**Who can make a nomination?**

The awards are open to anyone who meets the criteria of the related category.

**Is there any cost to enter?**

No – it’s completely free to enter the Community Recognition Awards.

**Can I nominate myself or my own organisation?**

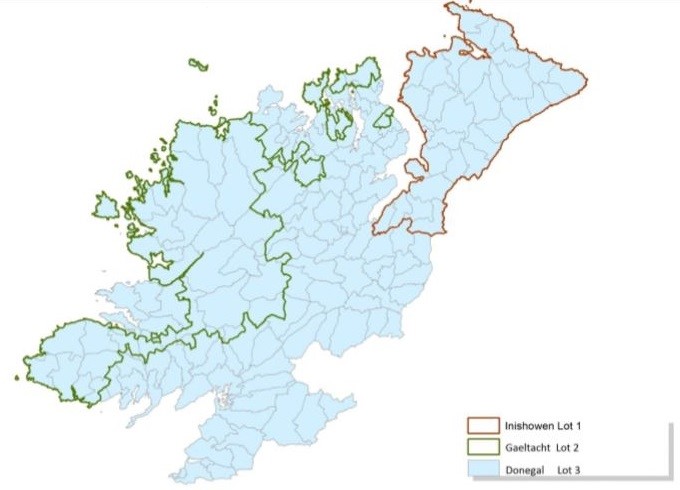
Yes - we accept self-nominated and third party entries for both organisations and individuals.

**How many submissions can be made for the same individual or organisation?**

There are no limits to how many unique submissions can be made by an individual or organisation as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for the category.

**Can I nominate someone from any part of Donegal?**

To be eligible for nomination in the DLDC Community Recognition Awards, nominees must be operating in the areas identified as **Lot 2** or **Lot 3** on the map below. This is due to the public funding contract under which the relevant public funding budget is held. This is without prejudice to other community & voluntary organisations / Social Enterprises within Donegal.



**I’m not sure if the group I’m nominating is a small organisation or large organisation. What should I do?**

Take your best guess. If we think it’s in the wrong category, we’ll re-allocate it to the correct category for you.

**How do I nominate?**

Easy – just visit [www.dldc.org/awards](http://www.dldc.org/awards) and complete the online nomination form. You’ll get an on-screen notification and an email to confirm we’ve received your entry.

**What is the closing date for nominations?**

The closing date for nominations 5pm on Wednesday 6th of October 2021.

**What are the eligibility criteria for each category?**

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| **Category** | **Criteria** |
| Best Social Inclusion/Peer Support Campaign | * The campaign must have a social inclusion or peer support focus. * Examples of groups in this space include active retirement groups, Men’s Sheds, women's groups, carer’s groups, community gardens, etc. * The campaign must have taken place in Donegal. |
| Special Recognition Award – A Community Response to Covid-19 | * This award is for a community as a whole – not for individuals or individual organisations. * The award is specifically for their response to Covid-19. * The community must be in Donegal. |
| Best Community Organisation - Small | * The organisation must have an annual income of less than €100,000. * The organisation must be a not-for-profit. * The organisation must be based in Donegal (or operate in Donegal). |
| Best Community Organisation – Large | * Organisation must have an annual income of more than €100,000 * The organisation must be a not-for-profit. * The organisation must be based in Donegal (or operate in Donegal). |
| Lifetime Achievement Award – Individual Award | * This award is for individuals only (no organisations). * The individual must be based in Donegal (or operate in Donegal). |

**Can I enter more than one category?**

Yes, you can enter as many categories as you want. Just make sure that you meet the eligibility criteria for each category before submitting.

**How are the winners determined?**

The judges score the entries. The winner will be the entry with highest score. If there is only 1 entry for a category then judges will be asked to recommend whether any award should be made or not.

**When and where are the Awards?**

The event is taking place in the Finn Valley Centre, Stranorlar at 7pm on Thursday, 4th November 2021.

**What is the dress code for the awards?**

The dress code is smart casual.

**Can I bring anyone with me if I’m nominated?**

Each shortlisted nominee will be provided with 3 free tickets to the event.

Please note this is a ticket only event with limited numbers of tickets available for successful nominations.

**Can I buy tickets if I’m not nominated?**

Due to Covid-19 guidelines, additional tickets will not be available in order to maintain social distancing.

**What organisations are the judging panel from?**

The judging panel are from the following organisations:

* Highland Radio
* Pramerica
* LYIT
* Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce
* Watson Hire

