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Welcome

A message from

Cian Murphy

National Lottery CEO



Dear Honoured Guests and Supporters,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the National Lottery Good Causes Awards, a night dedicated to celebrating the remarkable impact across Ireland made possible by the support of the National Lottery.

The achievements we celebrate here are united by one powerful theme: an unwavering commitment to making Ireland a better place. Whether it's through circus arts that build confidence and creativity, preserving Ireland's natural heritage through citizen-led conservation, or empowering people with disabilities through sport, each of you has made a profound difference in the lives of others. The stories we'll hear tonight remind us that change is not only possible; it is happening, right here, right now, thanks to your hard work and dedication.

To our nominees: you are the heart of this celebration. Your work inspires, uplifts, and unites. You remind us that real change starts locally, with people who care deeply and act boldly.

To our past winners joining us tonight, thank you for continuing to lead by example. Your achievements show what's possible when communities are empowered and supported.

I'd also like to give a special mention to our Retailers. Their physical presence in communities across Ireland, as well as their engagement with customers helps to ensure the success of the National Lottery and its role in supporting Good Causes. Together, we are making a lasting impact and I thank you for your unwavering support.

To everyone joining us, whether you're here to support a nominee, a sponsor of these vital initiatives, or are part of the wider National Lottery family, thank you for being part of this celebration. Your presence tonight is a powerful show of support for the people and projects that make Ireland a stronger, better and brighter place.

Enjoy the celebrations.

Aíonna Onóracha agus Lucht Tacaíochta, a chairde,

Is mór an pléisiúr dom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir chuig Gradaim na nDea-Chúiseanna an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta, oíche atá tiomnaithe do cheiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an dtionchar suntasach ar fud na hÉireann a d'fhéadfaí a bhaint amach le tacaíocht ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta.

Tá na héachtaí a cheiliúraimid anseo aontaithe ag téama cumhachtach amháin: tiomantas seasmhach d'áit níos fearr a dhéanamh as Éire. Cibé trí na healaíona sorcais a chothaíonn muinín agus cruthaitheacht, trí oidhreacht nádúrtha na hÉireann a chaomhnú trí chaomhnú faoi stiúir an tsaoránaigh, nó trí dhaoine faoi mhíchumas a chumhachtú trí spórt, tá difríocht mhór déanta ag gach duine agaibh i saoil daoine eile. Cuireann na scéalta a chloisfidimid anocht i gcuimhne dúinn ní amháin gur féidir athrú a dhéanamh ach; tá sé ag tarlú, díreach anois anseo, a bhuíochas le bhur gcuid oibre crua agus bhur dtiomantas.

Ag trácht a d'ár n-ainmnithe: is sibhse croílár an cheiliúradh seo. Spreagann, ardaíonn agus aontaíonn daoine bhur gcuid oibre. Cuireann sibh i gcuimhne dúinn go dtosaíonn fíor-athrú go háitiúil, le daoine a bhfuil an-ghean acu agus a ghníomhaíonn go misniúil.

D'ár n'iarbhuaiteoirí as a bheith linn anocht, go raibh maith agaibh as ceannaireacht a thabhairt le dea-shampla. Léiríonn bhur gcuid éachtaí an méid is féidir a dhéanamh nuair a thugtar cumhacht agus tacaíocht do phobail.

Ba mhaith liom lua speisialta a thabhairt dár Miondíoltóirí freisin. Cuidíonn a láithreacht fhisiciúil i bpobail ar fud na hÉireann, chomh maith lena rannpháirtíocht le custaiméirí, lena chinntiú go n-éireoidh leis an gCrannchur Náisiúnta agus lena ról i dtacú na nDea-Chúiseanna. Le chéile, táimid ag baint tionchar buan amach agus gabhaim buíochas libh as bhur dtacaíocht seasmhach.

Do gach duine a thagann le chéile linn, cibé an bhfuil sibh anseo chun tacú le hainmní, mar urraí ar na tionscnaimh rithábhachtacha seo, nó le bheith mar chuid de theaghlach níos leithne an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta, go raibh maith agaibh as a bheith páirteach den cheiliúradh seo. Is léiriú cumhachtach tacaíochta é bhur láithreacht anocht do na daoine agus do na tionscadail a fhágann gur áit níos láidre, níos fearr agus níos gile í Éire.

