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## SuperValu Tidy Towns Newsletter

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Hi everyone,

Welcome to your May 2022 SuperValu Tidy Towns Newsletter. We appreciate you are all very busy as the closing date for entries to the 2022 competition fast approaches. Entry to the competition this year is via email only, further details on how to ensure your entry has been received can be found below.

Adjudication will commence on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>. We are delighted to advise that the Adjudicators will be back to their normal practice of visiting each and every town and village that enters.

We would like to remind you all that the deadline for spending the grant announced by Minister Humphrey's in November 2021 is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, please ensure to retain all receipts etc. in the event that your application might be selected for audit purposes.

We are delighted that things are returning to normal in society, however, we must still be mindful of those who have concerns as the virus is still in the community, thankfully numbers are greatly decreased and hopefully that trend will continue. We think of all those who have been affected during the last two years and our thoughts are with those in our wider Tidy Towns family who have lost loved ones during this difficult period. Hopefully the friendship and support of your Tidy Towns colleagues near and far will bring you comfort in the weeks and months ahead.

This month as always, we bring you plenty of reading material, we would encourage you all to consider entering our special awards this year which bring close to €70,000 in prizes, it could be you on stage later in the year collecting that certificate!!!

Make sure to get your entry in to us by Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, wishing each and every one of you the very best of luck and as always, Thank You for all you do in making our towns and villages the amazing places they are for those who live and work there.

## Entering the 2022 SuperValu TidyTowns Competition

### REMINDER – Closing Date Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Entry to the competition is only by electronic means, email entries should be contained in 1 email and where possible should not exceed 20MB, there is some scope on this but try to keep it to a minimum. The email should contain your entry form, your map and your TidyTowns plan.

This year we are not asking you to list future projects, it was time consuming for groups and took up a good deal of space on the form, these projects should be listed in your three or five year plan.

Links are acceptable but should be kept to a minimum and should only be used to support the material in the form, remember, less is more. The Adjudicator has a limited amount of time to review your material, this year we are delighted that the Adjudicators will be back on the streets of all our towns and villages to view your work.

Photos and videos are a great way to show your work, photographs should be clearly labelled so the Adjudicator knows which project they refer to. It is advisable to copy them into the form beside the relevant project. If you are putting them all together as an appendix, be sure to clearly identify each one.

This year we have a wonderful range of special awards, the closing date for each of these has been extended to June 10<sup>th</sup>, (Note the School Award closed May 20<sup>th</sup>). There are fantastic prizes up for grabs with these awards, this year in excess of €68,000 and we would encourage all groups to consider entering some of them, you have nothing to lose. Please ensure to send your entries to the sponsors email address provided.

Please continue to link the Sustainable Development Goals to your projects where possible, there will not be any negative marking if you do not but you may receive additional commentary or marking if you impress the Adjudicator with your forward planning and joining up the dots.

Information on the special awards will be included in the next issues of the newsletter. Please see items of interest further on to help you with compressing files and photographs to help you with submitting your entry to us this year.

Once you submit your entry, you will receive an automated response from our TidyTowns mailbox, this response will advise you to check the TidyTowns website to ensure that your entry has been received and registered.

**All entrants must visit the link below to ensure that the entry form your town or village has been registered. If by May 30<sup>th</sup>, your entry is not listed, please give the TidyTowns unit a call and we will assist you.**

<https://www.tidytowns.ie/competition/registered-entries/>

## Dunshaughlin Tidy Towns

In 2016 Oliver Fitzpatrick, Manager of Tara Mines offered Dunshaughlin Tidy Towns Group a number of trees which they were removing from their site in Navan. The donated trees were London Plane and many of those trees, once felled, would unfortunately be used for firewood. With some research and imagination we decided to process the raw timber into public seating in the village.



We investigated the possibility of bringing a mobile mill to Dunshaughlin but unfortunately, we could not find a suitable site. Consequently the raw timber was collected by Neill Willis of Kiln Dried Hardwoods, Delegany, County Wicklow.

