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## LAOIS/OFFALY GARDA YOUTH AWARDS 2024

Do you know a young person aged 13-21 years or a local youth group who has made a difference in their community, school or elsewhere? Laois Offaly Gardaí, in conjunction with Supermacs and the Killeshin Hotel, want to celebrate these achievements.

*Nominate an inspiring young person or local group you know*



Nomination forms can be accessed on the Garda Síochána Laois Offaly Facebook page or through the QR code and returned to [laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie](mailto:laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie)

**Closing date for applications is the 29 February 2024**





## Laois Offaly Divisional Garda Youth Awards 2024

An Garda Síochána from the Laois Offaly Division in association with Supermacs and the Killeshin Hotel are delighted to introduce the Laois Offaly Garda Youth Awards 2024. These awards will celebrate outstanding young people between 13 and 21 years of age, and will recognise the good work they are doing throughout their communities.

### Categories for Divisional Awards

The Garda Youth Awards celebrate the contributions of young people, both individually and as part of groups. The Laois Offaly Garda Youth Awards are presented in four categories.

**Individual award:** Making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

**Group award:** Groups of 2 or more, making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

**Special achievement award:** Overcome difficult circumstances, defied all the odds, and whose commitment deserves recognition.

**Community safety award:** Through a crime prevention or safety initiative / innovation, have made their community a safer place to live.

### Nomination Form



We are encouraging members of the public to submit their nominations for deserving young people across Laois and Offaly who have contributed positively in their local communities or who have shown great determination in their own lives. **The closing date for nominations is noon on Thursday 29 February 2024.**

A nomination form is contained in this brochure and is also available to download on the Laois Offaly Garda Division

Facebook page and at [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie). Completed forms should be emailed to [laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie](mailto:laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie) or dropped to your local Community Policing Garda at Portlaoise, Tullamore or Birr Garda Stations.

**Award winners** will be celebrated at a special event at on **21 March 2024 in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

The Laois Offaly Garda Youth Awards Committee

# Laois/Offaly Garda Youth Awards



## Rules of the Competition

1. Awards are confined to those young people who are aged between 13 and 21 years on **31st December 2023**.
2. Permanent residence of the young person must be in the Laois Offaly Garda Division.
3. Awards are confined to individuals and groups of two or more people.
4. Judges decision is final.
5. The Judging Panel will decide upon one nominee in each category to go forward to represent the Division at the National Garda Youth Awards.
6. Any member of the public may nominate anyone whom they feel deserves an award.
7. Nominations may be submitted by family members or relatives.
8. Previous award winners are not eligible.
9. Forms must be signed by a nominator and co-nominator.
10. Please note that the Garda Youth Awards at Divisional and National level will receive media attention. Each award winner must sign a publication consent form. If consent is not given, you will still receive your award, but we will not be in a position to publicise you receiving the award at the award ceremony.

# Laois/Offaly Garda Youth Awards

GARDA DIVISION:

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NOMINATOR'S NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLUB / ORGANISATION / PERSONAL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILS OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP THAT YOU ARE NOMINATING, AND THE AWARD CATEGORY

NOMINEE'S NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AWARD CATEGORIES

All categories are for young people aged between 13 and 21 years.

**INDIVIDUAL AWARD:** Making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

**GROUP AWARD:** Groups of 2 or more, making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Overcome difficult circumstances, defied all the odds, and whose commitment deserves recognition.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD:** Through a crime prevention or safety initiative / innovation, have made their community a safer place to live.

For individual award and group award nominations, please provide details as requested in section a.

For special achievement award nominations, please provide details as requested in section b.

For community safety award nominations, please provide details as requested in section c.

The closing date for applications is **29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

Completed application forms can be emailed to [laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie](mailto:laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie)

Awards night will take place on **21<sup>st</sup> March 2024** in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.