



## **100 Community Groups Win AIB Better Ireland Awards**

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The Local Award Winners for the 2000 AIB Better Ireland Awards were announced today. The projects, chosen from almost 1,300 entries, represent a wide variety of community activities and locations throughout Ireland - North and South.

The Awards, which are now in their eleventh year, recognise and reward community groups in four categories - Youth, Heritage/Environment, Arts/Communications and Community Development. All entries are evaluated by local and national adjudication panels that are independent of AIB. The total prize fund for this years Awards is just over IR£300,000.

Each of the Local Award Winners will be presented with a cheque for £1,000. They will also go forward for the national awards whereby 24 Recognition Winners will be selected to receive a further £4,000 and be in with a chance to win a Category Award of £20,000 or even the Overall Prize which totals £50,000.