Bainigí sult as!

A message from Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation

Minister Jack Chambers



It is a great pleasure to join you for this evening's awards celebration, where we honour the immense and invaluable contributions of the 35 National Finalists. I am truly honoured to be part of this ceremony and to recognise your remarkable achievements.

In 2024 alone, €239.3 million was raised for local Good Causes in communities across Ireland, supporting over 4,500 community and voluntary groups nationwide.

The incredible work showcased tonight represents just a fraction of the vital projects funded across sectors such as heritage, Irish language, youth, rural and community development, arts and culture, health, and sport.

From arts projects encouraging creativity and confidence, to youth initiatives giving young people a voice or sports and community groups that bring communities together, this year's National Finalists reflect the powerful impact of Good Causes funding across the country. These organisations show how local projects help shape a more vibrant, inclusive and connected Ireland for everyone. I am proud that my Department is partnered with the National Lottery in championing these efforts.

Last year, I welcomed the publication of the National Lottery Good Causes Annual Report 2023, the first report of its kind compiled by my Department to enhance transparency around the allocation of National Lottery funding. The report highlights the vital role this funding plays in supporting communities across Ireland. I look forward to the continued publication of this important report, with the 2024 edition due later this year.

Finally, I want to express my deep appreciation for your dedication. The Government recognises your tireless service to clubs, towns, and communities, and I encourage you to continue your invaluable work in improving lives across the country.

Best of luck to you all.

Is mór an pléisiúr dom a bheith páirteach i gceiliúradh na ngradam an tráthnóna seo, áit a dtugaimid onóir do mhórchuid oibre luachmhar na 35 lomaitheoir Náisiúnta. Is mór an onóir dom a bheith mar chuid den searmanas seo agus aitheantas a thabhairt do na héachtaí suntasacha atá déanta agaibh.

In 2024 amháin, tiomsaíodh €239.3 milliún do Dhea-Chúiseanna áitiúla i bpobail ar fud na hÉireann, ag tacú le breis agus 4,500 grúpa pobail agus deonach ar fud na tíre.

Níl sa saothar dochreidte a léiríodh anocht ach cuid bheag de na tionscadail rithábachtacha a mhaoínítear thar earnálacha amhail oidhreacht, Gaeilge, an óige, forbairt tuaithe agus pobail, na healaíona agus cultúr, sláinte agus spórt.

Ó thionscadail na n-ealaíon a spreagann cruthaitheacht agus muintín, go tionscnaimh óige a thugann guth do dhaoine óga nó grúpaí spóirt agus pobail a thugann pobail le chéile, léiríonn lomaitheoirí Náisiúnta na bliana seo an tionchar cumhachtach atá ag maoiniú na nDea-Chúiseanna ar fud na tíre. Léiríonn na heagraíochtaí seo an chaoi a gcuidíonn tionscadail áitiúla le hÉire níos beoga, níos cuimsithí agus níos nasctha a mhúnlú do chách. Táim bródúil go bhfuil mo Roinn ag obair i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an gCrannchur Náisiúnta chun na hiarrachtaí seo a chur chun cinn.

Anuraidh, d'fháiltigh mé roimh fhoilsiú Thuarascáil Bhliantúil 2023 na nDea-Chúiseanna an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta, an chéad tuarascáil dá leithéid a chuir mo Roinn le chéile chun trédhearcacht a fheabhsú maidir le leithdháileadh mhaoiniú an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta. Leagann an tuarascáil béim ar an ról rithábachtach atá ag an maoiniú seo chun tacú le pobail ar fud na hÉireann. Táim ag tnúth le foilsiú leanúnach na tuarascála tábhachtach seo, agus eagrán 2024 le bheith foilsithe níos déanaí i mbliana.

Ar deireadh, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas o chroí a chur in iúl do bhur dtiomantas. Aithníonn an Rialtas bhur seirbhís gan staonadh do chlubanna, do bhailte agus do phobail, agus molaim daoibh leanúint ar aghaidh le bhur gcuid oibre fíorluachmhar chun feabhas a chur ar shaolta ar fud na tíre.

