

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you require any further information please contact your **Local Youth Service** or you can download the forms from the Youth Work Ireland website at www.youthworkireland.ie

Local Youth Services - please return nomination forms on or before **Friday 17th June 2011** to:

Volunteer Achievement Awards

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KEY DATES

Friday 17th June 2011 - Closing Date for receipt of nominations at National Office of Youth Work Ireland.

Saturday 5th November 2011 - Awards Presentation to Winners at a Gala Lunch in the National Offices of Youth Work Ireland.

THINGS TO NOTE:

Group or Team nominations will not be considered.
Serving members of the Youth Work Ireland National Board cannot be nominated for the Awards.
Nominees should be profiled only by the completion of the form. Please do not send any additional materials such as CVs, Certificates or Press Cuttings. Such items will not be considered by the selection committee.
Guidelines for Completing the Nomination Form are provided for your assistance. Please read the guidelines carefully.
The Selection Committee reserves the right to exclude incorrect or incomplete nomination forms or nominations entered in the wrong category.
When completing the Nomination Form please ensure that you refer to work carried out by the nominee within a Youth Work Ireland voluntary capacity.
Each Local Youth Service may nominate a maximum of two people in each category.

PROFILE OF NOMINEES:

The volunteers nominated should have a track record of commitment and involvement over a sustained period with their Local Youth Service.
Those nominated for the Extra Mile (Long Term Service) category should have completed a minimum of eight years service.

Volunteer Achievement Awards 2011



The **Youth Work Ireland Volunteer Achievement Awards** were introduced in 1999 to recognise the immeasurable and positive contribution made by volunteers all over the country to the lives of young people. This programme recognises and celebrates the contribution of a number of individual volunteers as a means of highlighting the huge numbers of volunteers that give of their time each week to ensure young people have opportunities to engage in their local communities.

Local clubs and youth groups are given an opportunity each year to nominate their unsung heroes, the person they look up to and rely on... the person who opens the door to the club... who cleans up afterwards... who makes the costumes and washes the kit... the person that inspires them... the person they go to when they need advice or support... the person who makes sure there are tea bags and coffee, and those nice biscuits you like... the bus driver ... the person who is first up the mountain, or into the freezing water... the person who knows when to just listen.

Youth Work Ireland believes that young people represent the future of volunteering and recognises the importance of encouraging and supporting their transition to this role. This is designed to broaden the range of volunteer activities to be considered for the awards and to increase the number of nominations for young people.

You or some volunteer you know could become one of the **Volunteer Achievement Award** recipients. All you need to do is read over the documentation, follow the nomination form guidelines and return the completed form to your **Local Youth Service**.

AWARD CATEGORIES

LEADING THE WAY AWARD

for volunteers working with young people in a youth club or youth project

STEPPING UP AWARD

for young volunteers who are moving into a leadership role in their club or project

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

for volunteers engaged in direct work with young people at risk

BEHIND THE SCENES AWARD

for volunteers who have made a contribution to the development of a local youth service

EXTRA MILE AWARD

for volunteers who have made a sustained commitment to youth work

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

*A once off award in the context of the **European Year of the Volunteer** (chosen from the 5 award winners in categories listed above)*