



County: Carlow

Nominee: Eileen Lyons

Behind every great man is an even greater woman and this is certainly the case for Carlow's Golden Volunteer nominee Mrs Eileen Lyons. Eileen, together with her husband Liam, with their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm is one of the reasons why Community Games in County Carlow remains one of the main sporting organisations. So much so that Liam has in the past been awarded the title of Carlow's Person of the Year in appreciation of his hard work and deservedly so.

Eileen has been involved in Community Games since 1979 as volunteer in her local area Hacketstown, promoting the ethos of the Organisation and being area secretary for many years. She became a member of the County Board in 1980's holding down various executive committee positions whilst raising her family. She is the current County Secretary, a position that she has held for the past twenty years. As anyone involved in any Committees knows, the secretary's role is one of the most demanding, time consuming and essential link to an effective running of a committee, a role that Eileen has made her own and has excelled at and we at Carlow Community are so much enriched for her presence, knowledge and experience.

Eileen may be small in stature but has an enormous heart filled with passion regarding participation, encouragement, fairness, and promotion of children welfare. She has been the County Representative at National and Provincial events for many years, where she is known to be a quiet, friendly person but when Eileen speaks she does with conviction and her words of wisdom make perfect sense and all take heed of.

Eileen, with Liam lives for Carlow Community Games spending every weekend at the many various events that our organisation run, in fact they organise them, spending their weekdays in preparation for the same and dealing with many questions, queries and concerns with utmost professionalism.

Eileen's contribution to our organisation is invaluable, known throughout the county simply as Eileen. She undertakes her role in a quiet manner, constantly working in the back ground, never seeking praise or recognition, but always very appreciative of other individual's input. Due to Eileen and Liam's dedication many children in Carlow have golden memories be it area, county or national level with CG.

To sum Eileen up, she is definitely a golden thread in the tapestry of Carlow Community Games, the link that holds us all together and we as organisation are so enriched by her presence. She deservedly is our Golden Volunteer. So from all in CG in Carlow, thank you so much Eileen