community Forum (SMCF) is a cross community organisation based within the rural Derg DEA. The Forum's aims are to improve Sion Mills village, to make it a happier, safer environment to live in. The Forum works with all sectors of the community offering a range of projects and interventions and represents local residents on various agencies and boards. The Forum runs mental health and wellbeing projects for older men and women including creative arts classes and a men's fitness and well-being project. SMCF also delivers a youth mental health peer mentoring programme which targets those most hard to reach and helps tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in the village. The Forum is a voluntary run organisation that prides itself in listening, responding and addressing needs in the local village and this was clearly evident in the response during the pandemic by activities such as supporting the vulnerable through food deliveries, collection of prescriptions and distribution of winter warmth activity packs to 90 plus people.

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St Munchin's Community Centre, Kileely, Limerick City

St Munchin's Community Centre is situated in Kileely, on the Northside of Limerick City. The group provides various services including: community café, meals on wheels, hair and beauty salon, school lunches, catering, flower shop, photographic studio, chiropody, community education, QQI courses, environmental projects, allotments and a hairdressing unit. St Munchin's Community Centre also has a friendly call service, seniors' clubs, youth clubs, dancing, yoga, Thai Chi, etc. The group has over 2000 people a week using the centre. During the COVID Pandemic they worked 6 days per week and increased meals on wheels to cover all of Limerick city and county. Staff and volunteers worked to get dinners, medicines and shopping to people. The group also worked with the RED Cross, Garda, HSE, Local Council, local companies and over 150 volunteers to make this happen. Their doors were never shut during the lockdowns and now they have turned their school into a refugee rest centre for Ukrainian people.

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Suncroft Young at Heart, Co Kildare

Suncroft Young at Heart was founded in January 2017 in a small rural village 7km from Newbridge. Most of the group had previously been committed to community clubs but felt that at 70+ they needed to be with likeminded people, to reduce social isolation, improve the health and wellbeing of the older people in Suncroft and surrounding hinterlands, and to enhance their quality of life as they age. The group established and maintained their goals, by fully engaging in the community. With their input and support they have truly become the backbone of the community, participating in all activities, fundraising, helping with the bingo, and encouraging the community to keep active and support one another. Covid was extremely hard for the group, but they continued to support each other and life for the Young at Heart is now back on track, with a list of "things to do" and places to go.

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Surprise Surprise, Dungarvan and West Waterford

In September 2018 it could hardly have been envisaged that an idea of supplying fifty hampers to locals in need would turn into, what is now, a fulltime local helping locals group with many avenues. The projects have grown exponentially, 600 food and gift hampers, dressing children for communions, making and supplying sensory items for schools, care homes, individuals and families. The feedback, cards and letters received has been heart warming, they make the group want to do more! The volunteers are amazing and talented, doing things as easy as delivering a surprise birthday cake to organising a day out for the elderly and those living with a disability, knitting blankets, premature baby items and fidget cuffs, sewing walking aid holders and fidget mats for people with dementia, Alzheimer's and special needs. The generosity of local people allows the opportunity to expand and in turn be there for an ever-growing number of local people in need.

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The Melting Pot, Roscommon Town

The Melting Pot was established in 2005 and is situated in Roscommon Town. The staff and volunteers are committed to social inclusion and providing support to people who feel socially excluded/isolated from society. Target groups are people with disabilities, mental health difficulties, the LGBT+ community, lone parents, travellers and ethnic minorities. Target groups are offered opportunities to volunteer and gain work experience in the Café and Charity Shop. Gaining self-confidence and realising that their feelings of being "different" are accepted by the local community gives them courage to interact with the wider public and be comfortable in their "own skin". All customers are very supportive of the operation and the objectives of the Melting Pot. As a team they all learn from each other as to what is and what is not acceptable behaviour/language. This helps promote a healthy and inclusive environment and benefits the target group by reducing the anxiety/stress that many of them feel because of who they are, their backgrounds or their sexual orientation.

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The Reddoor Project, Drogheda, Co Louth

The Reddoor Project was established in 2010 as a community based organisation providing assistance in response to addiction issues and has been a constant source of support to the people of Drogheda ever since. Being the only local community addiction service, the objective is simple, but essential: To provide a safe, non-judgmental, caring environment where every individual is treated with respect, dignity, inclusion, and equality. The Reddoor Project strives to achieve this by offering support and providing services such as a low-threshold drop-in, keyworking, groupwork, a special rehabilitative CE scheme, puppy-love from their emotional support dog and copious amounts of tea and biscuits. They are passionate about breaking down the barriers and stigma faced by their clients in the wider community. They offer support and advocacy for individuals at any stage of addiction and welcome anyone needing advice or support for themselves, a friend or family member. When every other door is closed, The Reddoor is open!