Go n-éirí libh go léir.



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Meet The Finalists

Arts & Culture



Anna Newell Theatre Adventures

Wicklow

Anna Newell Theatre Adventures creates immersive, sensory rich performances for babies, early years, and children with complex needs. Rooted in empathy and connection, each show is crafted with and for its audience, offering joyful, inclusive experiences that spark imagination and emotional engagement.



Festival in a Van

Dublin

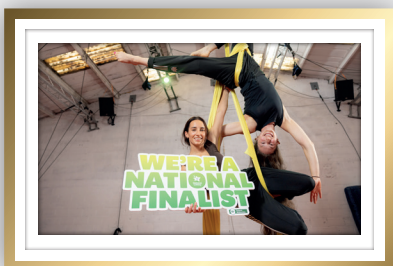
Festival in a Van brings live performance directly to communities across Ireland, transforming everyday spaces into stages of connection and creativity. With a focus on inclusion, they remove barriers to access and empower people of all backgrounds to engage with the arts.



Galway Community Circus

Galway

Galway Community Circus is one of Ireland's leading organisations for youth and social circus, using the power of circus arts to foster creativity, confidence and connection. Through inclusive, non-competitive programmes, they empower people of all ages and backgrounds to build resilience, wellbeing and community.



Taking Flight - Circus Club Project

Dublin

Circus Club is a pioneering inclusive arts programme that empowers children and teens with disabilities, additional needs, and from marginalised backgrounds through circus. With a focus on access, creativity, and communication, it creates joyful, adaptive spaces where every participant can thrive.



The Kabin Studio

Cork

Rooted in hip hop and community spirit, The Kabin Studio is a vibrant creative hub in Cork City, where young people come together to express themselves through music, songwriting, and digital media. From viral hits to live performances and school outreach, it empowers diverse voices, nurtures talent, and builds a strong, inclusive space for creativity and connection.

Community



AkiDwA

Dublin

AkiDwA is a leading organisation advocating for the rights of migrant women in Ireland. Through outreach, education, and policy work, AkiDwA addresses key issues including gender-based violence and integration. Their efforts have supported thousands of women and raised national awareness ensuring that migrant women and girls are protected, empowered, and heard.



Borrisokane Men's Shed

Tipperary

Borrisokane Men's Shed is a welcoming space where men come together to share skills, build friendships, and contribute to their community. From woodworking and gardening, to digital literacy and town beautification, the shed supports wellbeing, personal growth, and social connection.



Drogheda Women & Children's Refuge

Louth

Drogheda Women & Children's Refuge has supported women and children affected by domestic abuse for over 25 years. Through safe accommodation, tailored programmes, and compassionate care, DWCR empowers survivors to rebuild their lives.



Duhallow Community Food Services

Cork

Duhallow Community Food Services delivers hot, nutritious meals to older and vulnerable people across rural Cork, ensuring no one is left behind due to age, illness, or isolation. With expanded routes and specialist equipment, the service brings comfort, dignity, and care to those who need it most.



Tullow Community First Responders

Carlow

Tullow Community First Responders is a dedicated volunteer group providing critical, lifesaving support in medical emergencies. With deep local roots and a commitment to inclusion, TCFR strengthens community resilience through emergency response, CPR training, and outreach, saving lives and building trust, one call at a time.

Health & Wellbeing



Barretstown

Kildare

Barretstown offers medically endorsed therapeutic camps and programmes for children living with cancer and other serious illnesses, completely free of charge. The camps feature a range of adventurous and challenging activities, all supported by medical and nursing care.



Happy Trails

Wexford

Happy Trails provides therapeutic animal experiences for children and adults with disabilities, creating powerful moments of connection, confidence, and joy. Whether it's a child riding for the first time or a nursing home resident meeting a friendly dog, Happy Trails helps people feel empowered, included, and uplifted.



Kinaffa Community Garden

Mayo

Kinaffa Community Garden is a child-led project supporting children from diverse backgrounds, including those who've experienced trauma. The garden fosters emotional healing, connection, and confidence through nature-based learning. Maintained by local volunteers and supported by schools and services, it's become a vibrant space for integration, creativity, and community pride.



