



**National Lottery
GOOD CAUSES
AWARDS 2023**

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Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare**



#GoodCausesAwards

Welcome

A message from Andrew Algeo

National Lottery CEO



Dear Honoured Guests and Supporters,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the Good Causes Awards 2023, a celebration of the incredible achievements of volunteers, organisations and individuals who have made a profound impact on our communities.

The National Lottery has always been committed to making a difference in the lives of people across our nation. The Good Causes Awards provide a platform to showcase the remarkable initiatives that have been made possible through National Lottery funding. These projects touch the hearts and souls of countless individuals, bringing positive change, hope, and inspiration.

In 2022, National Lottery tickets played a pivotal role in raising nearly €260 million, equivalent to almost €5 million per week. These funds have been instrumental in providing services and entertainment that support and form our local and national communities. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that it represents the second-highest amount raised for Good Causes since Premier Lotteries Ireland (PLI) was awarded the license to operate the National Lottery in 2014.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our National Lottery retailers who play an indispensable role in making these Good Causes Awards possible. Your dedication and partnership in serving our communities is invaluable. Together, we are making a lasting impact and I thank you for your unwavering support.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the remarkable achievement of all our past Good Causes Awards winners. They exemplify the power of volunteer groups and the incredible feats that can be accomplished with just a little support.

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners of the Good Causes Awards 2023. I look forward to sharing in the joy and inspiration of this evening's awards ceremony.

A Aíonna is Lucht Tacaíochta Uasail,

Tá ríméad orm fáiltiú romhaibh chuig bronnadh Gradaim na nDea-Chúiseanna do 2023, ceiliúradh ar éachtaí dochreidte oibritheoirí deonacha, eagraíochtaí agus daoine aonair a d'fhág rian domhain ar ár bpobail.

Bhí an Crannchur Náisiúnta ariamh tiomnaithe chun saol daoine a fheabhsú ar fud ár dtíre.

Soláthraíonn Gradaim na nDea-Chúiseanna ardán chun aibhsiú a dhéanamh ar na tionscnaimh iontacha a bhí indéanta, a bhuíochas le maoiniú ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta. Fágann na tionscnaimh seo a rian ar chroí is ar anam iliomad daoine agus iad ina n-ábhar athruithe chun feabhais, dóchais agus inspioráide.

Le linn 2022 bhí ról lárnach ag ticéid an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta i ngnóthú nach mór €260 milliún, arbh ionann é agus beagnach €5 milliún gach seachtain. Bhí an maoiniú seo lárnach i soláthar seirbhísí agus caitheamh aimsire a thacaíonn lenár bpobail náisiúnta agus áitiúla. An rud a fhágann an éacht seo níos suntasaí fós ná gurbh ionann é agus an dara suim ba mhó a cruinníodh do Dhea-Chúiseanna ó bronnadh an ceadúnas chun an Crannchur Náisiúnta a reáchtáil ar Premier Lotteries i 2014.

Gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí le miondíoltóirí an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta a bhfuil ról riachtanach acu agus a fhágann go bhfuil na Gradaim seo do Dhea-Chúiseanna indéanta. Tá bhur ndúthracht agus bhur rannpháirtíocht sárluachmhar chun freastal ar ár bpobail. Agus sinn ag obair le chéile, tá rian buan á fhágáil againn. Gabhaim buíochas libh as bhur dtacaíocht dílis.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú freisin chun aitheantas a thabhairt freisin do buaiteoirí na nGradam do Dhea-Chúiseanna sna blianta atá thart. Eiseamláirí iad ar chumas ghrúpaí deonacha agus ar na héachtaí ar féidir a bhaint amach le beagán cabhrach.

Comhghairdeas leosan uile a bhí sa chraobh-bhabhta agus a ghnóthaigh duaiseanna i nGradaim do Dhea-Chúiseanna 2023. Táim ag súil le bheith páirteach i lúcháir is in inspioráid shearmanas bronnta gradam na hoíche anocht.

Guest of Honour

Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

Minister Paschal Donohoe



It is a great pleasure to be with you all for this evening's awards celebrations. Tonight's awards celebrate the immense contribution to Irish life made by some of these thousands of Good Causes. Of all of them, just 34 finalists have made it here and I am honoured to be part of the ceremony and to recognise and celebrate your achievements.

Almost 30 cents of every €1 spent on National Lottery games goes back to Good Causes, which has delivered substantial funding for groups and organisations to help improve services over many years.

