

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2026

Supporting Local Environmental Initiatives



Comórtas Comharsanachtaí Chathair
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This year the Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition will focus on Environmental Initiatives and Sustainability.

Community-level environmental initiatives focus on sustainability through local actions such as waste reduction, biodiversity enhancement, and energy efficiency.

Key Community Environment and Sustainability Initiatives include:

Waste Management and Recycling:

Community-based waste management and recycling initiatives are vital for building a cleaner, more sustainable environment by minimising landfill waste and maximizing resource efficiency. Initiatives include kerbside recycling, composting, and community-led cleanup efforts, which strengthen social engagement while reducing environmental impact. Effective systems often prioritise the “Circular Economy,” emphasising reducing, reusing, and repairing over mere disposal.

Biodiversity and Green Spaces:

Planting native trees, creating pocket forests, bug hotels, and developing community gardens and green spaces to support local ecosystems.

Sustainable Transport:

Promoting cycling and walking through events like National Bike Week and walking and cycling buses to encourage cleaner, greener transportation.

Energy Efficiency:

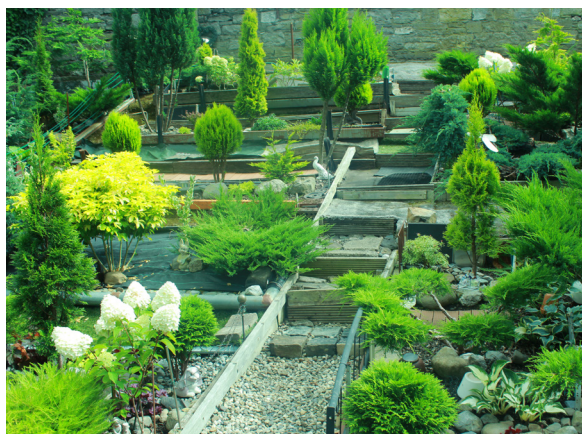
Forming Sustainable Energy Communities to retrofit buildings and adopt renewable energy.

Community Engagement:

Local clean-ups such as the Team Dublin Clean-Up build pride and a shared responsibility for the environment.

Local Food Systems:

Supporting Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) to promote local food sourcing and reduce carbon footprints.



Seven Oaks Apartment Complex



Ballymun Biodiversity Action Group



Edenmore Sensory Garden

Glao ar Chomharsanachtaí uile Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath 2026

Calling All Dublin City Neighbourhoods 2026

Teachtaireacht ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach

Mar Phríomhfheidhmeannach ar Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, is ábhar pléisiúir agus bróid dom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir cur isteach ar Chomórtas Comharsanachtaí na Cathrach 2026.

Táimid anois sa 22ú bliain den chomórtas agus a bhuí libhse agus le bhur gcuid iarrachtaí, leanann sé ar aghaidh ag dul ó neart go neart. Mar thoradh air sin, is cuí go dtugtar aitheantas don obair dhochreidte atá déanta agaibh agus go dtugtar a luach di.

Cuidíonn Comórtas Chomharsanachtaí na Cathrach, ina ionchorpraítear na comórtais Cónaithe, Gnó agus Scoile, go mór le bród cathartha a chothú, ár gceangal lenár gceantar agus lenár bpobal a neartú, agus feachtas chomhshaoil a chur chun cinn ar fud na cathrach. Leagtar béim láidir ar iarracht dheonach agus phobail.

Tugaimid aitheantas ar leith do na bearta a dhéanann iontrálaithe chun dul i ngleic le bruscar agus graifítí, chun imeachtaí pobail atá cuimsitheach ar bhonn sóisialta a eagrú agus chun oibriú i gcomhpháirtíocht le Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath chun a gceantair áitiúla a fheabhsú.

Is é aidhm dheirdh an chomórtais ná timpeallacht níos glaine agus níos glaise agus comharsanachtaí áille tarraingteacha a bhaint amach ionas go rachaidh sé

seo chun sochair do chónaitheoirí agus cuairteoirí sa chathair araon.