Spraoi agus Spórt

Donegal

Spraoi agus Spórt is an award-winning social enterprise and registered charity based in Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. Services include childcare, afterschool clubs, inclusive camps, creative technology labs, digital literacy, STEAM education, youth engagement, and community wellbeing initiatives.



The Book of Memories Café

Meath

The Book of Memories Café in Kells is a welcoming, dementia friendly space co-created by healthcare professionals, volunteers, and people with lived experience. With a thoughtfully designed environment and a strong sense of community, the café reduces isolation, fosters connection, and empowers attendees through shared experiences and compassionate care.

Heritage



Airfield Estate

Dublin

Airfield Estate is Dublin's leading urban farm and food education hub, welcoming thousands annually to explore sustainable living. Through hands-on learning, inclusive community initiatives, and a deep commitment to heritage, Airfield connects people of all ages and fosters environmental awareness, social inclusion, and a healthier, more sustainable future for all.



Irish Whale and Dolphin Group

Clare

The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) is Ireland's leading marine conservation charity, protecting whales, dolphins, and porpoises through rescue, research, and education. Their Live Stranding Response Program empowers volunteers and coastal communities to take action, saving marine life and raising awareness.



Irish Wildlife Trust Monaghan Branch

Monaghan

The Irish Wildlife Trust Monaghan Branch is leading innovative, community-driven conservation efforts to protect and restore Ireland's river systems. Through mapping, citizen science, and inclusive engagement, they're making biodiversity visible and actionable.



Nature Network Ireland

Cork

Nature Network Ireland is a volunteer-led organisation dedicated to protecting Ireland's biodiversity through conservation, education, and public engagement. From transforming urban spaces into wildlife havens, to empowering communities through citizen science, the group connects people with nature in meaningful ways.



Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

Tipperary

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History is a vibrant cultural centre preserving the county's rich heritage through storytelling, education, and hands-on engagement. Its award-winning programmes, including traditional craft skills workshops, foster intergenerational learning, intercultural exchange, and sustainability.

An Ghaeilge | Irish Language



Conradh na Gaeilge

Dublin

Conradh na Gaeilge is the democratic forum of the Irish-speaking community in Ireland and abroad. The organisation promotes the use of Irish through advocacy, education, and community engagement. It works with Gaeltacht and non-Gaeltacht communities alike, supporting initiatives that celebrate diversity, foster inclusion, and strengthen the role of the Irish language in modern, multicultural Ireland.



Gaillimh le Gaeilge

Galway

Gaillimh le Gaeilge was established to promote the Irish language in Galway, providing translation services and regularly organising Irish language events. The organisation also provides guidance, recommendations and practical support to the business community to promote the use of the Irish Language.



Na Gaeil CLG

Kerry

Na Gaeil CLG is an Irish speaking GAA club in Tralee, welcoming over 600 members from underage to senior level. Known for its strong community spirit, the club promotes Irish language and culture through sport, education, and events. With outreach to schools and local groups, Na Gaeil fosters pride, participation, and a vibrant Irish-speaking environment for all.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Dublin

Na Gaeil Óga CLG is a GAA club based in West Dublin, dedicated to bringing the Irish language to life through sport. The club create opportunities for young people and local communities to use Irish in everyday settings, on and off the pitch, through a wide range of Irish-language activities, including social events, classes, and school partnerships.

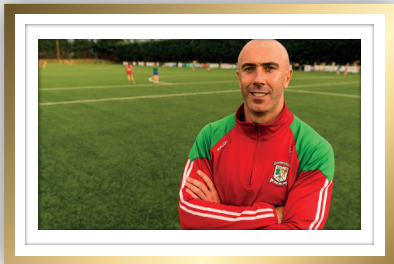


Raidió na Life

Dublin

Raidió na Life is Dublin's Irish language community radio station, broadcasting since 1993 on 106.4FM and online. Powered by volunteers, it offers a platform for Irish speakers of all ages to share their voices, learn new skills, and engage with the language.

Sport



Ballymun Kickhams GAA
Dublin

Ballymun Kickhams GAA is a proud, inclusive club at the heart of its community since 1969. With a strong focus on accessibility, wellbeing, and belonging, the club supports every member, whether they're striving for success in sport, building confidence through teamwork, or finding a sense of belonging and purpose beyond the game.



