

HSE COMMUNITY GAMES AGM AND MEDIA AWARDS

Donegal hosted the 44th Annual General Meeting of the HSE Community Games from the 20th to the 21st of February in Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny.

Over 250 volunteers descended on the town where keynote speaker Kieran Mulvey, Chairperson of the Irish Sports Council, praised the HSE Community Games for being one of the only NGBs in Ireland to encompass the whole of Ireland. He said that "the Irish Sports Council are proud to be associated with the HSE Community Games."

This year the HSE Community Games received funding of €257,000 from the Irish Sports Council and €20,000 from Women in Sport. But as pointed out by Mr Mulvey it is money well spent - helping promote a healthy and active lifestyle and ensuring a brighter future for the children of Ireland in a fun and safe environment.

Anne McAteer of the HSE spoke about how HSE Community Games is a fully inclusive organisation and allows children, who may not usually have the opportunity, to partake in a wide range of activities, both sporting and cultural. She praised the dedication of the 10,000 volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents.

The AGM coincided with the HSE Community Games Annual Media Awards which is to acknowledge all the support received from the National and Regional Press (online and offline) in 2014 and also in recognition of the hard work done all year round by the PRO volunteers.

The winners on the night were:

Website Award: www.independent.ie
Social Media Award: Bressie
Radio Award: Shannonside FM
TV Award RTE Irish TV
National Press Awards Irish Examiner Sunday Times

Regional Awards

Carlow Nationalist

PRO Noreen Hynes

Clare Champion

PRO Mary Phelan

Mayo News

PRO Michael Brophy

Overall Regional Award

1st Roscommon Herald

PRO Bernie Ryan

Most Unusual Photograph:

Denis Byrne, Laois Nationalist

Best Action Photo:

Donal Hackett, Sligo Champion

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NOTE TO EDITORS

The HSE Community Games is an independent voluntary organisation operating in over 600 local communities throughout the entire island of Ireland. The HSE and the Community Games aim to promote healthy active lives and to have a positive impact on young people and their families in maintaining their health, in particular through being active and healthy eating.

The HSE Community Games festival will take place this year in Athlone Institute of Technology, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, over 2 weekends in August:

National Festival Weekend 1: 14th – 16th August 2015

National Festival Weekend 2: 21st – 23rd August 2015

For a List of Events and the weekends they are on please see our website - www.communitygames.ie

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