



CARLOW GARDA YOUTH AWARDS 2026



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Ordinary Young
People Doing
Extraordinary Things

Nominations open until Friday 8th of May



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About the Awards

Carlow Gardaí in association with Netwatch present their Garda Youth Awards, celebrating outstanding young individuals between the ages of 13 and 21 years. We recognise that a lot of good work is being done by young people throughout the community. Awards will be considered for nominated young people who by their presence make their communities a better place to live or have shown great determination in their own lives. Groups of two or more young people whose combined efforts have contributed positively to their communities will also be considered.

All nominees and group members should be between the ages of 13 and 21 years. As much information as possible should be supplied by nominators in respect of nominees and why you think they deserve an award. A seconder is required for each nominee.



Not all superheroes wear capes...
Some are young people you
know within our Community



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Carlow Garda Youth Awards

Your Details



Nominator's name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Club/Organisation/Personal _____

Email _____

Details of the individual or group that you are nominating and the award category

Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

All Categories are open to Youths in the Carlow area.

Aged 13 to 21 years old. Please select from the award categories below. Please only tick one.

Individual Award

Making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live. [Please Complete Section A](#)

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Group Award

Groups of 2 or more, making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live. [Please Complete Section A](#)

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Special Achievement Award

Overcome difficult circumstances, defied all the odds and whose commitment deserves recognition [Please Complete Section B](#)

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Community Safety Award

Through a crime prevention or safety initiative/innovation, have made their community a safer place to live. [Please Complete Section C](#)

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Section A. INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP AWARD NOMINATIONS

1. Please outline how this young person/group has made a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

2. Please outline how this young person/group has shown the spirit of volunteerism. How they have been selfless and dedicated in their actions, without expecting anything in return.

3. Please describe how the young person/group has promoted a positive image of young people throughout the community.

4. How have the young person's/group's efforts benefited the community.

5. Please describe how the young person/group have been positive role models for others, and gone above and beyond what is required of a young person.

Section B. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

1. Please outline what difficult personal circumstances the young person has had to overcome in their lives.

2. Please outline how this young person has demonstrated personal growth and endurance in the face of these difficulties.

3. Please outline how the young person's efforts and contribution have made a difference in the community.

4. Please outline how many people have been affected by the young person's contribution and how they have been affected.

5. Please describe how their actions have been a source of inspiration to others.

Section C. COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD NOMINATIONS

1. Please outline how this young person set about identifying a safety issue within their community.

2. Please outline why this young person decided upon this particular issue and if they carried out any additional research in advance of their work.

3. Please outline what steps the young person took in order to address this issue. What did their work involve? Please provide details of the project.

4. Please describe how the young person displayed enthusiasm, passion and creativity in the course of their work on this project.

5. Please outline the impact the work of this young person has had on their community. Please provide details of any specific benefits to the community as a result of their work.



RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- Awards are confined to those young people who are aged between 13 and 21 years on 31st August 2026.
- Permanent residence of the young person must be in the Carlow Garda jurisdiction in which they are nominated.
- Awards are confined to individuals and groups of two or more people.
- Judges decision is final.
- The Judging Panel will decide upon one nominee in each category to go forward to represent at the National Garda Youth Awards.
- Any member of the public may nominate anyone whom they feel deserves an award.
- Nominations may be submitted by family members or relatives.
- Previous award winners are not eligible.
- Attendees at the awards ceremony agree for their image to be used for PR, social media and other promotional purposes associated with the awards.

Please return forms by 8th May 2026

Online forms available via the QR code shown here.

Handwritten forms to be returned by email KC.Carlow.CE@garda.ie

by post or can be hand delivered to:

Inspector Conor Nolan - Carlow Garda Station 059 9131505