In 2022, €259.5 million was raised for Good Causes, which equates to on average €4.9 million being raised every week by National Lottery players to support on average 4,500 community groups and voluntary groups around Ireland - 4,500 clubs, projects and organisations driven by local heroes doing incredible work across the areas such as heritage, Irish language, youth, rural and community development, arts & culture, health and sport to make life better for people in our communities.

From upgraded playing surfaces, artistic performances and restoration projects to individuals and groups that are enhancing local support services - a wide variety of inspiring and innovative activity is carried out by Good Causes of Ireland. I am proud that my Department is involved with the National Lottery in supporting this.

Following on from the Independent Review of the Distribution and Utilisation of National Lottery funding published by my Department in December 2022, I intend to progress a number of recommendations that will reinforce the sustainability of the National Lottery as a source of funding for good causes into the future.

Finally, I would like you to note that I appreciate what you all do, and the Government appreciates all that you do across many thousands of communities in Ireland, and I would urge you to keep going, keep serving your clubs, towns and communities and keep improving the lives of people right across the country.

I wish you all the very best of luck.

Is mór an pléisiúr dom bheith libh uile tráthnóna inniu chun na gradaim a cheiliúradh. Ceiliúradh é bronnadh gradam na hoíche anocht ar an ionchur iontach a rinne cuid de na mílte Dea-Chúiseanna do shaol na hÉireann. Níl ach 34 díobh uile sa chraobh-bhabhta agus is mór an onóir domsa bheith mar chuid den cheiliúradh ar a bhfuil bainte amach agaibh.

Téann beagnach 30c de gach €1 a caitear ar chluichí an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta ar ais do na Dea-Chúiseanna - rud a chuir maoiniú substaintiúil ar fáil do ghrúpaí is d'eagraíochtaí chun cabhrú leo a gcuid seirbhísí a fheabhsú thar na blianta.

I 2022, gnóthaíodh €259.5 milliún do Dhea-Chúiseanna, ar ionann é agus meán-fhigiúr de €4.9 milliún á ghnóthú ag imreoirí an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta gach seachtain chun tacú le meán de 4,500 grúpa deonach agus pobail ar fud na hÉireann - 4,500 club, tionscadal agus eagraíocht dheonach ar fud na hÉireann agus iad á spreagadh ag laochra áitiúla a dhéanann obair dhochreidte i réimsí dála oidhreacht, an Ghaeilge, an óige, forbairt tuaithe agus pobail, na healaíona agus cultúr, cúrsaí sláinte agus spóirt - chun saol níos fearr a chruthú do na daoine inár bpobail.

Tá raon leathan de ghníomhaíocht inspioráideach agus nuálach á chur i bhfeidhm ag Dea-Chúiseanna na hÉireann ó uasghrádú ar dhromchla imeartha, léirsithe ealaíne, tionscadail athchóirithe agus grúpaí atá ag feabhsú seirbhísí tacaíochta áitiúla. Ábhar broid dom go bhfuil mo Roinnse rannpháirteach leis an gCrannchur Náisiúnta chun tacú leis seo.

Ag eascairt as an Athbhreithniú Neamhspleách ar Dháileadh is ar Úsáid mhaoiniú an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta, a d'fhoilsigh mo Roinnse mí na Nollag 2022, tá sé ar intinn agam dul ar aghaidh le roinnt moltaí a thacóidh le hinbhuanaitheacht an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta mar fhoinsé maoinithe do dhea-chúiseanna san am atá le teacht.

Ag deireadh thiar, ba mhaith liom go mbeadh a fhios agat gur mór liomsa, agus gur mór leis an Rialtas, gach a ndéanann sibh sna mílte pobal in Éirinn, agus molaím go láidir daoibh leanúint oraibh ag freastal ar bhur gclubanna, bhur mbailte agus bhur bpobail agus bheith ag feabhsú beatha daoine tríd an tír ar fad.

Guím gach rath oraibh uile.



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Meet The Finalists



Community

Community is at the heart of everything in Ireland. Thanks to Good Causes funding, finalists in this category make their communities a better place in which to live.



Boher Community Development Group

Tipperary

Boher Community Development Group is a voluntary group established in 2020 to improve the recreational and sports amenities in the local community.



FoodCloud

Dublin

FoodCloud is a non-profit social enterprise working to tackle the twin issues of food waste and food security by redistributing surplus food from the food industry to a network of charity and community partners.



