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Our Community Climate Action Award



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Prize Fund: €5,000

(3 prizes - Large town/urban centre and village/small town and Young Tidy Towns Committee)

Sponsored by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Award

The Tidy Towns 'Our Community Climate Action Award' is a special competition sponsored by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

The overall aim of the Tidy Towns 'Our Community Climate Action Award' is to recognise the positive contribution local communities can make in addressing climate change through their Tidy Towns activities.

The first objective of this award is to raise awareness of climate change within communities. While, the second objective is to promote behaviour change by encouraging communities to undertake projects that will set their community on a path towards a low carbon, climate resilient future. Each committee should highlight one key initiative in their community which makes a lasting and positive contribution to the climate challenge.

Competition

Climate change is a key challenge for all of us, and we must act now, particularly in the interests of future generations. We must ensure that what we do today does not compromise our environment, but instead enhances it and makes it a place where all generations, current and future, can live in a sustainable way. We are looking for committees to demonstrate innovative ways to address the challenge of climate change which could be easily replicated by other communities. Of particular interest is whether you have:

1. Shown how working together with the wider community (i.e. sports clubs, social clubs, Men's sheds, schools, local authorities or other community groups) has influenced **behaviour change** to more environmentally sustainable practices.
2. Demonstrated how you raised **awareness** within the community, for example enhanced your community's links and co-operation with the Green Schools Programme and other initiatives dedicated to tackling climate change or run a series of Climate related lectures/ workshops etc.
3. Encouraged your community to improve the impact of the **everyday choices** they make, including for example travel, impact of food waste, food miles, recycling and upcycling.
4. Ensured the **sustainable use of local resources** and a considered approach to protecting the environment. This could, for example, include innovative waste management activities or protective landscaping.

Details

A prize of **€2,250** will be awarded to two Tidy Towns Committees, one from a large town/urban centre and one from a village/small town, which has demonstrated **one key initiative** in their community which makes a positive contribution to the climate challenge. The action should be innovative and easily replicated in other local communities.

Recognising the key role of the younger generation in the climate challenge, an additional award of **€500** is also available this year for a Young Tidy Towns committee which has demonstrated the greatest contribution from either a large or small town on the same theme.

Marks will be awarded for community involvement, raising community awareness, lasting affects, continued action ongoing with sustainability objectives and replicability in other similar communities. Each eligible Tidy Towns committee may submit **one** application to the competition.

Each eligible Young Tidy Towns Committee may submit **one** application to the Young Tidy Towns element of the competition.