



**County:** Galway

**Nominee:** Breda Power

In 1964 Breda left her home in Clare to work in Dublin. That year she did a course on Youth Leadership at the Dominican College where she received her Youth Leadership Certificate. She has continued to volunteer since then with a number of organisations including CYC, the National Youth Federation of Youth Clubs, the Girl Guides, Badminton, The Renmore Pantomime and Musical Society, the National Rounders Association, and also coached young participants for Community Games Rounders every Sunday morning for years. Through being involved with the local Community Games Variety Team, she became involved with her local Area Renmore, and was PRO, Asst Secretary and Area Secretary for 22 years. In the early 80's she got involved in the Galway County Committee, as PRO, then Assistant Secretary, Development Officer, and has just commenced her 33rd year as County Secretary.

Breda was County Manager for Galway at the National Finals in Mosney over 70 times. Before travelling to the National Finals Breda would have washing lines full of County Singlets and County Tracksuits. At all times during the course of the year she can be seen helping to prepare venues for competition and having the appropriate paperwork in order for same. She has also MC'd the County Athletics' finals, but you would also find that Breda would be very active with her camera at all the various activities. For over 29 years she has been involved at Provincial level, as County Delegate, Asst Sec and Connaught Secretary and is presently Connaught PRO. Breda was a member of the National Strategic Plan 2011 to 2016 and is currently Galway NEAC Delegate and a member of the National PR Committee. She has worked in the National PR Office at the National Finals since 2007

She is currently a member of Corofin/Belclare/Sylane Community Games serving as Secretary, Asst Sec and is currently Chairperson. In the past two and a half years she has been sole Carer for her husband, but has never lost her enthusiasm or commitment as a volunteer with Community Games and is still currently very involved at Area, County, Provincial and National level.

In her continuing 53 years of Volunteering, 42 years involvement with Community Games, Breda has said that Community Games is the one dearest to her heart. She loves the ethos of Community Games participation, fun, the development of new skills, and healthy lifestyles, for all children. She loves to see children having fun and making new friends. Just as important she has made lifelong friends from all parts of Ireland through her involvement with the Community Games Movement.