Lakers Social and Recreation Club

Wicklow

Lakers Social and Recreation Club provides more than 60 classes per week for adults and young people with intellectual disabilities including tennis, basketball, cookery and art as well as a book club, Ladies friendship circle and Men's Club.



LGBT Ireland

Dublin

LGBT Ireland is a national charitable organisation providing support services to the LGBTQI+ community and their family members.



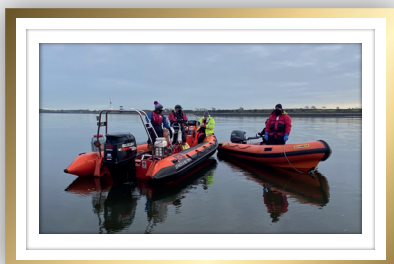
Waterford Marine Search and Rescue

Waterford

Waterford Marine Search and Rescue are a voluntary based charity who provide a Search, Rescue and Recovery service along with Suicide Prevention Patrols and Flood and Swiftwater Rescues to the people of Waterford City and County and surrounding areas.

Sport

Ireland is a proud sporting nation. Finalists in this category demonstrate excellence in using Good Causes funds to promote sport for the benefit of their club members and the wider community.



Galway Sub Aqua Club

Galway

Galway Sub Aqua Club promotes all aspects of underwater swimming and assists in searches for victims lost at sea, an invaluable service in a coastal area which unfortunately has seen many such tragedies over the years.



Irish Homeless Street League

Dublin

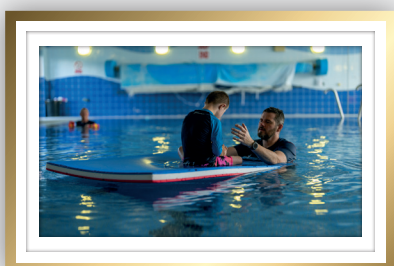
Irish Homeless Street League is a non-profit organisation that uses the power of sport to help people suffering from social inclusion to get back into the community. They currently run weekly football leagues at various locations around Ireland.



Special Needs Assistants in Louth (SNAIL) Group

Louth

Special Needs Assistants in Louth (SNAIL) is a group of volunteer special needs assistants supporting young people with disabilities, their siblings and their parents/guardians.



St. Gabriel's Foundation

Limerick

St. Gabriel's Foundation provides services to young people with disabilities and their families in particular through their Hydrotherapy pool which helps improve balance, coordination, strength and flexibility.



Vision Sports Ireland

Dublin

Vision Sports Ireland is the national governing body for sport and leisure opportunities for people who are blind or vision impaired in Ireland.

Arts & Culture

Ireland is renowned all over the world for its creative strengths and talents. Finalists in this category use Good Causes funding to promote arts and culture throughout the country, encouraging artistic expression, cultural awareness and participation



Children's Books Ireland

Dublin

Children's Books Ireland exists to inspire a love of reading in young people. They champion every young person's right to excellent books and live literature events.



Festival in a Van

Dublin

Festival in a Van is a mobile art venue focused on creating enjoyable and socially inclusive experiences for communities throughout Ireland whilst also providing employment opportunities to a diverse array of artists.



Irish Chamber Orchestra

Limerick

Irish Chamber Orchestra provides free access to music lessons for young people from severely disadvantaged communities in Limerick City, who would not otherwise have access to the arts.



Irish Memory Orchestra

Galway

The only ensemble of its kind in the world, breaking down barriers by removing sheet music from the stage, thus opening access to musicians not usually found in orchestral music, including musicians with sight-loss.



The Walls Project CLG

Waterford

A social enterprise that delivers large scale public artworks to transform forlorn and largely neglected areas by creating spaces for artists and communities to connect and thrive.

Heritage

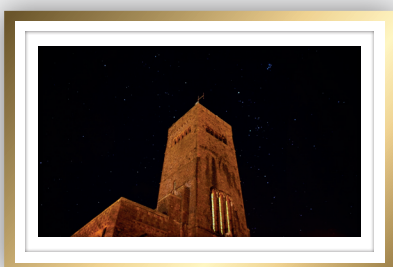
Our rich heritage is to be treasured. Finalists in this category use Good Causes funding to protect, preserve and promote local heritage for the betterment of their communities.



Donegal Railway Heritage Museum

Donegal

Donegal Railway Heritage Museum is a small community museum that rescues, restores, showcases, educates and celebrates the unique railways that once operated across this remote part of Ireland in County Donegal.



Mayo Dark Skies

Mayo

Mayo Dark Skies is a community-based group who work to reduce light pollution, preserve and restore dark skies over Mayo.