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The Right Key CIC, Loughbrickland, Co Down

The Right Key CIC is a strong and productive not-for-profit Community Interest Company that offers health, healing and recovery to individuals and the wider community within the Council area. The company, based in a semi-rural location in The Old Schoolhouse, Loughbrickland, has delivered, since 2016, recovery programmes for addiction, mental wellness, trauma and bereavement. These programmes were developed by facilitators who all have the lived-life experience of recovery. Traditional and creative therapies for wellness are used with a special emphasis on music. The work originated in Dromore, Co. Down in 2012. In 2016 successful in securing a part grant to renovate the new location through Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council's Peace IV Programme the company now offers a Recovery Cafe, an 8-bed crisis unit, arts and music rooms, woodworking and craft making sheds that promote recycling, counselling rooms and horticultural gardens as well as volunteering and employment opportunities.

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The West End Youth Centre, Ballinacurra Weston, Limerick City

The West End Youth Centre (WEYC) is based in the heart of the community of Ballinacurra, Weston in Limerick City. The aim of West End Youth Centre is to provide young people with the opportunity to develop socially, personally, educationally and recreationally in a safe space. The WEYC is neighbouring the Our Lady of Lourdes Community centre and Childworld Creche, with whom there is close collaboration. Since opening in 2010, the WEYC has catered for young people aged 10 - 24 years living in or from the local community. The WEYC has 80-100 young people coming through the door on a weekly basis and offers after school clubs and drop-in clubs. Young people get a wide variety of opportunities and experiences - they can engage in semi-educational programmes like drug and alcohol education, sexual health, healthy eating and LGBTQI+ inclusion, as well as regular clubs, such as cooking/baking, arts & crafts and games/sports. During the holidays a wide variety of camps are run, often in collaboration with other services across the city.

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Thomastown Community Recreational Area Group, Co Kilkenny

Since opening just over a year ago the Thomastown Recreational/Park Amenity has been a huge success. Located in Thomastown in County Kilkenny the outdoor multipurpose amenity is located beside the centre of the town and since being opened it is now a hub of activity with teenagers, children and adults who now have a space where they can congregate outdoors, play tennis, basketball or badminton or just relax and have a coffee in this rejuvenated outdoor space. The previously derelict site was developed by a group of local volunteers called the TCRAG (Thomastown Community Recreational Area Group) who had an interest in developing this centrally located space. The TCRAG group worked with Kilkenny County Council in consultation with the Community Centre and the local community in developing and delivering in a very short time this now hugely popular recreational/park space. This facility now provides opportunities for active living, wellbeing and recreation for all ages in a safe and inclusive environment.

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Tipperary Men's Shed

Tipperary Men's Shed was Ireland's first Shed launching as a men's development group. The current fifteen members aged from 43 to 83 years meet weekly. The group has been actively involved in the Tipperary Town Biodiversity group, making a series of biodiversity short videos which are published on YouTube & Facebook. Furthermore, they have been involved in delivering a range of workshops for resident groups, school groups, adults, children and families locally. These workshops have offered learning opportunities for hard to reach communities such as Roma, new Communities/Migrants and Long-Term Unemployed people. A weekly STH (Social Therapeutic Horticulture group) is popular with members coming from mental health services, disability services, older adults in the greater community. Members volunteer annually with Tipperary Tidy Town National Spring Clean week. The Tipp Shredders have also participated in and organised courses such as music, dance & singing, smart phone training for older adults, ukulele lessons, sports & indoor walking soccer.

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Tralee International Resource Centre, Co Kerry

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Tralee International Resource Centre (TIRC) has been in operation since 2010 and in the intervening years has played a significant role in helping refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Kerry. More recently it has, and continues to play, a significant role in helping Ukrainian refugees in Tralee, by stepping up immediately when the first centre opened. Despite a very small part time team, they were the lead response team to the humanitarian crisis. They called on local agencies to come together and ultimately a county response structure was set up with TIRC playing a central role. Their daily contact and support for the refugees, as well as their support for other agencies, has helped facilitate the overall positive response from Kerry. They continue to work tirelessly on a daily basis - organising trips to beaches, child play centres, yoga, art and other activities. As one refugee said to TIRC - thank you to all the people who were involved for an unforgettable experience and for your great care.

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Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership – Minding Mum Project, Derry~Londonderry

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The Waterside is a small, compact area of Derry~Londonderry that lies on the East Bank of the River Foyle with a population of 27,500. It is a diverse community with ethnic minorities as well as having both Catholic and Protestant neighbourhoods. Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership was established in 2008 and is an inter-agency partnership made up of representatives from the community and statutory sectors who have come together to take a collaborative approach to improve the life chances of local people. Based on identified need a number of key projects have been delivered including Minding Mum - a holistic maternal mental health programme that supports pregnant mums and mums of children up to one year. The programme provides tailored workshops and programming for pregnant women and new mums to support their mental health. It provides opportunities for new mums to get together to support one another to reduce the isolation and anxiety many new mums experience after the birth of their baby.

