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Waterford City & County Council

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Waterford Wins Top Awards in 2015 IPB /Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards

**Waterford City and County Council congratulate the 2015 IPB Pride Of Place Winners
Announced at Gala Awards Ceremony in Ennis, Co.Clare**

Waterford City and County Council congratulate two Waterford groups that took two of the top prizes in the annual IPB Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards, which were announced Saturday night (14th November) at a glittering gala event in Ennis Co. Clare. More than 800 people from across the island filled the venue to hear the winners announced by RTE's Ciana Campbell.

Tramore took runners-up place in the *Cities Competition* in the category for "Neighbourhoods with populations over 2,000 people". Dungarvan & Helvick Head RNLI Fundraising Branch also took runners-up prize in the "Islands & Coastal Communities Category" of the main competition.

Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr John Cummins said "I am delighted to see the hard work shown by these community groups and volunteers in Waterford, achieving the National recognition they truly deserve. It is clear that working together and getting things done increases peoples' pride in where they live and in turn helps build vibrant communities. Waterford City and County Council will continue to work with local community organisations for the development of the best possible Waterford. I would like to congratulate all those involved and wish them every continued success in the future."

The Pride of Place Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of people who work tirelessly to create pride in their local area and make communities better places for local residents. Forty-three groups, ranging from those in small rural communities to groups in inner-city housing estates, took winning or runner up positions in the main and cities

competitions. A further six groups received Special Awards, while one local authority received a special Council Award.

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Notes to Editors

IPB Pride of Place, which was first piloted in the summer of 2003 and came from the Local Authority All-Island Steering Forum, aims to recognise and celebrate the vital contributions that communities make to society. The Pride of Place Competition is unique as it specifically recognises the involvement of the local community in all aspects of rural and urban regeneration, including promoting social cohesion, heritage and environmental awareness.

The Competition is run by Co-operation Ireland in conjunction with the Pride of Place Steering Committee and is sponsored by IPB.

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See images of the Waterford groups below.



Representatives of the Tramore group

Left to Right – Anne Cheasty, Regina Heavy, Mary Foley O’Hanlon with Tom Dowling, Chairman Pride of Place Committee, Ronan Foley CEO IPB Insurance, Cllr. Mary Howard, *Leas Cathaoirleach*, Clare County Council, Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister of State for the Diaspora and John Bruton, former *Taoiseach* and Deputy Chairman Co-operation Ireland at the 13th Annual IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland at Tracey’s West County Hotel Ennis.



Representatives of the Dungarvan & Helvick Head RNLI Fundraising Branch

Left to Right – Kevin O’Morchoe, Deirdre Young, Joan Clancy, Terence Morrissey, RoseAnn Foley, Anne McCarthy, Dolores Walsh, Liam Harty with Tom Dowling, Chairman Pride of Place Committee, Ronan Foley, CEO IPB Insurance George Jones Chairman IPB Insurance, Cllr. Mary Howard, *Leas Cathaoirleach*, Clare County Council, Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister of State for the Diaspora, Tom Coughlan, County Manager Clare Council and John Bruton, former *Taoiseach* and Deputy Chairman Co-operation Ireland and Peter Sheridan at the 13th Annual IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland at Tracey’s West County Hotel Ennis.