



**County:** Meath

**Nominee:** Anthony Gogan

Meath Community Games are delighted to nominate Anthony Gogan for the Community Games Golden Volunteer Award for this the Jubilee year of Community Games 2017.

Anthony started his Community Games career as a founding member of Community Games in his native area of Dunshaughlin/Culmullen Area in 1972.

Since then he has spent over 40 years as Chairperson in his Area and is currently the Vice Chairperson. In the 1970's there were only a few areas taking part in Community Games in Meath and Anthony kept his Area involved by organising Athletics and Swimming events for the children in his area.

In the early part of the 1990's The County Development team was formed and they concentrated in increasing the number of Areas in Meath and Anthony was a key part of this team. Around that time, National Community Games had also decided to increase the number of activities available to competitors. Anthony relished the challenge for his area and soon the children in Dunshaughlin/Culmullen were taking part in a variety of sporting and cultural activities.

Over the years, he has seen to his absolute delight, many of his local competitors achieving major successes at County, Provincial and National level in various events. The Area Church gate collection for Community Games which is held every year to provide necessary funding for Areas involved in Community Games and this is organised in Dunshaughlin/Culmullen each year since its inception by Anthony.

Anthony is also a long term volunteer for his county. He has served as County Secretary from 1974 to 1985 and has seldom failed to attend a County meeting, where his advice and encouragement has always been welcomed. He attends almost every county final and will always help out at every event carrying out his role in a quiet and unassuming way. He is usually found at the gates collecting money or stewarding, jobs which do not appeal to a lot of volunteers.

As a true Community Games volunteer, Anthony also volunteers at National Level and has volunteered for many years both in Mosney and Athlone and no doubt we will see him volunteering this year at the National Sports Campus.

Anthony is a single man and has dedicated most of his life as a volunteer in Community Games. He is a very humble gentleman and is delighted to have been nominated and we his fellow volunteers in Meath Community Games are very honoured to have him as our Golden Volunteer. He is currently the Honorary President of Community Games in Meath and is held in high esteem in our County by young and old alike.