

'TRIP TO TIPP' FOR ALL-IRELAND Community And Council Awards

This year's All-Ireland Community and Council Awards took place in Clonmel, for the first time, and following this year's 'Trip to Tipp', LAMA Chairperson and Tipperary Councillor Micheal Anglim requested that the awards ceremony be moved outside Dublin on alternate years!

Hotel Minella in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary was the venue for the 2023 Local Authority Members' Association (LAMA) Community & Council Awards, once again sponsored by IPB Insurance, which took place on 15 April.

Now in its 17th year, the annual awards initiative recognises and celebrates communities and councils across Ireland working together. They provide the ideal opportunity to highlight and celebrate the work done within communities across the country and to reward Ireland's unsung heroes.

The Chairperson of LAMA, Cllr Micheal Anglim from Tipperary County Council, said he appreciated that all local authorities across the country "have always been very supportive of the Awards and of LAMA". And following this year's 'Trip to Tipp', he requested that the awards ceremony be moved outside Dublin on alternate years.

Over 200 projects were nominated from 31 local authorities, spread across 24 categories, making the 2023 LAMA Awards the biggest yet. The coveted Grand Prix Award went to Cork County Council, in light of the council having had the most shortlisted and winning projects combined over an aggregate score, while Mayo County Council made its mark by winning the 'Council of the Year' award.

"IPB Insurance is proud to be headline sponsor of the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards in partnership with LAMA," noted George Jones, Chair of IPB Insurance.

"As the mutual insurer to Ireland's local authorities, we're delighted to support these awards, which celebrate the symbiotic relationship enjoyed by local authorities and their communities. These awards serve to illustrate what can be achieved when community volunteerism is encouraged and supported at a local level," he added.

LAMA AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023

CATEGORY	WINNER
Best Trail in Ireland 2023	Tipperary County Council – Widening and Signage Improvements along the Suir Blueway – Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir
Lifetime Achievement Award 2023	Joe McGrath – CEO Tipperary County Council
Community Volunteer of the Year 2023	Winner: Jill Kennon & Elaine Murphy-Byrne, Carrickmacross Toy Library – Monaghan County Council Runner Up: Jean Nelson, Tipperary Town
Best Irish Festival 2023	Cork Lifelong Learning Festival – Cork City Council
Best Green Sustainable Initiative 2023	Bí Urban Raingarden Project – Dublin City Council Bí Urban/LAWPRO
Best Mental Health Initiative 2023	TEEN TALK – Cork County Council
Best Community Transport Initiative 2023	Inclusive Cycling for All – Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Best Business working with the Community 2023	The Food Hub, Drumshanbo – Leitrim County Council
Best Enterprise & Start-up Hub 2023	The PorterShed Story – Galway County Council
Best Micro Start-up 2023	Aqualicense – Wicklow County Council
Best Irish Language Initiative 2023	Gaillimh le Gaeilge – Galway City Council
Best Town or Village Regeneration 2023	Cnoc na Gaoithe Cultural Centre – Clare County Council
Best Social Housing Project 2023	Housing Development at An Eastát Garrán Feá, Beechgrove, Clonakilty – Cork County Council
Best Innovation in Urban Planning 2023	Water Rock Urban Expansion Area – A LIHAF Initiative – Cork County Council
Most Inclusive Project 2022	Lough Ree Access For All – Roscommon County Council
Best Communications Initiative/Innovation 2023	CE Innovation Fund Projects – Fingal County Council
Best Tourism Initiative 2023	Explore Cork' app – Cork County Council
Best Energy Smart Initiative 2023	Cork City Council – LED Lantern Upgrade Project
Best Community Health Initiative 2023	Enniscorthy Community Allotments – Wexford County Council
Best CSR Project in a Community 2023	Community CSR – GAS Networks Ireland
Best Social Enterprise of the Year 2023	The No Barriers Foundation – Donegal County Council
Best Environmental, Ecological Project 2023	1. Green Space for Health Project – Cork City Council 2. Lixnaw Integrated Constructed Wetland – Kerry County Council
National Impact Award	Clare County Council
Council of the Year	Mayo County Council
Grand Prix Award	Cork County Council