Two members of the Tidy Town's Committee, Patrick Connaughton and Fiona McAuley visited the timber mill & met with Neill to discuss the possibilities for the timber. Neill offered to swop the London Plane trees for Lebanese Cedar. Lebanese Cedar is more suited for outdoor use and, hopefully, will require little maintenance. Patrick & Fiona drew up the design & specifications for the park benches that Neill could work from.

When the bench seats were milled & ready they were brought back & delivered to Foley's Forge in the village. Once again Patrick & Fiona worked with Paul & Mark Foley to design a base for the bench seats made from forged steel.



Luke Colleran (Chair of Tidy Towns Group) met with Alan Hora (Hora Construction) as they completed the building of the new housing estate at Hanson Wood. Agreement between Luke and Alan saw two of the bench seats become an integral part of the landscaping in the development. Alan arranged for the hardcore to be poured for the base of the seats and decorative aggregate added. The area was then planted with a range of shrubs and perennials.

The final bench has been located at the area known as Gallow's Hill, so named following the 1798 Rebellion when the "Croppies" raided the local barracks for weapons. The seat will provide a tranquil spot for residents to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the environs.





## Strokestown TidyTowns Co Roscommon

Social media posts are being very well received and our reach has extended outside of Strokestown, Roscommon and even Ireland. With engagements from Australia, Canada, UAE and The UK. We are delighted to see that Strokestown TidyTowns Group are being seen as “An active and participatory group”.



The creation of a bulb bed (image on the left) on the approach from the N5 has been very well received by those passing through the Town. It has brought a pop of bright colour to that area when entering or leaving the town. This is also reducing the need for mowing so far from the town centre, reducing the fuel requirements of the group. We will be increasing the amount of bulbs and shrubs here to create an area that will provide colour all year round, with the need for minimal interventions.

The Brothers of Charity project at the Bridge has boomed up into a beautiful collection of spring colour to brighten the area. The service users and management are delighted to be included in the Strokestown TidyTowns Group project and they will be included in more to come.



The Strokestown Community Development Association (SCDA) are planning to run the Easter parade on Easter Sunday at 3pm. We are preparing the town through strategic cleaning of the roundabout area as this will be the main gathering point for viewing the parade. Prizes for “The Best Shop Window” is being sponsored by Strokestown Town Team. “Best Community Float” will be sponsored by Strokestown TidyTowns Group. We know you will all make an extra effort in the coming days to create a positive atmosphere around the event in the town.

A collaboration with the Residents in Tower View, Permaculture Ireland and The Green Hub Gardening Club has led to the creation of a new Composting are on the Boreen Road. This will reduce the cost of house hold waste collection for the residents while creating compost for them to reuse in their own flower and vegetable beds. It really is a win win scenario. If this pilot proves successful, we hope to roll it out across other estates in the town.

One of the first projects for the new Engineer will be the reintroduction of the bins on the street. We have worked with Scoil Mhuire Secondary School who have redesigned, manufactured and fitted inserts that will reduce the potential for household waste disposal, avian interference and wind created mess. We will be on the hunt for locations with the litter warden over the coming weeks and will liaise with you as businesses in the town.



## Royal Visit to Cahir

It was a great event for the town and indeed the county. A lot of work went into the preparation of the event at a time of the year when it's hard to have a place looking well. We had an excuse to get some spring planting done and a few areas that were under concrete have been replaced with plants and hedging that adds to the whole biodiversity of the town and will stand to us for the years ahead.

We had some road repairs and new lining and a lot of decluttering of signs which was badly needed. The weeks in the lead up to the visit were hectic and with the local authorities very active we work well together. When the Queen visited Cashel some years ago we saw the benefit it had to the town and we were lucky enough to get some of the action on this occasion. Cahir has become a destination town in the past few years and it shows the importance of having a plan.