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Wexford Welcomes

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Wexford Welcomes, a volunteer group based in Wexford town, was formed to welcome a family fleeing war, into the local community. After raising more than €10K in funds, the group was able to support a family of five from Afghanistan settling in the community, supporting them to participate fully in Irish life whilst developing capacity within the local community to engage with the resettlement process, fostering intercultural understanding. The group is overseen by the Irish Red Cross with support from Wexford County Council and the Community Integration Fund. Each member of Wexford Welcomes has direct experience in supporting refugees in a professional or voluntary capacity. Group members have experience in providing cross cultural and integration support; advocacy and rights awareness; intercultural and anti-racism training; interpretation and translation services and mental health promotion/guidance. Wexford Welcomes is a Community Sponsorship group within the community-led resettlement programme, which sees private citizens and community groups take leadership in welcoming refugees to their community.

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Whiteabbey, Co Antrim

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Whiteabbey Village Business Association is situated in Whiteabbey Village on the shores of Belfast Lough in County Antrim. It was established in 2018 through the desire of local business owners to enhance the village and to promote community involvement by identifying opportunities for events and creating a community environment. Over the past four years the association has organised two very successful Village Fairs at which over three thousand people attended, a car rally and three Christmas Fairs where over four hundred children received a present from Santa. They have also organised community planting to enhance the village, improve mental health and encourage the development of new friendships. Funding for these events came from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and association membership fees. Over the past four years they have also raised over ten thousand pounds for the local Children's Hospice. Their success comes from the contribution of association members, local churches, schools and the wider community all working together.

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Wicklow and Arklow Ukrainian Hubs

These two volunteer drop-in hubs provide information and support to the Ukrainian community in the Towns of Arklow and Wicklow. Volunteers are present in the hubs throughout the day. Ukrainian and Russian speakers are on hand, who also speak English, to translate when necessary. A lack of English is proving to be an obstacle for the Ukrainian refugees which hampers the refugees receiving access to the necessary services. This is where the volunteers in the Hubs can assist by providing information relating to the local Health Services, Citizens Advice Offices and other general day to day services which are available locally. Local donations of clothes, footwear and household items are continuing to arrive at the Hubs. The local community continues to be extremely generous with donations and any requests seeking any special items, whether it is clothes or household items. The Wicklow Hub is based in the Old Library in Wicklow Town, while Avoca River House, Bridgewater Centre, Arklow hosts the Arklow Hub.

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Woodford Parish Development, Co Galway

The objective of Woodford Parish Development is to enhance the facilities and environs of Woodford Parish for the community and visitors alike and their Sustainable Woodford Plan and Biodiversity and Heritage Plan are the outcomes of excellent community co-operation and interaction. Their ethos through these plans is to enhance the local area by conserving, protecting, and promoting their unique heritage through innovative and creative activities utilising the skills of the community. As home began to take on a different meaning during Covid, they began recording almost forgotten aspects of a once thriving village post-WW2. Tastefully crafted signage on repurposed slates with decorative lettering now adorn many buildings and areas within the village. These slate signs are more than just recording of place names and industries long gone, they are a respectful nod to the past. Further developments such as - incorporating QR codes, creating a mosaic mural and self-guided heritage tour, will promote and encourage pride of heritage and place.

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Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council

St Munchins Community Centre

West End Youth Centre

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Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Environment Group - Creative Place Initiative



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2021 Winners

Population Category 0 – 300	Ballinadee, Co Cork
Population Category 300 – 1,000	Ballyporeen, Co Tipperary
Population Category 1,000 – 2,000	Abbeyleix, Co Laois
Population Category 2,000 – 5,000	Athboy, Co Meath
Population Category over 5,000	Ballina, Co Mayo
Creative Place Initiative	Take a Part Carlow
Community Wellbeing Initiative	Cox's Desmesne Youth and Community Project, Dundalk, Co Louth
Community Resilience	KASI, Killarney, Co Kerry
Community Tourism	Riverstown Enterprise Development, Co Sligo
Housing Estates	Queens Park Estate, Glengormley, Co Antrim
Islands & Coastal Communities	Tullaghan, Co Leitrim
Urban Neighbourhoods	Bayside, Dublin, Fingal Council Area

Cities Competition

Urban Area population under 3,000	Finglas, Dublin City
Urban Area population over 3,000	Gracedieu, Waterford City
Creative Place Initiative	Tuatha of Terryland Forest Park, Galway City
Community Wellbeing Initiative	Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, Newry City
Community Resilience	Old Warren Community Association, Lisburn City
Community Based Youth Led Initiative	Cork Migrant Centre Young Person's Anti- Racism Group

Special Awards

Cavan Autism Educational Training Centre

KCAT, Callan, Co Kilkenny

Kiltegan Village, Co Wicklow

The Drummond Centre Project, Donemana, Co Tyrone

Traveller Visibility Group and Cork Traveller Women's Network, Cork City

Council Community Engagement Award

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