**Introduction to the Foróige Youth Citizenship Awards in partnership with Aldi Ireland.**

Foróige, in partnership with Aldi Ireland, is pleased to announce the Youth Citizenship Awards. The Youth Citizenship Awards are designed to give recognition to the huge contribution that young people make in their communities. It involves young people researching the needs of their community, organising practical action in response, evaluating the effectiveness of their work and reflecting on what they are learning along the way.

Foróige Youth Citizenship Awards will give young people the opportunity to receive national recognition for their work in the community. The Youth Citizenship Awards showcases all types of work young people have undertaken. This work may be in any form such as a once off event or a long term project and can make a difference to one person or a whole community anywhere in the world.

**The format of the Youth Citizenship Awards is as follows:**

All clubs/groups and individuals entering the Foróige Youth Citizenship Awards, in partnership with Aldi Ireland will submit their project through either the Project Report Form or online blog. All entrants will be invited to attend the Youth Citizenship Awards. Any club, project or individual who submits a project is eligible to participate in the Youth Citizenship Awards. The Youth Citizenship Awards will take place on the **29th April 2017 i**n the Citywest Hotel and Conference Centre Dublin. It will be a fun filled day, not to be missed!

**Criteria for Entry**

* The Youth Citizenship Awards are open to young people between the ages of 10 and 18 years at the time of entry.
* Clubs/Projects are allowed to submit unlimited group and individual entries to the Youth Citizenship Awards. However, each entry must be for a separate project/activity.
* Any entrants should have support from adult volunteers/youth work staff i.e. as a guide and facilitator.
* All Youth Citizenship Expo entries must relate to projects where a substantial amount of the work took place after **September 1st 2016**. The project must be completed by the time you submit your entry. Closing date for entries is Friday **7th April 2017**.

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# **Registering for the Youth Citizenship**

Register using the official registration form any time up to the **16th March 2017**. The Youth Citizenship team will follow up with you and send you reminders and information about project submission. You can find the registration form at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/iDvHovDdLsMo8asC3>

# **Youth Citizenship Awards Categories**

Enter your project under one of the following three categories:

* Group Award 13 years+
* Junior Group Award 10-12 years
* Individual Award 14-18 years only

# **Entering the Youth Citizenship Awards - Project Report Form/Blog**

Once you have completed the online registration form you can then enter your project to the awards using either the project report form on online blog. Reporting on your project using either the project report form or online blog gives you the opportunity to describe what you did, how and why you did it and what you learned from the whole experience. The project report form and guidelines for the online blog can be accessed once you have registered your interest by clicking on this link: [Registration Form.](https://goo.gl/forms/2zFdX8i0zhO6VesE2)

All entries to the Awards must be sent to citizenship@foroige.ie or posted to Foróige HQ, Block 12D,

Joyce Way, Parkwest, Dublin 12 by the **7th April, 2017**

# **Contact Details**

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