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The aim of South Dublin County Council's Community Endeavour Awards is to recognise and reward community effort and achievement. The Council is particularly conscious of the efforts of the many individuals and community organisations that work together on an ongoing basis to deliver and implement improvements in a sustainable and inclusive way in servicing the needs of their local communities.

The Awards: Overall Community Endeavour Award 2026
10 Category Awards (detailed below)

Winners will receive a financial contribution in recognition of their outstanding commitment and continued efforts to deliver meaningful impact in their local communities.

CATEGORY	AWARD NAME	WHO CAN APPLY?
A	Civic Pride & Community Endeavour	Community groups involved in instilling civic pride and encouraging community participation and endeavour.
B	Community Facility of the Year	Community facilities demonstrating proactive and innovative approaches in the response to meeting their local community's needs.
C	Sport & Recreation	Clubs and groups that have demonstrated a commitment to the community. Focusing in particular on the positive impact and response to wider community development needs.
D	Social Inclusion Award	Community groups that create opportunities for all to participate in local/community life.
E	Age Friendly Award	Active age groups providing support, activities and services by and for older people.
F	Gradam Cultúr agus Oidhreacht na hÉireann	Community groups working to promote the Irish language, Irish culture, local history or local heritage.
G	Environmental Award	Community groups and/or schools who are involved with, engage, deliver and promote environmental initiatives in the local community.
H	Community Health & Wellbeing	Community groups/clubs that deliver programmes/events targeted at improving Health and Wellbeing of those living in the area.
I	Young Peoples Award	Youth groups/projects providing support, activities and services by and for younger people.

Groups can only apply on their own behalf. Only one application should be made per group.

CATEGORY	AWARD NAME	WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?
J	Volunteer of the Year	Community groups can nominate a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to their local community.

Groups can nominate a Volunteer for consideration for these awards.

Application Guidelines

- Categories A to I are self-nomination categories i.e. Groups entering can only apply on their own behalf. Only one application should be made per group. Select the category which you feel best fits the work of your group.
- Category J – Community groups can nominate a volunteer.
- Applicants must be located and/or have a significant operation within the administrative area of South Dublin County Council.
- Applications may be made as follows:
 - Online at www.sdcc.ie
 - By downloading a form from www.sdcc.ie
 - Or by contacting the below email address and requesting a hard copy.
- **Please return completed forms to:**
Community Services,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall, Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

Email: community@sdublincoco.ie - please reference **Endeavour Awards 2026 in the subject line.**

- Please note that as applications will be assessed solely on information supplied, it is vital to **fully complete the application form and attach any documents you feel will strengthen your application.**
- Community groups must be registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN).

Assessment

Please note that the independent judging panel will assess entries and decide on awards based on community effort, participation, achievement and value to their community.

The judging panel reserve the right to re-categorise applications, if deemed appropriate.

Closing Date

The closing date for receipt of applications is:

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 12 NOON.

Late applications/Emails will not be accepted.