

Application Form
Tiobraid Álainn Competition 2011

Please print clearly in block letters

1. Name of Group/Association: _____

2. Contact name for correspondence: _____

3. Position held: _____

4. Address for correspondence: _____

5. Daytime telephone: _____

6. Email (if any) _____

7. History of Group/Association

8. Approximate Population _____

9. Details of Environmental Works Completed to date: (Please use extra page if necessary)

10. Statement as to other community/voluntary efforts/Pride of Place initiatives

11. Electoral Area (Please Tick as Appropriate)

Nenagh/Newport

Thurles

Templemore

Borrisokane

12. Sketch map enclosed? Yes No
Action Plan enclosed? Yes No
Photos enclosed? Yes No

I/we have read the conditions of entry and agree to be bound by the rules.

Signature: _____

Date *Data*: _____

Final Checklist...

When submitting your entry, please ensure that you have enclosed:

1. Completed application form
2. Sketch map of area in question
3. Photographs (mounted on one sheet) with name of group and contact details on back
4. One page Action Plan of projects to be carried out in the future

Thank you for making a difference in your community.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 3rd JUNE 2011

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Conditions of Entry:

1. Applicants must be a recognised group, representative of the area to which the application relates.
2. All entries should include sketch map and photos of the area and improvements made. Photos should be mounted on white paper/card for display purposes with name, address and contact details of the group on the back.
3. Judging to take place during Summer 2011. The adjudicators' decision is final and no correspondence regarding results will be entered into.
4. **Completed Applications should be returned to North Tipperary County Council, Environment Section, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh no later than 5pm on Friday 3rd June 2011.**
5. Results will be announced at the Annual Environmental Awards Ceremony in November. Prizes will be awarded in each electoral area, as well as an overall prize for the County.

Judging Criteria

The Competition will be judged under the following headings:

- Application Form (inclusion of photos, action plan, sketch map etc)
- Tidiness/Litter Management - Absence of litter, graffiti, illegal dumping. Involvement in community clean-up campaigns.
- Awareness and care of natural environment (natural amenities/wildlife/landscaping etc)
- Awareness/care of built environment that is environmentally and ecologically sensitive
- Community Involvement – Level of local participation and the effort involved
- Promotion of Pride of Place – awareness and enhancement of area
- Overall impression – For overall appearance, at discretion of judges

Useful Information

Litter

- Individual owners/occupiers are responsible for the footpath and grass verge (if any) in front of and to the side of their own property. They are obliged to keep private property, which is visible from a public area (e.g. front garden) clean and litter free.
- Always present refuse for collection in a proper manner so that it doesn't cause littering. Refuse should only be presented on the actual day of collection.
- It is an offence to place domestic or trade refuse in a public litter bin.
- Dog fouling is a litter offence under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 and is also a health hazard, particularly to small children playing in open green areas. All dog owners are obliged to clean up after their dog by using a bag or pooper scooper, which are available free from the Environment Section.
- The Council assists communities in local clean ups by providing bags and gloves. Contact the Environment Department for details.
- Please help stamp out littering by reporting any litter offences and illegal dumping on our special freephone hotline 1800 250 350. All queries will be dealt with confidentially.
- Get young people involved and keep them informed. It may take small incentives! Encourage your local primary school(s) to enter the Council's Tidy Schools Competition, which is being held in conjunction with the Tiobraid Alainn Competition. Encourage your local primary and second level schools to get involved in Green Schools (Reducing waste and litter) if not already taking part. Contact the Environmental Awareness Officer for further information (067) 44784

Grass cuttings

- Don't forget to include the grass margins on the footpath when mowing your front lawn! Help out your neighbour if they are unable to do their own.
- All grass cuttings can be composted. Make your own compost bin, purchase one in your local garden centre or buy one from the Council. Contact the Environment Department on (067) 44786 for further information.

Recycling

- Ensure all residents know where the nearest recycling facilities are and how to use the Recycling Bins properly. If you have any queries on recycling, please contact the Environment Department.
- If your residents or community group would like to host a composting/waste/litter workshop in your community, please contact the Environmental Awareness Officer.

Useful Information Resources

- **Birdwatch Ireland**, 1 Springmount Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, tel: 281 9878. email: info@birdwatchireland.ie or website www.birdwatchireland.ie
- **Department of the Environment and Local Government**, Tidy Towns Unit, Custom House, Dublin 1, tel: 1800 78 78 78, email: tidytowns@environ.ie or visit www.tidytowns.ie (Information/Guidelines on Tidy Towns Competition - topics range from colour schemes to planting wildflower meadows to conservation guidelines)
- **Environment Section, North Tipperary County Council** tel (067) 44786.
- Environmental Awareness Officer, Deirdre Cox, North Tipperary County Council, tel: (067) 44784, email: deirdre.cox@northtippcoco.ie
- **Irish Peatland Conservation Council**, Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co.Kildare, tel 045 860 133, email: bogs@ipcc.ie or www.ipcc.ie, (Information on composting, wildlife gardening etc)
- **Irish Wildlife Trust**, 93A Lagan Rd, Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin, Dublin 11, tel. (01) 860 2839, email iwt@eircom.net, www.iwt.ie

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