With that said we showed the royal couple the plans for the town for the years ahead. Cahir has a strong link with Buckingham Palace and the architect John Nash who designed the Swiss Cottage, St Paul's Church and the Erasmus Smith House also was on the design team that planned Buckingham palace.



We explained how we wanted to bring our town into the next phase as a place to visit, work and play we showed them the plans for the relocation of the library to the old Craft granary building, the provision of a new car park on the north side of town with access to a new business hub and work from home premises in the current library and former Town Hall and the public realm approvals for the town square.

The prince had known about St. Paul's and had wished to visit it as he had read that it was still the same today as when it opened its doors in 1800. Already we are seeing an increase in visitors to the town and with new walks and picnic areas we need these works to start soon and hopefully the influence of the royal visit can get us the required funding.



This visit has been a huge boost to the town and as a result we have new members, a great tidy towns youth group and more public recognition for the way the town looks. Here are some pictures of how we portrayed our town on the day.



## Living In The Country by Denis Heffernan – Emly TidyTowns

It was frosty foggy morning with cobwebs hanging from the last few golden leaves of the big apple tree at the end of the orchard.

He stood on the old white washed wall with the little style; he had a beautiful bushy tail in golden orange that sprang out like a big broom. His feet were full of mud while his eyes glistened with the morning dew. Then I noticed the feathers of Mrs. Lonergan's big grey hen as he ran off in to the wood. The birds were singing and whistling as they took flight in all directions when the fox entered the wood.

The bog at the end of the lane glistened as the mist slowly lifted. Ducks snipe and other wildlife were enjoying the morning with their rendition of the dawn chorus. Beautiful red berries were hanging from the green holly tree at the side of Slattery's old big grey house. Apples for cooking and eating were scattered on the ground after the heavy wind of the previous Monday night.

Two big pigeons were cooing in the bushes as they watched the January king heads of cabbage they waited for their chance to fill their hungry bellies with the fresh green. Jim O'Dwyer went to fodder the seven yearlings in Browns field. I expect this will go on for the whole winter and into the spring. When winter passes and spring, along comes summer with golden days of sunshine.

Having lived all my life in the country I suppose it's understandable the love I have for all the beauty around me.

Denis Heffernan



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<https://twitter.com/TidyTownsIre>



<https://www.tidytowns.ie>



Remember to share the Newsletter with your wider TidyTowns group and volunteers through your own social media or through email. It's good to keep everyone in the Picture!!!

## Cashel TidyTowns go all out for the Royal Visit

The town of Cashel in County Tipperary were privileged with a visit from two special guests, HRH The Prince of Wales and Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall on 24th March 2022. The Royals were following in the footsteps of Queen Elizabeth who made her historic visit to Cashel in May 2011.



Cashel was buzzing with activity in the run up to the Royal visit. All of us members of Cashel Tidy Towns were busier than usual to have the town looking its best. We painted the kerbing on the approach road used by the cavalcade to bring the Royal's into Cashel off the M7 after their visit to the nearby Cahir Castle. Before we painted, we spent two mornings edging the grass away from the kerbs and we planted a large flowerbed of pansies and violas. We also planted three stone wall planters to

add a splash of colour to the approach road. To freshen up that part of town, we painted all the bollards, railings and lampposts on the approach road and car park by the Rock of Cashel.

Tipperary County Council installed ramps and two new wheelchair friendly picnic benches looking towards the Rock of Cashel. All the roads were power washed and weeded. Of course, when you start tidying, one job leads to another and we noticed that a



cottage near the Rock of Cashel and en route to The Brú Ború Heritage Centre where the Royals were to be entertained was in a bad state of repair. The Council contacted the owner and the day before the Royal Visit we got the go ahead to give the house a clean and paint makeover. We never felt so safe in all our lives as all approach roads to the Rock were closed off and the Army and the Garda were out in full force. The Army kept a close eye on us volunteers and a drone flew overhead while we cleaned and painted to our hearts content!

