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Inaugural Active Community Awards Winners 2021 Announced at Virtual Ceremony

Cork Sports Partnership were delighted to host the Inaugural Active Community Awards 2021 with a virtual ceremony on June 18th. The Awards were established by Cork Sports Partnership under its Active Cork Communities Initiative to honour, recognise and celebrate the individuals and groups in local Cork communities that go above and beyond in their efforts to promote community sport and physical activity opportunities, while equally promoting positive health and wellbeing for all.

Through the Cork Healthy Ireland fund, with the support of local partners Cork County Council and Cork City Council, a fantastic celebration event took place that highlighted the invaluable contribution that all 12 finalists made in promoting a healthy lifestyle through sport and physical activity.

In the lead up to the awards ceremony Cork Sports Partnership received over 90 nominations across the 4 award categories from all over Cork. These nominations highlighted the important role local people are playing and the impact they are having in helping people to get active in their communities. The judging panel consisted of members of the Cork Sports Partnership team and board, as well as colleagues from independent partner agencies across Cork. The panel were amazed by the calibre of nominations for each category and had the very difficult task of shortlisting the 12 finalists for the awards.

All finalists were gifted a wonderful hamper full of treats and snacks by Awards partners Carbery Group to enjoy during the event. Finalists were also presented with Healthy Ireland and Cork Sports Partnership merchandise to share amongst their members and group.

The virtual ceremony was held at VE Studios Cork. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Sport & Marketing Manager with Cork Sports Partnership, Mr Maurice O Sullivan. The event showcased the amazing work all 12 finalists are doing and continue to do across Cork to keep communities active and engaged in all forms of sport and physical activity. All 12 finalists tuned in live for the event and the category winners were announced on the evening. The 4 category winners were delighted and humbled to receive the award and acknowledged the other 8 finalists for the ongoing great work they are also doing.

The finalists and category winners were recently presented with their bespoke Active Community Award Medal, Certificate and some additional tokens in recognition for their achievements. The Cork Sports Partnership would like to wish all the nominees, finalists and category winners for 2021 the very best in their endeavours to keep their local communities active.

Congratulations to all of the worthy Winners and Finalists for 2021:

Active Community Group	Winner- Cork Cycling Campaign
	Finalist- Blarney GAA Healthy Club Initiative
	Finalist- Surf2Heal Inchydoney
Active Community Campaign	Winner- FAI & Cork Youth Services Late Night Leagues
	Finalist- Inniscarra Men on the Move
	Finalist- Castletownbere GAA Irelands Lights Up Campaign
Active Community Inclusion	Winner- Beech Hill Table Tennis Club
	Finalist- Leeds AFC Cork
	Finalist- Midleton Magpies All Stars
Active Community Champion	Winner- Paul O Shea (Beara 3k a Day)
	Finalist- Lena Angland (Wanderful)
	Finalist- Nick Jones (Inniscarra Men on the Move)

If you missed the awards ceremony you can catch it on playback by visiting the Cork Sports Partnerships [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels. For more information on the Awards and this years wonderful finalists and category winners check out www.corksports.ie

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