

30th March 2023

Lord Mayor's Awards recipients honoured for their contribution to Dublin Society. Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy presented three individuals and three organisations with a Lord Mayor's Award at a reception in the Round Room at the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

The recipients of the Lord Mayor's Awards are:

- Irish Wildlife Trust
- Sandra Dillon
- Sail Training Ireland
- Gerard Prendergast
- An Taisce
- Barry Keoghan\*

Speaking about the Awards Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy said, "The Lord Mayor's Awards ceremony is one of the highlights of my term of office. I have chosen to honour individuals and groups from many different walks of life. They have helped make Dublin a better place through their tireless efforts in the fields of inclusion, health and well-being, the arts, heritage and biodiversity, conservation, and community and family support. I congratulate all the recipients and thank them on behalf of the people of Dublin for their contribution to this great city."

Since 1989, this annual award ceremony is an opportunity for the Lord Mayor to highlight and acknowledge, in a special way, achievements of both individuals and groups.

Previous winners of the Award include Ana Liffey Drugs Project, Imelda May, Maeve Binchy, Dave Fanning, Merchants Quay Ireland, Damien Dempsey and Commander Chris Hadfield.

#### Irish Wildlife Trust

The Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) is a non-governmental organisation and charity founded in 1979. The Irish Wildlife Trust aims to conserve wildlife and the habitats it depends on throughout Ireland while encouraging a greater understanding and appreciation of the natural world and the need to protect it. The Trust achieves this through wildlife walks and talks, citizen science projects, community and school education programmes, practical conservation activities, and campaigning and advocacy.

#### Sandra Dillon

Sandra Dillon is the founder of The Meeting Place Club, the first integrated group for teens and adults with a wide range of special needs. The club aims to provide individuals in the community with information and support by arranging workshops, day and special events for teenagers with special requirements and their parents, carers and supporters.

#### Sail Training Ireland

Sail Training Ireland is a charity who funds the development of young people from all backgrounds and all abilities on the island of Ireland by giving them the opportunity to

participate on voyages on sailing vessels. The experience often has a profound effect on the young people's outlook on life and allows them reach their full potential, providing them with valuable life-skills.

### Gerard Prendergast

Gerard Prendergast has set some incredible challenges for himself in sport. An Ultra endurance triathlete from Dublin who suffered from sight loss in one eye at a young age due to an accident, has not let this get in the way of achieving success in sport personally and professionally. Inspiring, encouraging and motivating his family and the wider community to strive for more through sport.

### An Taisce

An Taisce, The National Trust for Ireland is Ireland's oldest environmental organisation, celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2023. It was set up with the intent of protecting Ireland's natural and built heritage and continues to be at the forefront of education and advocacy on climate, environment, heritage, and biodiversity issues. Their members are all ages and come from all walks of life. The one thing they have in common is their concern for the environment and a shared passion to protect nature and our natural heritage.

### Barry Keoghan

Barry Keoghan is an actor who is known for his roles on screen, appearing in independent films and blockbuster films. Since making his break as the "heartless cat killer" Wayne on RTE's Love/Hate, Barry has gone onto work with some of the world's best actors. For his role in Martin McDonagh's 'The Banshees of Inisherin' he was nominated for an Oscar and won a BAFTA for Best Supporting Actor. He dedicated his BAFTA award to the children of Dublin's north inner city.



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