

Cork County Council Best in Cork Awards 2023

Entry to the awards is FREE of charge

The closing date for Best Start-Up and Best Small, Medium and Large Business is Sunday, October 15th. The closing date for the remaining categories is Sunday, November 12th.

There is a separate application form for each category with specific objectives and criteria. The form must be completed and accompanied by the relevant supporting documentation for each entry.

When you submit your entry, you are allowing Cork County Council and the event organisers to use your personal details to process your entry. In the event of there being a problem with your entry, we will communicate with you by phone, email or letter.

All data will be maintained behind a secure firewall on password protected devices and access restricted to a small number of authorised employees of Cork County Council and the event organisers.

Personal data will not be kept longer than is necessary for the awards programme.

An independent panel of judges will review applications received. Judges may eliminate entries due to incomplete entry forms or inability to meet the category criteria.

All competitive and financial information shall remain confidential unless the entrant gives express written approval for its release.

There will be a preliminary round of judging at Divisional Level for Best Start-Up, Best Small, Medium and Large Business. Judges will be drawn from outside each division. The winners in each of the divisions of North Cork, West Cork and East Cork will be announced at special lunches in December.

Two nominees from Best Start-Up/Small/Medium/Large Businesses will be selected in each division to go forward to the second stage. This will involve the six nominees in each category making short presentations to a panel of judges. There will be three judges taking part in this session, who will be marking an agreed scorecard to identify the winners. The presentations will be no longer than 10 minutes each. This second judging panel will then decide on the winners and runners-up in each category.

The remaining five categories will be an online exercise, with panels of three judges adjudicating on the winners and runners up from the nominees. A shortlist of the five categories will be published in late December.

By entering the awards, you are agreeing to attend or send a representative to the Best in Cork Awards 2023 ceremony on Thursday, January 25th, 2024 should you be shortlisted as a finalist.

Winners for all nine categories and the Mayor of the County of Cork's Overall Business of the Year will be announced at the Best in Cork Awards 2023 Gala Ceremony on Thursday, January 25th, 2024 at Cork County Hall.

The judge's decision is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into.

Canvassing of judges or organisers will disqualify.