All the TidyTowns volunteers met with the local radio station, Tipp Mid-West and a local presenter interviewed me (Cliff Cope, Secretary), Paddy Downey, Chairperson and Francis Fitzgerald, one of our members. Paddy and Francis were the two lucky members who were allowed the privilege to meet and greet the Royal party. Between that and the re-opening of the Cashel Palace Hotel <https://www.cashelpalacehotel.ie> after a major refurbishment, Cashel has gotten a lot of media attention recently and really is a great tourist destination!



## Native Oak Tree Planting at the Knights Walk , Glin - 'Cuinne an Ghiorria' Co. Limerick in support of National Tree Week.

Glin was blessed on Thursday 7th April with fine weather as the tree planting ceremony took place. Glin Development and Tidy Towns in co-operation with Catherine Fitzgerald of Glin Castle, who represented Bugs Bees and Native Trees, spearheaded the tree planting initiative. Children from fifth and sixth class at St. Fergus National School came to learn about all things trees and to help with the planting.

Catherine Fitzgerald, Glin Castle, is a Landscape Designer and Gardener, and she gave a lovely talk about the importance of trees. She was accompanied by her mother, Madam Olda Fitzgerald, two of her children and her nephew. Catherine interacted with the school children and explained how trees are so vital to our future on earth. Trees are the biggest plants on the planet, they give us oxygen while taking in carbon and other nasty chemicals. Trees are also vital to stabilise the soil and they also, most importantly, give life and shelter to the world's wildlife.



Ten sessile oaks and one Brian Boru Oak were planted at the site adjacent to Glin church and at the entrance point to the Knights Walk. The original Brian Boru in Tuamgraney, Co. Clare, is over one thousand years old and is reputed to have been planted by the High King himself. Thousands of its acorns have been planted throughout Ireland. The Brian Boru sapling was very kindly donated by Julia and Denis Ryan, Glin.

Glin Development Chairman, John Anthony Culhane, spoke of the initiative presently in Clare, run by the Burrenbeotrust, to encourage farmers and landowners to make more space for nature, by creating a mini woodland, orchard or ponds on their lands. The name of this initiative is called 'Hare's Corner'! Hare's Corner is an old farming expression for the corner of a field or an area of

rough ground which could be 'left to nature'. The name now given to our new mini woodland area at the entrance to the Knights Walk is 'Cuinne an Ghiorria' the Irish version of The Hares Corner!





This is a particularly scenic and pretty site, and these Oaks will certainly add to the aesthetic of this area. It was a wonderful few hours, the sun shone, the children enjoyed their lesson on the importance of trees, and Easter treats were handed out to all.

Glin Development would like to thank everyone who turned up for the planting, and especially the teachers and students from St. Fergus National School. They would also like to sincerely thank Catherine Fitzgerald for her time and thank her for preparing a wonderful talk for the assembled crowd. They would also like to thank all those who helped prepare the ground in advance and had the site ready for this morning's event.

## 2022 TidyTowns Special Awards

The Special Awards attached to the SuperValu TidyTowns competition bring an additional level of interest to TidyTowns groups and others who can showcase particular projects they have been working on. This year we have 19 Special Awards on offer, In excess of €68,000 in prizes of cash, materials and supports are up for grabs, be sure to check these out at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) and consider entering some of them.

Entry forms to be returned by Friday June 10th, 2022 to the sponsors email address given on the entry form. There is a possibility of picking up additional marks in the main competition for works on special award projects. If you plan on entering any for the special awards, please note this for the Adjudicator.



**An Roinn Comhshaoil,  
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide**  
Department of the Environment,  
Climate and Communications

The Department of Environment, Climate & Communications are sponsoring three awards this year, these carry a combined total of €15,000 in prize money. The awards are;

- Climate Action Award €6,000
- Air Quality Award €3,000
- Sustainable Development Goals €6,000



We are delighted to be working again this year with the Tree Council of Ireland who will again this year sponsor the Tree Award with a cash prize of €1,000.



