



**An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development



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Senator Mark Daly  
Cathaoirleach of Seanad Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Dear Senator Daly

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Gardens of Remembrance and Reflection initiative, which is part of the Community Strand of the final phase of the Decade of Centenaries Programme for 2021 - 2023.

We will inform the TidyTown's Adjudicators in advance of the 2021 SuperValu TidyTown's Competition to the Gardens of Remembrance and Reflection initiative. As they undertake their respective adjudications, the Adjudicators will bear the aforementioned initiative in mind, whilst also being open to recognising other appropriate initiatives carried out by TidyTown's Groups and Local Authorities throughout the country.

Under this initiative, groups may be in a position to gain points within the competition, where appropriate, under the relevant categories.

We also understand that you may have additional informative material related to this initiative to circulate to the TidyTown's Groups at a later date, which we will be happy to facilitate.

We have had discussions with officials in the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on these initiatives and understand that some limited funding may be made available for such commemorative projects. If a measure of funding is announced, we will happily share this information with TidyTown's groups and encourage them where possible to participate.

I would like to congratulate you on the Garden of Remembrance and Reflection initiative and your inclusion of the TidyTown's Committees; this is an initiative, which is a good fit with the TidyTown's ethos of a community working sustainably together for the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely

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