



Voice of Volunteering



Latest news and events from
Louth Volunteer Centre

Louth Volunteer Leader Awards

The 2022 Louth Volunteer Leader Awards launched on Friday 30th September.

Behind most volunteers lies an unsung hero, someone who quietly organises and support the volunteers who make our communities better places for all.

Is there someone who always makes sure to check in with volunteer stewards at the local football match? Do you know the person who always makes sure there are enough volunteers out for the local clean up? Now is your chance to show them that they are appreciated by nominating them for a Louth Volunteer Leader Award!

Nomination form and further information on categories available here

<https://www.volunteerlouth.ie/volunteers/lvias>



Awardees will be announced at a Community Networking Event in the O'Connells GFC on Wednesday 2nd November to mark International Volunteer Manager's Day.

All nominees will receive a certificate of nomination, a thank you card and an invitation to the Community Networking Event,.

The Awardees of the second Louth Volunteer Leader Awards in 2021 were:

Clíodhna Cunningham, Connect FRC
Barney Carrie, St. Mary's GFC
Uta Bean Uí Almhain, Oriel
Traditional Orchestra
Liz Doyle, Order of Malta
Roisin Curtis, St. Mary's Diocesan School

Our thanks to the Department of Rural and Community Development for supporting the Louth Volunteer Leader Awards.



Training & Events

Empowering You, Empowering Our Community

Being a Board Member of a Charity or Community & Voluntary sector organisation can be a wonderful opportunity for you to share your skills, experience and perspective for the good of our community.

On Wednesday, October 12th, we will commence a new six-week evening programme for prospective board members called Empowering You, Empowering Our Community.

The programme is for anyone living in County Louth who has an interest in being a member of a Charity or Community & Voluntary sector board. We are aiming to recruit a diverse group of participants with a broad range of skills, experience and interests.

At the end of the programme participants of this programme may be interested in joining committees/boards of local community groups/charities.

Visit [our website](#) for more information.



New Connections



Connect to your community in a new way
Through volunteering.

Our first New Connections training for organisations took place during Social Inclusion Week on 27th & 29th September. We are currently recruiting for our second programme for organisations that involve volunteers in their work to sign up to this project by nominating an inclusion officer that will be trained and supported to involve volunteers of all abilities and be upskilled in the area of mental health awareness.

The training for non-profit groups will take place in online in October and will cover topics such as Disability, Jam Card Awareness, Recovery, Mental Health and creating an inclusion policy for your organisation.

[Click here to register interest.](#)



Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement

Free Training for non-profits

This free course is designed to meet the needs of managers in our changing world. It is a two-module course for those who are new to the topic of volunteer management and leadership or who wish to improve their skillset. The sessions are delivered by trainers from the Volunteer Centre Network and covers topics such as Planning for volunteer involvement, Diversity and inclusion in volunteering, Volunteer and organisation expectations, Screening and selection and day to day engagement of volunteers.

Places can be booked [via Eventbrite](#).



Ukrainian Buddy Volunteer Programme

Louth Volunteer Centre would like to hear from people who would be interested in becoming a "Buddy" volunteer for displaced Ukrainians living in Louth.

The Buddy Volunteer Service will focus on supporting people who want to become further involved in the community.

Volunteers will be matched and trained by Louth Volunteer Centre. Full details and application for the role is available on I-VOL at [this link](#). 

If you would like to refer someone from Ukraine that is in need of a support buddy, please contact tracy@volunteerlouth.ie for details.

Training for sporting organisations

Louth Volunteer Centre are partnering with Louth Sports Partnership to deliver a series of six training sessions for sporting organisations in Louth on a variety of volunteer leadership topics.

- Understanding volunteer motivation and planning for volunteer involvement
- Creating volunteer role descriptions and volunteer recruitment, screening and selection
- Understanding Garda Vetting
- Inclusivity – the benefits of inclusivity and barriers to volunteer for people with disability
- Dealing with difficult situations
- Social media for community groups – telling your story

Contact karen@volunteerlouth.ie for details on booking.



Garda Vetting Training

Our Garda Vetting Training continues on a quarterly basis. Our last Garda Vetting Training date for 2022 is 20th October. All sessions are on zoom at 11am and last approx. 90mins.

Garda Vetting enquiries can be sent to louthvcgardavetting@gmail.com

Online Schools Conference

Louth Volunteer Centre will host it's second annual school's conference online on Tuesday 11th October. If you are involved with a school that would like to attend, please contact

olivia@volunteerlouth.ie

Lú Festival

Louth Volunteer Centre are among a number of stakeholders working with Drogheda & District Chamber, Louth County Council and Failte Ireland to help deliver the new "Lú, Drogheda, Festival of Light" for the town. This is going to be an amazing visual, sound and family experience that will focus on animating sites at The Old Abbey(Narrow West Street), St Peters Church(West Street) and Laurence's Gate by retelling the stories of some of our mythological heroes and heroines.

Volunteers will be needed to support the festival from Friday the 28th of October to Saturday the 5th of November.

For details, email olivia@volunteerlouth.ie



Volunteer Ireland Awards

Nominations for the 2022 Volunteer Ireland Awards have now officially opened! People from all around the country are able to nominate a volunteer, group of volunteers and/or a volunteer manager until midnight on October 9th. Louth has seen great success in the Volunteer Ireland awards with category winners from Louth (pictured above) for the past 2 years!

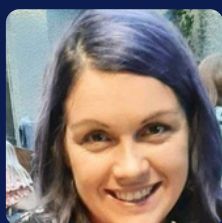
Nominations must be submitted via their website at:

<https://www.volunteer.ie/nominate-a-volunteer/> 

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