We welcome back PEL Waste Reduction for their second year sponsoring the Agent Brite Litter Awareness award with a prize of €7,000 worth of Solar Bins for the winning centre.



New to the competition for 2022, we welcome Bat Conservation Ireland who are sponsoring the Bat Conservation award with a cash prize of €1,000 towards an artistic commission.



**An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

The Young Persons in TidyTowns will again this year be sponsored by the Department of Rural and community Development with a prize fund of €5,000. The Department will also sponsor the Island Award which is worth €1,500.



The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland continue their support for the competition and this year bring us three awards with a combined prize fund of €7,500. The awards are;

- Town Challenge Award €5,000
- Shopfront Award €2,000
- Good Windows Award €500



**An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán**  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media continue to sponsor the Gaeltacht Award with cash prizes worth €2,500.

Leave no Trace Ireland continue with their sponsorship of the Leave No Trace Award and this year the award carries a cash prize of €1,000.



**An Chomhairle Oidhreachta**  
**The Heritage Council**



This year the Heritage Award carries a cash prize of €1,000 and is sponsored by the Heritage Council.



The Circular Economy award is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and carries a cash prize of €2,000.



The Save The Bees Schools Award carried a prize of €5,000 and is sponsored by SuperValu and aligns with the recent Save The Bees campaign



In support with AsIAM, SuperValu continue with the sponsorship of the Inclusive Communities Award with a cash prize of €2,000.



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The Waters and Communities Award is sponsored by Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland and the Local Authority Waters Programme and carries a prize fund of €7,000.

The All Ireland Pollinator Award has a cash prize fund of €10,000 and is sponsored by Heritage Offices & Biodiversity Offices of Local Authorities across Ireland, in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre



All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

More details on each of these awards can be found by visiting [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie). We would encourage you all to give some thought to these awards and take note of the extended closing date of Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you all the best of luck and thank you to all our special award sponsors.

## **REMINDER**

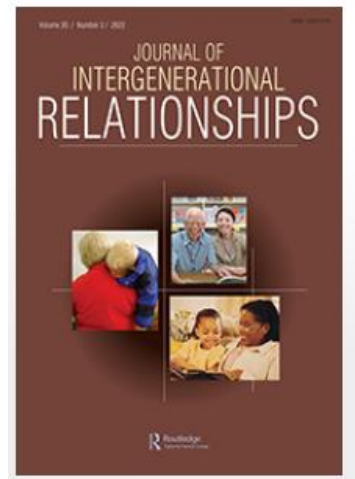
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<https://www.tidytowns.ie/competition/registered-entries/>

## Bridging the Age-based Digital Divide:

### An Intergenerational Exchange during the First COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown Period in

qualitative study explored the digital communication skills assistance provided by young adults in the age range 18 to 25 years to older family members during the period of the first COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in Ireland in 2020. Data were collected from a sample of young adults using an online survey instrument to explore their learnings from the intergenerational exchange. The study found that young adults who assisted their older family members considered the learning experience to be successful and were rewarded with reciprocal benefits. This study contributes to the field of intergenerational research by exploring the perspectives of young adults involved in an intergenerational exchange to support the digital skills of their older adult family members in Ireland.



Further information can be found by visiting the following links;

Open access link:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15350770.2022.2050334>

Age Friendly Ireland newsletter link:

<https://agefriendlyireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Age-Friendly-Ireland-Newsletter-25032022.pdf>



Thank you to Sandra Flynn from Skibbereen TidyTowns for sharing this interesting piece of research with us.

## SuperValu Gift Card Winners

We are delighted to announce some recent winners of **SuperValu** Gift Cards for their contributions to the newsletter in recent months.

Castlebar TidyTowns in Mayo brought us this piece in Issue 1 of 2022, They shared their involvement with the floating tree on Lough Lannagh. The tree was the brainchild of Karen Rowland and she approached to committee and asked them to be involved. The group were so pleased to be of assistance and as you can see the end result was very impressive. A **SuperValu** Gift Card worth €50 is on its way to Castlebar TidyTowns.





