**TidyTowns**

**Sustainable Development**

**Awards 2019**

**Inclusive communities respect biodiversity, social diversity and most of all our own diversity**!

**We invite you to develop a leisurely walk within your community.**

**Create a walk** where people can meet and get some light exercise, a walk to the shops, a walk to the school, a walk around the housing estate.

Comfortable clothes and shoes, a wheelchair or a favourite walking stick is all the equipment the walkers will need. All you need is people and a map.

**The Criteria for the walk:**

* A short walk from 300 to 1,000 metre.
* In your community
* Seating every 150 metre
* Circle back to the start
* Include items of interest along the route
* New or revitalised route

**Your design should**

* Allow people of all ages and physical fitness to take part
* Connect with neighbours and environs
* Include the often excluded people
* Develop an area in your community that has fallen into disuse.
* Include seating, for example, a wall, a bench or something upcycled.

**The aim** is to revitalise space within your community and to enhance community spirit. It must be inclusive of all the community.

**The project** is a community based completion to break down barriers, encourage inclusivity and the goals of Sustainable Development.

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**The €5,000 prize fund will be divided as follows:**

**1st place €1,000
2nd place €800
3rd place €700
Plus five prizes of €500**

**Use recycled, upcycled, reused** items to create this walk and the points of interest along the way.

Encourage an appreciation of the natural and manmade diversity that makes your community special

**Show us what you have done**

* Take pictures before, during and after.
* Make a map pointing out the route and the items of interest
* Take pictures of your interesting items, people and places
* Show the seating and the people who made them and use them
* Get feed-back from the walkers and the people who live or work along the route
* In no more than 1000 words provide us with an outline of how you created your project and who uses it.

**Scoring Points**

Points given for the inclusion of:

* a variety of age groups and physical abilities
* variety of community groups,
* in the design of the walkway
* creation and use of the walkway
* the seating, natural or manmade
* creative recycling, upcycling, and re-using of materials for seating and items of interest
* How well the walkway engages people’s interest
* How well the criteria and aims of this competition have been met.

For further in formation see the Sustainable Development Awards application form on **www.dccae.gov.ie**