



**County:** Derry

**Nominee:** Siobhain Heaney

Mention Siobhan Heaney's name in Derry and automatically Community Games becomes the topic of conversation, that is how much Siobhan is embedded in the history of the organisation in the County.

Siobhan's first encounter with Community Games came back in 1975 when she travelled as a competitor to Mosney and did so for the next 3 years. Roll on to 1996 and Siobhan is back at the helm as a volunteer when her young daughter Seanan competes in the gymnastics at the National Finals and that relationship with Community Games has been in existence since.

Over the past 21 years Siobhan has covered every position on the Area and County Committees as well as being athletic coach, referee, tracksuit manager, bus driver.....you name it Siobhan has done it and all in the name of Community Games.

As well as keeping Community Games up and running in County Derry over these years she has also squeezed in the time to have another 5 children and each and every one of them have all competed in Community Games making it a real family affair with her son Ruairi now an NEAC Director and daughter Siun the County Youth Director.

Siobhan's commitment to County Derry Community Games has never waned, her enthusiasm and love of the organisation is as strong now as it was when she first started out. To all of us involved in Community Games in Derry Siobhan has been the leading light, the one we have all turned to for advice on all aspects of the organisation. To us she epitomises what a volunteer is, she gives unselfishly of her time and energy and no task is too great or too small. Siobhan is and always will be County Derry's Golden Volunteer!

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