In Issue 1 of 2022 we featured an article from Geashill TidyTowns titled, "Pig on the Green". The projects came about in 2021 when the group submitted a grant proposal to Creative Ireland to create a sculpture of a Pig. They had a fantastic young Weld Art sculptor called Luke Carson who lives locally and was willing to make this piece. The application was successful, and Luke started work on the Pig in early summer



This project demonstrated the value of collaboration. A call went out to people to donate their old and unwanted tools and implements to be used as part of the project. The group had two fantastic 'muses' for this project in a pair of Tamworth Pigs called Bigly Pigly and Reversey Percy who live close to the village. You can read the full article in Issue 1 available at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie). We are pleased to advise that Geashill have been awarded a €100 **SuperValu** Gift Card for sharing this wonderful story with us.



In Issue 4 we brought you some material from the St. Patrick's Day parades around the country. It was felt that the efforts made by Ballyboy TidyTowns shone through and for that we are awarding the group a **SuperValu** €50 Gift Card. Their float started saying goodbye to the anti's and hello to the future which followed

three local men dressed as Aunties, Aunty Covid, Aunty Jen and Aunty Viral which were driven out of the village on trailers and then following them, the group had a float which had all the local kids dressed as busy bees building the future Ballyboy.

Congratulations to all our winners, we will be in touch in the near future with your **SuperValu** Gift Cards. Thank you as always to our sponsor **SuperValu** who this year celebrate their 31<sup>st</sup> year of sponsoring the competition.



In Issue 2 of 2022 we brought you a lovely poem by our now “Resident Poet” Mr Denis Heffernan from Emly. In this piece Denis shares his account of his trip to the RDS for the 2021 Awards Ceremony. More recently RTE Nationwide featured this poem on one of their programmes around the time of the 2022 competition launch. Thank you Denis for sharing your material with us. For your ongoing support of the Newsletter, we are delighted to award you with a **SuperValu** €50 Gift Card.

### **My Faithful Black shoes**

Unlucky for some Friday the 12th  
November day pouring with rain  
All Ireland day for the Tidy Towns  
With my black shoes on what a letdown.

With my blue suit on and gel in my hair  
We left for Dublin with a chill in the air  
It poured with rain all the way up  
The excitement was building  
I thought my heart would stop.

We got to the venue with the greatest of ease  
With Jonas Callanan behind the wheel  
The rain just stopped as we got in to town  
I felt my feet couldn't touch the ground.

We were checked and tested as we made our way in  
With fairy lights it was like a magical den  
I looked around I wanted to meet all  
My friends and give them a greet.

My hearing is not as it used to be  
So sometimes I shout when there is no need  
Then the lovely Ann Cassin took to the stage  
The winners revealed another great day.

As I left the venue my feet felt wet  
For me to bend down is a big test  
Just then I realised the soles had departed  
My lovely black shoes and me had parted.

I had them a lifetime or so it seemed  
I only wore them a few times a year  
At TidyTowns events I always felt great  
With my shiny black shoes and the gel in my hair.

So now in the park my black shoes hang high  
I hope a robin or wren fly by  
And take a liking and build a nest  
Inside my black shoes and raise her chicks

Denis Heffernan  
February 2022



## Irish Research Council – Funding for collaborative community projects

New Foundations is a key driver in progressing our strategic priorities by enabling awardees to pursue research, networking or dissemination activities within and across the diversity of disciplines. The scheme provides support for:

- research actions;
- the development of networks and consortia;
- conference and workshop development; and
- capacity building for interdisciplinary collaboration.



Since 2015, over 200 community, voluntary and charity organisations have engaged across our programmes with 356 funded projects and an associated investment in excess of €7.5 million. Through partnerships with researchers, diverse



community organisations can bring new evidence and insights to enhance their services and impact for those that need them. The scheme also includes strands supported by government departments and agencies. In each of the past three years, a dedicated strand of the call has provided opportunities for researchers to work on important areas of policy, including global development, crime, creativity and children.