The Little Museum of Dublin

Dublin

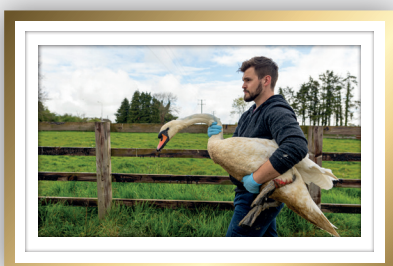
The Little Museum of Dublin is an award-winning local history museum situated in the heart of St Stephen's Green in Dublin City. They offer history, humour and hospitality along guided museum tours, treasure hunts and walking tours around the city.



Tipperary Town Revitalisation

Tipperary

Tipperary Town Revitalisation was founded to address the many issues that have impacted the development of Tipperary town; this includes heritage led regeneration



Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland

Meath

Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland is a not-for-profit NGO working for the general advancement of wildlife protection and rehabilitation in Ireland.

Youth

Our young people are our future. These incredible organisations use Good Causes funding to support, motivate and encourage young people across Ireland to reach their true potential.



Foróige

Limerick

The Croom UBU project managed by Foróige, offers a suite of diverse programmes to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds seeking a better life for themselves.



Killinarden Family Resource Centre

Dublin

Killinarden Family Resource Centre offers one-to-one counselling and therapeutic intervention for adults and young people where the need arises.



Roscommon Young Carers Project (Vita House)

Roscommon

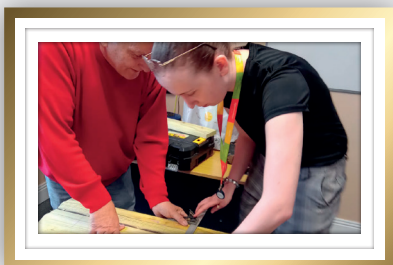
This project does amazing work to support those who fulfill a primary or secondary carer role in the home, to a family member with an illness, injury, disability, mental health issue or addiction.



Sligo/Leitrim Home Youth Liaison Service

Sligo/Leitrim

Sligo/Leitrim Home Youth Liaison Service is a dynamic youth organisation established to support young people experiencing difficulties at home or in their communities.



Youth Work Ireland Meath

Meath

Youth Work Ireland Meath is a county-wide youth service working with young people who are LGBTI+, living in Direct Provision or are at risk of substance misuse.

Health & Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of the country is paramount. Finalists in this category use Good Causes funding in innovative ways to benefit the health and wellbeing of their local communities and society in general.



ChildVision

Dublin

Childvision provides a unique service for young people with sight loss and complex needs. This enables young people with multiple disabilities to go beyond their diagnosis through Equine Assisted Occupational Therapy.



Dyspraxia/DCD Ireland

Dublin

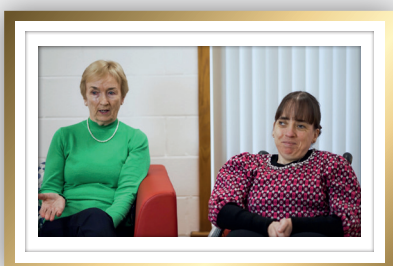
Dyspraxia/DCD Ireland is a national representative organisation that raises awareness of this physical and neurological condition. They provide clinical assessments, online and in person activities for young people and adults across Ireland.



Meath Women's Refuge & Support Services

Meath

Meath Women's Refuge & Support Services assists women affected by domestic violence and abuse across Co. Meath and the northeast region.



The Crann Centre

Cork

The Crann Centre provide life-long, life changing solutions for people living with neuro-physical disabilities. Their 2 Generation Model of care uniquely supports both the person with neuro-physical disability and their family throughout all stages of life.



Wicklow Rapid Response

Wicklow

Wicklow Rapid Response work in partnership with the existing Emergency Services and provide a high level of pre-hospital critical care. WWRR is called simultaneously with the state emergency services when a serious accident occurs.

An Ghaeilge | Irish Language

Bronntar an gradam seo ar eagraíocht a fhaigheann maoiniú ó chiste Dhea-Chúiseanna an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta agus a bhfuil leas bainte aici as an maoiniú ar an mbealach is nuálaí agus is forleithne chus úsáid na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn.