Tá áthas orainn freisin leanúint leis an tionscnamh maidir le Glantachán Fhoireann Bhaile Átha Cliath arís i mbliana ar an 18 Aibreán i gcomhar le Mí Glantacháin Náisiúnta an Earraigh. Molaim do gach duine bealadh a chur faoi na hioscaidí agus cabhrú linn an bhliain seo a iompú isteach inár nglantachán is mó agus a ceann a mbeidh an tionchar is mó aige go dtí seo, agus muid ag obair le chéile chun bród a chur i réim arís inár gcathair. Seo deis eile cur isteach ar an gcomórtas seo ionas go mbeidh seans agat duais a bhuachan.

Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a dhéanamh le gach duine a ghlac páirt i gComórtas 2025 freisin. Guím gach rath ar gach iontrálaí i gcomórtas na bliana seo agus gabhaim buíochas libh roimh ré as bhur rannpháirtíocht i mbliana.



Richard Shakespeare
Chief Executive



Message from the Chief Executive

As Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, it gives me great pleasure and pride to welcome you all to enter the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2026.

We are now into the 22nd year of the competition and thanks to all your efforts, it continues to go from strength to strength. As a result, it is only fitting that your incredible work is acknowledged and awarded.

The City Neighbourhoods Competition, which combines the Residential, Business and Schools competitions, plays an important role in fostering civic pride, strengthening our sense of place and community, and promoting environmental awareness across the city.

A strong emphasis is placed on voluntary and community effort. We particularly recognise the measures taken by entrants to tackle litter and graffiti, to organise socially inclusive community events and to work in partnership with Dublin City Council to enhance their local areas.

The ultimate aim of the competition is to achieve a cleaner, greener environment and attractively presented

neighbourhoods that benefit all city residents and visitors alike.

We are delighted to continue the Team Dublin Clean-Up initiative again this year on the 18th of April, in conjunction with National Spring Clean Month.

I encourage everyone to roll up their sleeves and help make this year's clean-up the biggest and most impactful yet, as together we work to restore pride in our city. This is another opportunity to enter this competition to be in with a chance to win a prize.

I want also to extend my congratulations to all who participated in the 2025 Competition. I wish all entrants in this year's competition every success and thank you in advance for your participation this year.



Richard Shakespeare
Chief Executive

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Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2026

Applications are invited from the following:

RESIDENTIAL COMPETITION

- 1 – 150 Dwellings
- 151-300 Dwellings
- 300 Dwellings and Over
- Flat/Apartment Complex
- Senior Citizen Complex
- Garden
- Open Green Space
- Community Environment Initiative
- Allotment
- Community Garden
(sensory, fairy, age friendly)
- Urban Village
(a network of established suburban and inner-city centres that function as the heart of their local communities where residents can access daily needs like shops, services, and community facilities)
- Mixed Use Street
(Integrating residential, commercial, and retail uses to foster vibrant communities)

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

- Individual Contribution
- Best New Entry
- Endeavour Award (Most Improved Entry)
- Dublin Community Clean-Up Day
- Chief Executive Special Project

BUSINESS COMPETITION

- Shop Front
- Business Environment Initiative and Sustainability Initiative (Water Conservation/Energy Efficiency)
- Waste Management Initiative

JUDGING CRITERIA

Marks will be awarded under the following criteria:

Voluntary Community effort.....	30%
Landscaping/biodiversity (where relevant).....	30%
Absence of litter/graffiti.....	15%
Overall impression.....	25%

SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Primary and Secondary Schools are invited to enter this competition.

Marks will be awarded under the following judging criteria:

Upkeep of school's precinct (landscaping/biodiversity/absence of litter and graffiti).....	25%
Waste Management/Recycling Initiatives.....	25%
Water Conservation//Energy Efficiency Initiatives.....	25%
Special Environmental Projects.....	25%

Awards ceremony for Schools competition will be held at a daytime reception in December in the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor (or Deputy Lord Mayor).