### Strands

This year, the call features an open strand together with seven strands run in partnership with government departments and agencies. These eight strands are summarised below with further detail included in the call document.

#### **Strand 1a: Enhancing Civic Society**

Supporting small, discrete collaborative projects between researchers and civic society groups in the community and voluntary sector. These awards will be 9 months in duration up to a maximum value of €12,000.

#### **Strand 4: 'A Better World' New Foundations Awards in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs (Irish Aid)**

Networking awards to form consortia for prospective global north-south research partnerships focused on areas of strategic importance to Ireland's Policy for International Development. These awards will be 9 months in duration up to a maximum value of €10,000.

#### **Strand 4b: Education for Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development New Foundations Awards in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs (Irish Aid) and the Department of Education**

Supporting research, networking and collaboration for the purpose of increasing public awareness and understanding of issues such as climate change, hunger, global inequality and injustice. These awards will be 12 months in duration up to a maximum value of €10,000.

### **Strand 8: Department of the Taoiseach Shared Island New Foundations Awards**

Supporting research, networking and collaboration for the purpose of informing and supporting the implementation and development of the Government's Shared Island initiative. These awards will be 6 or 9 months in duration up to a maximum value of €20,000.

### **Strand 10: Police Community Relations Collaborative Project Grant in partnership with the Policing Authority**

Supporting research seeking to bring the needs or experiences of communities to life in a manner that contributes to enhancing police community relations. This award will be 9 months in duration up to a maximum value of €10,000.

### **Strand 11: 'Volunteering Strategy' New Foundations Award with the Department of Rural and Community Development**

Supporting research with direct linkages to the new National Volunteering Strategy for Ireland and international best practice. Awards will be 9 months in duration up to a maximum value of €25,000.

### **Strand 12: New Foundations Award in partnership with the Sunflower Charitable Foundation through the Community Foundation for Ireland**

These awards will support research, networking and collaboration on themes related to climate change and biodiversity. Number of awards and value per award to be confirmed.

### **Strand 14: Utilising Evidence for Child Protection and Welfare Policy Needs New Foundations Award in partnership with Tusla Child and Family Agency**

These awards will support research across a range of topics focused on areas of strategic importance to Tusla Child and Family Agency. It is anticipated that a number of awards will be made, each up to a maximum value of approx. €20,000.

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be based at an eligible higher education institution (HEI) or research-performing organisation (RPO) in Ireland.
- Applicants must hold a doctoral degree.
- Applicants must, on the call deadline, hold a contract of sufficient duration with their eligible HEI or RPO to carry out the proposed research from the project start date until the project end date.



## **Key dates:**

Call open 10 May 2022

Applicant deadline 21 June 2022

All applications must be submitted and endorsed via the Irish Research Council's WiseHive application system on or before the stated deadlines. Please refer to the indicative form and guide for applicants\* for further information.

More information at <https://research.ie/funding/new-foundations/?f=principal-investigator-led>

## **Keep in Touch**

That brings us to the end of another issue of the Newsletter, thank you all for reading and for keeping us up to date with all that is going on in your community, we love to hear your stories and to pass them on to the wider Tidy Towns family.

Congratulations to the winners of our SuperValu gift cards, we hope you treat your group, perhaps a nice pack of biscuits or two for the next meeting or after the next litter pick. Thank you as always to our sponsor SuperValu for their ongoing support.

Later this month President Michael D Higgins will visit Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2021, Ennis, where he will unveil a plaque to commemorate their fantastic achievement. We will bring you more on the event in the June newsletter, we hope all involved have a very enjoyable day.

This year we have recruited a number of new Adjudicators, these have now undergone training and are all ready to go and we wish them and all our Adjudication team safe travelling and all the best for their 2022 adjudication.

If you have any questions, please drop us an email or give us a call, we are here to help in any way we can. Good luck to all entrants and once again Happy Easter.

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