



ipb pride of place

in association with Co-operation Ireland

Information Brochure



IPB Pride of Place 2026

Co-operation Ireland, its local authority partners and its headline sponsor, IPB Insurance, are proud to present the prestigious Pride of Place Competition for the 24th consecutive year. The purpose of the competition is to acknowledge the work being done every day by communities all over the island of Ireland.

A note from our Chairperson



“Co-operation Ireland, its local authority partners, and its headline sponsor IPB Insurance are proud to present the prestigious IPB Pride of Place Competition for the 24th consecutive year. Last year we celebrated with communities from all over the island at a magnificent awards dinner in the lovely Strand Hotel in Limerick City, hosted by Limerick City and County Council. I congratulate all the communities present, who were already winners and community exemplars by being nominated by their local authority to represent their place. I wish to thank Co-operation Ireland for their ongoing commitment to leading this competition and I want to particularly welcome IPB Insurance as the headline sponsor for the fifteenth consecutive year. I acknowledge IPB’s recognition of the importance of looking after the communities their customers serve. I also wish to congratulate IPB as it celebrates 100 years as Ireland’s only indigenous mutual insurer.

I wish all the communities and groups in this year’s competition every success and thank them for their participation. I look forward to visiting many of them, with our experienced volunteer judges.”

Tom Dowling Chairperson, IPB Pride of Place (In association with Co-operation Ireland)

How to enter

The IPB Pride of Place competition is open to all local community groups, by way of local authority nomination only. Applications should be completed online at www.prideofplace.ie. The closing date for receiving completed applications (including photograph and summary information) is Friday 5th June 2026.

Entry is by way of council nomination. Each local authority may nominate groups in up to a maximum of five categories and one entry only in any individual category. Please note that population categories are judged on all aspects of the community and single issue categories are judged on the specifics of that category.

2026 Categories

1. Population 0-300
2. Population 300-1000
3. Population 1000-2000
4. Population 2000-5000
5. Population Over 5000
6. Creative Communities
7. Climate Action and Biodiversity
8. Community Youth Initiative
9. Inclusive Communities
10. Community Wellbeing Initiative
11. Community Tourism Initiative
12. Age Friendly Communities
13. Urban Neighbourhoods and Housing Estates

CITY CATEGORIES

1. Urban Neighbourhood under 3,000
2. Urban Neighbourhood over 3,000
3. Creative Communities
4. Climate Action & Biodiversity
5. Community Youth Initiative
6. Inclusive Communities
7. Community Wellbeing Initiative





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2026 Timeline

Entry Form Deadline: Friday 8th May

Submit basic details, including group name and category.

Summary Form Deadline: Friday 5th June

Finalise your entry with a summary and photograph.

Judging Period: Mid-June to Early September

Judges will visit entries during this time.

Awards Ceremony: Saturday 24th October

The Convention Centre Dublin



Contact us

If you require any support or any additional information on Pride of Place 2026, please contact:

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Co-operation Ireland

Since Co-operation Ireland was established 45 years ago, we have been delivering effective and impactful cross-community and all-island programmes, which support our vision of a peaceful and stable island where people of all backgrounds live and work together for a better future. Our mission is to sustain peace by helping to build a shared and cohesive society. For more information, visit:

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