City Neighbourhoods Schools Competition 2025



Stoneybatter Pride of Place - Overall Winners

Foirm Iontrála Entry Form

1. Ainm an Chumainn / an Ghnó / na Scoile
Name of Association / Business / School

2. Ainm na Catagóire (féach na catagóirí atá liostaithe thuas)
Name of Category (see previously listed categories)

3. Líon na dtithe (tuairim is) a bhaineann leis an iontráil – más cuí
Number of houses (approx.) comprising entry – where appropriate

4. Ceantar / Foirgneamh le measúnú (tabhair ainmneacha na sráideanna, na mbóithre etc.) agus cuir srac léarscáil isteach, ag marcáil na teorainneacha go soiléir
District / Building to be judged (give names of streets, roads etc.) and submit a sketch map, clearly marking boundaries

5. Suíomh na ngnéithe speisialta, tionscadail ghlantacháin (más ann dóibh) – léirigh ar an srac léarscáil iad
Location of special features, clean-up projects (if any) – indicate on sketch map

6. Sonraí faoi thionscadail speisialta (más ann dóibh) / tionscnaimh chomhshaoil
Details of special projects (if any) / environmental initiatives

7. Sonraí faoi phleananna leanúnacha / pleananna don todhchaí do do cheantar / d'fhoirgneamh (cuir ar bhileog ar leith iad más gá)
Details of ongoing / future plans for your district / building (include on separate sheet if necessary)

8. Ainm agus seoladh an duine le haghaidh comhfhreagrais
Name and address of person for correspondence

9. Uimhir theileafóin / Uimhir fón póca
Telephone number / Mobile number

10. Seoladh ríomhphoist (más ann dó)
Email address (if any)

Tá na coinníollacha iontrála léite agam / againn agus aontaím / aontaímid cloí leis na rialacha.

I / We have read the conditions of entry and agree to be bound by the rules.

Sínithe: Cathaoirleach nó Rúnaí
Signed: Chairperson or Secretary

Dáta: _____
Date: _____

1. All entries must include 4 photographs of their areas, which should give a general impression of the area and any improvements made. Photographs should have name, address, location and contact details for the entrant written on the back.
2. All entries must include a sketch map, which clearly indicates the area to be judged and the location of any special features. Entries not including a sketch will not be considered.
3. Completed Entry Forms must be signed by a Representative of the Association / Business / School.
4. Entry forms to be received no later than 4pm on Friday May 8th 2026.

Iontrálacha Entries

Completed entries to be returned by email to the following Area Offices:

North Central Area - ncapublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Artane, Beaumont, Belmayne, Clongriffin, Clonshaugh, Clontarf, Coolock, Darndale, Donaghmedem Donnycarney Drumcondra Upper, Edenmore, Fairview, Kilbarrack, Killester, Kilmore, Raheny, Marino, Priorswood, Santry, Whitehall

North West Area -

nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie

Finglas, Ballymun, Glasnevin, Santry

Central Area -

cityneighbourhoods_central@dublincity.ie

Cabra, Broadstone, North Wall, Drumcondra, Ballybough, Phibsboro, East Wall and the North City Centre, Glasnevin, Mountjoy, Ashtown

South Central Area -

southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie

The Liberties, Kilmainham, Inchicore, Chapelizod, Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Drimnagh, Rialto, Crumlin and Walkinstown

South East Area - southeast@dublincity.ie

Ringsend, Irishtown, South Lotts, Sandymount, Docklands South, City Quay/Pearse Street, Georgian Core area, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Temple Bar, Grafton Quarter and City Centre, Portobello, Donnybrook, Ballsbridge, Merrion, Dartry, Milltown, Harolds Cross, Kimmage, Crumlin, Terenure, Rathgar

By Post to:

Dublin City Council,
Litter Management Office,
Waste Management Services,
68/71 Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.

Apply Online:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/working-communities/competitions/dublin-city-neighbourhoods-competition>

Seicliosta Deiridh Final Checklist

When submitting your entry you must have enclosed:

- Completed application form with correct category.
- Sketch map of area/building.
- 4 photographs with each entry with name of group, location and contact details provided.
- One page action plan of project to be carried out in the future (where relevant).

The adjudicators decision is final and no correspondence regarding results will be entered into.

Dátaí le Cuimhneamh Dates to Remember

Closing date for receipt of applications
4pm Friday May 8th 2026

Judging of Area Competition
Mid May - mid June 2026

Judging of Citywide Competition
July 2026

Awards Ceremony

Results will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at:

The Round Room
The Mansion House
Dawson Street
Dublin 2

Date: Saturday 3rd October 2026

Time: 5.30pm