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Volunteer Ireland Awards 2020 Terms and Conditions

The Volunteer Ireland Awards are the major annual initiative to celebrate the remarkable achievements of volunteers in Ireland by honouring them at a national level.

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.

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

Nominees are not excluded from entering other volunteer schemes.

Awards Campaign

Online nominations are open from mid-August to early October. There are 12 award categories. Three nominees will be selected as awardees in each category. Nominees that have been selected as awardees will be notified by mid-November. The Christine Buckley Volunteer of the Year will be announced on the 5th December 2020. Due to social distancing restrictions the 2020 Awards will not involve an in-person event. Awardees will be celebrated at their home or in their place of volunteering with a special delivery from Volunteer Ireland and through a national and local media campaign.

Categories

There are nine individual award categories; Animals & Environment; Arts, Culture & Festivals; Campaigning & Activism; Children & Youth: Health & Wellness; Safety & Emergency Services; Social Inclusion & Community Support; Sports & Recreation; this year there will also be a COVID-19 Volunteer category.

Individuals or volunteer duos can be nominated in any of the above categories.

There are 2 group categories, one for groups with 3-20 volunteers and the other for groups with 20+ volunteers.

The final category is 'Outstanding Volunteer Manager' this category recognises those who lead volunteers and/or manage volunteer programmes.

Nominees can only be entered in one category per nomination. If a nominee is nominated multiple times in more than one category they will be judged within the category deemed most suitable and can only be named an awardee in one category.

Nominations & Judging

Anyone can nominate a volunteer, someone they know who gives their time voluntarily and without pay. Nominees for the category 'Outstanding Volunteer Manager' may be paid employees or volunteers. For all other categories, individuals' and groups' activities are only eligible if performed on a voluntary, unpaid basis.

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

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

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.

All nominations must be submitted through the Volunteer Ireland website. Only the written content from the nomination form will be used in the judging process, no links or additional media will be considered.

Nominations that are incomplete, illegible, inaccurate, forged, irregular in any way, or otherwise not in compliance with these official rules are void. Volunteer Ireland reserve the right to withdraw a nomination should adequate information not be available.

Nominee involvement, contribution and impact will be subject to verification from their organisation or outside agencies should they be named an awardee in their category. Volunteer Ireland reserve the right to conduct a background check on nominees and their volunteer activities, 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 reserves the right to withdraw an entry from the judging process or awards campaign at any time if the entry is deemed inappropriate for any reason.

Background checks undertaken as part of the awards campaign are limited to confirming, to the best of our ability, that the volunteering described in an awardee's nomination form did take place as stated. Volunteer Ireland does not take any responsibility for assessing awardees in any further capacity.

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 3 years.

Nominees in the Outstanding Group and Volunteer Manager categories are not eligible for the overall Volunteer of The Year Award.

The Wheel's Community Hero Award

The 10 longest serving awardees (excluding the Outstanding Group and Volunteer Manager categories) are automatically entered for consideration in the Community Hero Award 2020 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/

Once a nominee is named an Awardee in their category and has accepted, 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.

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 2020 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.