

The **National Social Enterprise Awards 2026** will showcase the impact of Ireland’s social enterprise community, and celebrate the people and organisations that make it all happen.

The initiative is being delivered on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht by Local Development Companies Network, Irish Social Enterprise Network, Social Enterprise Republic of Ireland and The Wheel, and is being sponsored by Community Finance Ireland.

Categories and Prizes

Winners across eight categories will receive monetary prizes of €1,000 each, which will be handed out - along with Social Enterprise of the Year, Social Enterprise Volunteer of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement awards - at an awards ceremony to take place in October, with exact date and venue to be confirmed.

Summary of Key Dates	
Applications Open	22 nd June
Informational Webinar	11 AM, 29 th June
Deadline for Questions	11.59 PM, 24 th July
Application Deadline	11.59 PM, 31st July
Awards Event	October (Date and Venue TBC)

Find out more

For more information on eligibility, award categories and how you can apply, visit:

www.ldcn.ie/awards