

PRESS RELEASE

Surprising volunteers around the country

GLS Ireland delivers Volunteer Ireland Awards

- GLS Ireland supports charity Volunteer Ireland
- Delivering awards to honour 40 awardees
- Strengthening commitment to community

Dublin, 8 December 2020. GLS Ireland, the official delivery partner of Volunteer Ireland, has delivered 40 awards honouring volunteers in Ireland. The partnership stresses the company's commitment to community service.

During this turbulent year, helping other people in one's community has reached a new level of importance. Therefore, GLS Ireland is supporting Volunteer Ireland in celebrating, appreciating and saying thank you to volunteers from all over the country. Accordingly, GLS provided free delivery services for the Volunteer Ireland Award ceremony and delivered all awards despite the demanding peak-season in their industry.

Volunteer Ireland promotes and supports volunteering in Ireland. Every year, the organisation honours volunteers from various different backgrounds in an award ceremony as vital part of their work. In 2020, Volunteer Ireland received a record-breaking 800 nominations in nine different categories. Due to COVID-19, this year's award announcements took place virtually on Saturday, 5 December 2020. GLS Ireland contributed by delivering engraved trophies, hampers full of goodies and a framed message from President Michael D. Higgins to the 40 winners across the country on the weekend before the announcement.

"We fully support and celebrate both the work of Volunteer Ireland and the commitment of volunteers all over this country", says Swen Krüger, Managing Director GLS Ireland. "We are proud to do our part for this year's ceremony by making sure that every winner receives their award on time. Being involved in the awards allows us to reflect on ourselves and be more conscious of the communities we are part of."

“We are happy to have found a like-minded partner in GLS Ireland”, says Nina Arwitz, CEO at Volunteer Ireland. “Thanks to their deliveries during this unusual awards season, we were able to make our awardees feel special and appreciated, so that we were able to honour their contribution to Irish society and also inspire others to get involved.”

GLS Ireland and the GLS Group

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More information about **Volunteer Ireland**: www.volunteer.ie

Full list of awardees: www.volunteer.ie/awards/

Video about awardees and deliveries: vimeo.com/487159901

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