Dragon Boat Club Ballina
Mayo

Dragon Boat Club Ballina is a volunteer-led group using dragon boating to support physical and emotional well-being, especially for those affected by cancer and life-limiting conditions. With over 100 members, the group fosters connection, resilience, and joy through sport, music, and community action.



Rebel Wheelers
Cork

Rebel Wheelers is a multi-sports club empowering children and adults with physical disabilities through sport, fitness, and friendship. From grassroots to elite level, members build confidence, independence, and lifelong connections.



St. Brigid's Edenderry Boxing Club
Offaly

St. Brigid's Edenderry Boxing Club, founded in 1933, is a proud community club committed to inclusion, affordability, and excellence. Once male-only, it now leads the way in female boxing, with 75% of members, coaches, and committee members being women.



Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre
Monaghan

Tanagh Outdoor Education Centre offers inclusive, nature-based activities that promote physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing for all ages and abilities. With a strong commitment to accessibility and sustainability, Tanagh creates meaningful outdoor experiences that empower individuals and inspire a lifelong love of nature and adventure.

Youth



Castlegregory Community Golf Course Association
Kerry

Castlegregory Community Golf Course has championed inclusive golf since 2016, offering tailored programmes for individuals with disabilities. Through partnerships, mentorship, and a welcoming environment, the club empowers participants to build skills, confidence, and friendships.



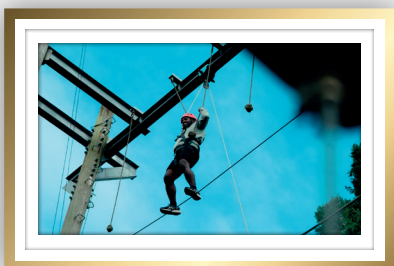
Irish Girl Guides
Dublin

Irish Girl Guides has empowered girls across Ireland since 1911. Through hands on STEM programmes, members explore science, technology, and engineering in a fun, supportive environment. By challenging stereotypes and promoting inclusion, Irish Girl Guides inspires the next generation of changemakers and future female leaders.



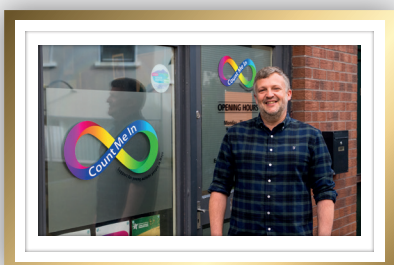
Mullingar EYE & YoYo Café
Westmeath

Mullingar EYE & YoYo Café is a youth programme, supporting young people through creative expression, vocational training, and inclusive community work. Focused on those facing disadvantage, they offer music, drama, life skills, and personal development opportunities.



The Cavan Centre
Cavan

The Cavan Centre is a long-standing residential project supporting children, young people, and families from disadvantaged areas of Dublin. Through outdoor education and experiential learning, it offers a safe, empowering space for personal growth, skill-building, and positive life choices..



Western Care Association - Count Me In
Mayo

Count Me In is a Castlebar-based initiative supporting autistic young people in Mayo through tailored guidance, skill-building, and creative workshops. Count Me In offers a safe, inclusive space where young people can grow, express themselves, and lead positive change.

National Final Adjudicators

Special thanks to our Chair and the National Final Adjudicators



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Chair of the Adjudicators



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Independent Adjudicator



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Ian Wallace
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Joe Tierney
Retail Council Member
Independent Adjudicator



Deborah Somorin
Accountant & Author
Independent Adjudicator

Your Host

Marty Whelan

Marty Whelan is one of Ireland’s most cherished television and radio personalities. With a career spanning decades, he’s known for his engaging charm and approachable style that audiences love. He’s been the voice of Ireland for the Eurovision Song Contest, adding humour and warmth to the commentary, making him a familiar presence in Irish homes.

His work with RTÉ has made him a household name. Beyond Eurovision, Marty’s hit radio show “Marty in the Morning” on RTÉ Lyric FM, delighting listeners with his upbeat personality and wonderful music. His deep connection with audiences has made him a true national treasure. Marty is a former Chair of the Judges for the National Lottery Good Causes Awards.





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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.



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