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County: Monaghan

Nominee: Nicola Shalvey

We believe we have the ideal candidate for the National Golden Nomination Award 2017. Nicola Shalvey began as a successful competitor and team player in athletics, basketball, rounders and gaelic football to name but a few. At all times she encouraged classmates, friends and all she knew to join in the fun of Community Games.

When Nicola's term as a competitor was over she immediately joined Monaghan Town area committee and began coaching, always willing to introduce children to new activities. Many of these teams succeeded in securing county, provincial and national medals. Nicola's natural talent as a coach shone through in her ability to put a smile on the children's faces whether they won or lost. Her enthusiasm and dedication to improving coaching lead Nicola to complete a foundation leaders course at Limerick Institute. She held workshops for coaches and managers from all areas of our county helping to change the mindset of many managers to the benefit of all. When county was having difficulty electing officers to the committee, Nicola immediately took up the role of County PRO at a very young age. Whilst diligently completing this role for County at National finals she was also a dedicated worker at Presentations. Her positive attitude and her smiling face made children feel all the more special to have won a medal.

Children's safety and welfare were always foremost in Nicola's mind. Taking on the role of Children's Officer she met annually with the relevant area officers to try and ensure that Monaghan as a county met a high level of Garda vetting compliance before it became law in 2016. Her sensitivity and discretion made her an excellent candidate for this role, maintaining positive relationships with all officers.

Nicola has proven herself as an excellent volunteer and is also the current Monaghan Town area PRO. As an area we cannot praise her highly enough getting involved in all aspects from fundraising to planning area events. She takes her role as an area committee member very seriously, ensuring there is a fun and safe environment provided for every child who participates in Community Games.

Nicola is an incredible sports person and has always been whether as a competitor, coach or volunteer and we as a County are immensely proud to nominate for this award.