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Volunteer Ireland Awards 2019 Terms and Conditions

The Volunteer Ireland Awards is an initiative managed by Volunteering Ireland, trading as Volunteer Ireland, a company limited by guarantee and with charity status (CRO 362625/CHY 15474). Our registered address is 18 Eustace Street, Dublin 2.

The organisers reserve the right to modify or vary the terms and conditions at any time. By making or accepting a nomination you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

All entrants (both nominators and nominees) agree that the organisers and related individuals or entities as well as our sponsors shall not be liable for losses or injuries of any kind resulting from participation in the Awards.

Online nominations will open on 21st August 2019 and close at midnight on Friday 4th October 2019. Nominees that have been shortlisted will be notified by mid November. The Volunteer of the Year and category winners will be announced once the judges have reached their decision at the awards ceremony on December 6th.

Nominations that are incomplete, illegible, inaccurate, forged, irregular in any way, or otherwise not in compliance with these official rules are void.

Shortlisted Nominees must be available on December 6th 2019 to attend the awards in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Due to space restrictions, not all members of shortlisted groups may be able to attend.

The 10 longest serving shortlisted nominees (excluding the Outstanding Group and Volunteer Manager categories) are automatically entered for consideration in the Community Hero Award 2019 in association with The Wheel and will be subject to the terms and conditions of this awards initiative. More information on this awards scheme will be available shortly at:

charityimpactawards.ie/community-hero/

Nominees for the category 'Outstanding Volunteer Manager' may be paid employees or volunteers. Nominees for the other 10 category awards cannot be paid employees of the organisation that they are associated with for the purposes of this Award. Individual and groups work is only eligible for this competition if performed on a voluntary, unpaid basis.

Nominees in the Outstanding Group and Volunteer Manager categories are not eligible for the overall award.

Nominees under the age of 18 must have parental consent to participate.

Nominees can only be entered in one category per nomination.

Nominee involvement, contribution and impact will be subject to verification from their organisation or outside agencies should they be shortlisted. Volunteer Ireland reserve the right to conduct a thorough background check on nominees, at our own discretion. It may be necessary to contact third parties not specified on the nomination form should Volunteer Ireland deem it necessary to do so, particularly if the nominee is not part of a recognised organisation. Volunteer Ireland reserve the right to withdraw a nomination should adequate information not be available.

Volunteers can be nominated more than once but each nomination will be considered independently.

The Volunteer Ireland Awards aim to recognise and celebrate as many volunteers as possible. Because of this, if a volunteer has previously been shortlisted or named Volunteer of the Year they cannot be nominated again for the same volunteer role.

In the interest of celebrating as many nominees as possible volunteers can be nominated in more than one category but they will be judged within the category deemed most suitable and can win only one award. Winner of Volunteer of the Year Award will therefore not be duplicated within another category.

Volunteer Ireland will not accept lobbying by any person or organisation on behalf of a nominee. Judging panels will make their decisions based solely on the content of completed nomination forms.

We do accept posthumous nominations as long as consent from the family of the nominee has been granted and the relevant volunteering took place within the last 2-3 years.

Nominees are not excluded from entering other volunteer schemes.

Once a shortlisted nominee has accepted their shortlisting, they agree to the following:

Nominees grant the organisers and their partners the right to use information and content provided by the nominator for publicity and institutional promotional purposes to the extent permitted by law.

The nominee understands and agrees that the organisers may request more information from them for such purposes, and may request that they take part in a publicity photo-call and media interviews, should they become a shortlisted nominee.

Information which is provided by nominators when they submit an entry to the Volunteer Ireland Awards will be held by the organisers and used where necessary for the administration of the awards. Information may be shared with The Wheel for the purposes of the Community Hero Award 2019 but it will not be shared with, or sold to, any external parties apart from the organisers.

Information may be held by the organisers for recordkeeping and research purposes in line with GDPR.

Decisions made by Volunteer Ireland, The Wheel and the judging panels are final.