

# HERITAGE AWARDS 2018

The Heritage Council is once again delighted to announce the Heritage Awards, showcasing the best of National Heritage Week and recognising the fantastic work of work of heritage enthusiasts across Ireland.

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council



The 2018 award categories are as follows

## Heritage Hero

Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile for heritage? Nominate an individual or organisation who makes an outstanding contribution to the protection and promotion of heritage in your local area. Anyone can nominate a Heritage Hero.

## Hidden Heritage

Did your event shine a light on Ireland's hidden heritage? This award is open to event organisers who successfully explored lesser known aspects of Ireland's heritage during National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

## Heritage Communities

Did your event reach across your community? Maybe you worked in partnership with other community groups or encouraged young people to take part. This award is open to event organisers who brought their community together to celebrate National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

## Cool for Kids

Did your event help children learn about and enjoy heritage? This award is open to event organisers who encouraged children and families to participate in National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

## Le Cheile san Eoraip Awards

The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 will see the launch of a new Heritage Award that recognises event organisers who showcase heritage links with other places in Europe. Did your event highlight a person, place or event with a European dimension? Maybe you explored European influences on architecture or archaeology, technology or crafts, or explored migrations of people, plants and animals, or trade links and pilgrim paths. Three prizes of €1,000 will be awarded to the organisers of events that best represent heritage links with Europe.

All National Heritage Week and European Year of Cultural Heritage Event Organisers can enter.

The closing date for entries is Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 and entry is free. Recipients will be honoured at a Heritage Council Awards Day.

Find out more at [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)

# HERITAGE AWARD WINNERS 2017

The Heritage Council Heritage Awards 2017 showcased the best of National Heritage Week and recognised the fantastic work of heritage enthusiasts across Ireland.



## **Sharon Slater from Limerick**

was awarded the Heritage Hero award in recognition of her work in bringing history to life for the people of Limerick. The historian and author established [www.limerickslife.com](http://www.limerickslife.com), a treasure trove of the city's history.



## **Irish Seed Savers in Co. Clare**

won the Hidden Heritage Award for The Great Irish Garden, an event highlighting the amazing diversity and heritage of Ireland's food crops and emphasising the need to save rare crop varieties.



## **Wild Strands in Co. Donegal**

won the Heritage Communities Award for The Foyle: Tales of Salmon Fishing, an event celebrating and documenting the rich maritime heritage of local fishermen who used to fish wild salmon on the Foyle.



## **BirdWatch Ireland in Co. Galway**

won the Cool for Kids Award for Go Wild Nature Camps, an event which connected children with their local environment, revealing the wonders and importance of local biodiversity through creative exploration.