This award goes to an organisation that has used Good Causes funds in the most innovative and wide-reaching ways to promote and advance the use of the Irish Language



AerachAiteachGaelach

Dublin

Grúpa ealaíne comhoibritheach de lucht LGBTQ+ ealaíontóirí, a fheidhmíonn trí Ghaeilge é AerachAiteachGaelach. Cuimsíonn sé raon leathan d'ealaíona dála aisteoireacht agus drámaíocht, cantaireacht agus ceol, draig agus ealaíon fisiciúil, filíocht, rap, scríbhneoireacht agus taighde sna healaíona.

An artistic cooperative group of LGBTQ+ artists and it functions through the medium of Irish. AerachAiteachGaelach embraces a wide range of arts such as acting and drama, singing and music, drag and physical art, poetry, rap, writing and research in the arts.



Conradh na Gaeilge

Dublin

Eagraíocht do phobal na Gaeilge é Conradh na Gaeilge a sheasann do phobal na Gaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht ar fud na hÉireann agus timpeall an domhain.

Conradh na Gaeilge is an Irish-speaking community organisation which represents the Irish-speaking community and the Gaeltacht throughout Ireland and around the world.



Ionad Cultúrtha

Cork

Cultúrlann é Ionad Cultúrtha a eagraíonn ceolchoirmeacha de cheol traidisiúnta is de cheol ilghnéitheach, taispeántais ealaíne, léirithe drámaíochta, scéimeanna ealaíne do scoileanna, saotharlanna ealaíne, chomh maith le ranganna ceoil traidisiúnta – agus iad uile á riaradh trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Ionad Cultúrtha is a cultural centre that organises traditional and miscellaneous music concerts, art exhibitions, drama productions, arts schemes for schools, arts workshops, as well as traditional music classes, all conducted through the medium of Irish.



Raidió Rí-Rá

Dublin

Stáisiún raidió cairte é Raidió Rí Rá a chuireann seirbhís ar fáil do dhaoine óga trí mheán na Gaeilge. Chuir an maoiniú a fuair siad ar a gcumas stiúideo nua a oscailt i nGaillimh agus an stiúideo i mBaile Átha Cliath a fhorbairt – rud a chuir ar a gcumas fáiltiú roimh níos mó daoine óga le páirt a ghlacadh san obair iontach atá ar bun acu.

Raidió Rí Rá are a charter radio station that provides a service to young people through the medium of Irish. The funding they received helped them to open a new studio in Galway and develop the studio in Dublin in order to welcome more young people to participate in their amazing work.

National Final Adjudicators

Special thanks to our Chair and the National Final Adjudicators



Marty Whelan
Broadcaster
Chair of the Adjudicators



Fergus Finlay
Campaigner & Columnist
Independent Adjudicator



Liz Shouldice
Chief People Officer
National Lottery



Deborah Somorin
Accountant & Author
Independent Adjudicator



Jennifer Crowe
Head of Corporate Affairs
National Lottery



Joe Tierney
Retail Council Member
Independent Adjudicator

Your Host

Gráinne Seoige

Award-winning broadcaster Gráinne Seoige began her career at Teilifís na Gaeilge in 1998 and since then she has worked with RTÉ, Virgin Media, Sky News, ITV and BBC.

Gráinne has presented a wide variety of TV shows including Grá ar an Trá, Six O'Clock Show, Sky News Today, Sunrise, All Ireland Talent Show, Seoige, Crimecall, Up for the Match and That's Britain.

A winner of the Hewlett Packard Duais na Gaeilge award, Gráinne is widely recognised for her work in promoting the Irish Language.



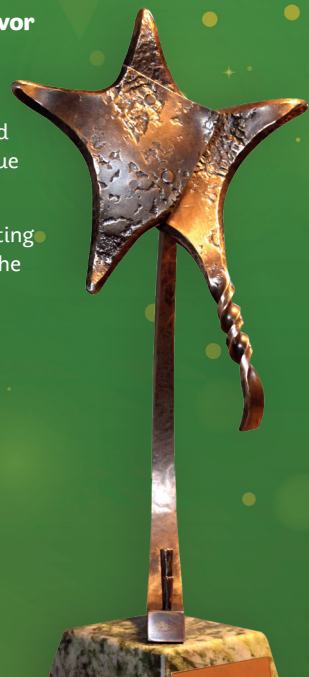


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The Trophies

Our unique winners trophies have been created by artists Michael Calnan & Gunvor Anhøj at their forge in Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

- Each trophy is crafted from bronze, steel and Connemara marble and pays tribute to the true stars of the Good Causes Awards.
- Also special thanks to Ambrose & Brid for creating the beautifully crafted trophies that each of the finalists received for making it this far in the competition.



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