

Vision: As European Volunteering Capital 2027, County Clare will be recognised locally, nationally and across Europe as a leading model for sustainable, inclusive community led volunteering that grows participation, strengthens partnerships and advances social cohesion.

Mission: To deliver a dynamic European Volunteering Capital 2027 programme that strengthens Clare’s volunteering ecosystem – aligning partners, increasing access, building capacity and showcasing measurable impact beyond the title year.

County Clare was named as European Volunteering Capital 2027 after an extensive application process which included a strategy / impact assessment plan and an audio / visual submission - <https://tinyurl.com/4kwuj5r4>

The project team leading on the application process and implementation phase includes representatives from the Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare County Council, DRCDG, Volunteer Ireland, Clare Sports Partnership, Clare PPN, Clare Youth Service, Clare Local Development Company, LCETB, Clare Traveller Community Development Project, Employability Clare and Volunteer Representatives.

The award gives County Clare / Ireland the opportunity to showcase the strength and resilience of our communities through volunteer led and volunteer supported projects and activities on a national and European level. The Volunteer in Sport Awards are an excellent example of where volunteers are recognized and acknowledged through their contribution to not only sporting groups but also the wider community. We are currently populating a Calendar of Events for 2027 and are inviting those organisations with a national remit to consider hosting their events in County Clare during 2027 to further highlight the strength of volunteering in Ireland.

Further information on the award can be found here:

<https://www.volunteerclare.ie/county-clare-named-european-volunteering-capital-2027/> and <https://www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/ev-capital-2027>