



Ireland Active National Quality Standard Awards for 2020 recognise top Irish Leisure, Fitness & Hotel Leisure Facilities

Dublin 8th November 2019: Ireland Active, the representative body for the Leisure, Health & Fitness Industry, awarded the top Leisure, Fitness and Hotel Leisure facilities across the country at the National Quality Standard Awards (NQSA) at the annual awards ceremony on 8th November at Johnstown Estate, Co. Meath.

The NQSA, is the most sought-after and respected accolade in the leisure and fitness industry, and is awarded to facilities that meet the operational standards for leisure and fitness facilities across 250 quality-based criteria. The standard is designed to encourage continuous improvement within the sector and recognises facilities for their remarkable standards in the areas of safety, hygiene, customer service and human resources. The NQSA are the only industry specific award for the leisure, health and fitness sector in Ireland.

Awarded to 98 facilities nationwide this year, the awards are designed to acknowledge excellence in the Leisure, Fitness and Hotel Leisure facilities. The overall winners in five main categories who were recognised for their high standards across safety, hygiene, customer engagement and human resources:

- **Portarlington Leisure Centre**, Co. Laois- 'Best Leisure Facility'
- **Clann Fitness, Pillo Hotel**, Co. Meath- 'Best Hotel Leisure Facility'
- **WIT Arena**, Co. Waterford- 'Best Fitness Facility'
- **Center Parcs**, Co. Longford- 'Best Newcomer Facility'
- **DLR Leisure Meadowbrook**, Co. Dublin- 'Most Improved Facility'

The fitness industry has grown hugely in recent years and employs an estimated 9,000 people generating more than €300 million for the Irish economy each year.

Damien English TD, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, who is a keen Marathon runner, opened the awards with the following remarks *'As people across the country make the decision to get more active, keep fit and lead healthier lives it is encouraging to see the sector respond by continuing to improve the standard of facilities on offer. I am delighted to be associated with Ireland Active in recognising and rewarding their members for their efforts in having the best leisure and fitness facilities for people to enjoy'*.

Speaking on the event, Conn McCluskey, CEO, Ireland Active said: *“We are delighted for our members receiving their National Quality Standard Award, which is just reward for all the effort they have put in during the year. The awards serve to recognise the deserving recipients for their hard work in setting the bar for the highest level of standards possible in their leisure, fitness and hotel leisure facilities who play such a significant role in the health and well-being of the country. We are thrilled to acknowledge each facility for their outstanding accomplishments in the areas of safety, hygiene, customer engagement and human resources.”*

Notes to Editor:

Ireland Active is the national association for the leisure, health and fitness sector and represent over 300 publicly and privately-owned leisure centres, gyms, swimming pools, fitness education providers and recreation facilities nationwide. An estimated 450,000 Irish people are members of leisure, health & fitness facilities right across Ireland. The industry employs approximately 9,000 people generating an estimated €300m to the Irish economy each year.

Winners of the National Quality Standard Awards for 2019:

Award Levels- Level 1: Achieved, Level 2: Exceeded, Level 3: Outstanding

Leisure Awards

Facility	County	Award Level
1 Escape Health Club	Dublin	Outstanding
Active Ennis Leisure Complex	Clare	Outstanding
Athlone Regional Sports Centre	Westmeath	Outstanding
Aura Navan	Meath	Outstanding
Center Parcs Ireland	Longford	Outstanding
Clondalkin Leisure Centre	Dublin	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Arklow	Wicklow	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Askeaton	Limerick	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Ballinasloe	Galway	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Cobh	Cork	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Killarney	Kerry	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Longford	Longford	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Monaghan	Monaghan	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Tuam	Galway	Outstanding
Coral Leisure Wicklow	Wicklow	Outstanding
Courtown Adventure & Leisure Centre	Wexford	Outstanding
DCU Sport	Dublin	Outstanding
DLR Leisure Meadowbrook	Dublin	Outstanding
DLR Leisure Monkstown	Dublin	Outstanding
DLR Leisure Loughlinstown	Dublin	Outstanding
Gym Plus Ashbourne	Meath	Outstanding
Gym Plus Clarendon St.	Dublin	Outstanding
Gym Plus Drogheda	Louth	Outstanding
Gym Plus Naas	Kildare	Outstanding
Gym Plus Rathfarnham	Dublin	Outstanding
Gym Plus Swords	Dublin	Outstanding
K Leisure Athy	Kildare	Outstanding

K Leisure Naas	Kildare	Outstanding
Kingfisher Club Renmore	Galway	Outstanding
Kingfisher Club Waterford	Waterford	Outstanding
Kingfisher NUI Galway	Galway	Outstanding
Leisureland Galway	Galway	Outstanding
Leisureworld Churchfield	Cork	Outstanding
Nenagh Leisure Centre	Tipperary	Outstanding
Newpark School Sports Centre	Dublin	Outstanding
Portarlington Leisure Centre	Laois	Outstanding
Roscommon Leisure Centre	Roscommon	Outstanding
Shoreline Leisure Bray	Wicklow	Outstanding
Shoreline Leisure Centre Greystones	Wicklow	Outstanding
Sport Ireland National Aquatic Centre	Dublin	Outstanding
SPORTSCO	Dublin	Outstanding
Sportlink	Dublin	Outstanding
Swan Leisure Rathmines	Dublin	Outstanding
Tallaght Leisure Centre	Dublin	Outstanding
The Dartry Health Club	Dublin	Outstanding
The Waterfront Leisure Centre	Wexford	Outstanding
The Watershed Sports and Leisure	Kilkenny	Outstanding
Trinity Sport Centre	Dublin	Outstanding
TU Dublin Kevin St.	Dublin	Outstanding
Waterworld Bundoran	Donegal	Outstanding
Westpark Fitness	Dublin	Outstanding
Westport Leisure Park	Mayo	Outstanding
Tranquility Leisure and Spa	Galway	Exceeded
Brothers of Charity - Waves Hydro Pool	Galway	Achieved
Trabolgan Holiday Village	Cork	Achieved

Hotel Leisure Awards

Facility	County	Award Level
Abbey Health & Fitness	Roscommon	Outstanding
Arena Health & Fitness Club	Dublin	Outstanding
Citywest Health and Leisure Club	Dublin	Outstanding
Clann Fitness, Pillo Hotel Ashbourne	Meath	Outstanding
Club Vitae Cardiff Lane	Dublin	Outstanding
Club Vitae Clayton Hotel Cork City	Cork	Outstanding
Club Vitae Limerick - Maldron	Limerick	Outstanding
Club Vitae Oranmore - Maldron	Galway	Outstanding
Club Vitae Portlaoise	Laois	Outstanding
Club Vitae Tallaght	Dublin	Outstanding
Club Vitae Wexford - Whites Hotel	Wexford	Outstanding
Escape Health Club & Spa, Newpark	Kilkenny	Outstanding
Hotel Kinsale & Spa	Cork	Outstanding
Ocean Fitness Salthill	Galway	Outstanding

The Tullamore Court Hotel	Offaly	Outstanding
Tonic Health Club Castleknock Hotel	Dublin	Outstanding
Zest Health & Fitness Club	Cavan	Outstanding
Anner Leisure Centre	Tipperary	Exceeded
Ardilaun Leisure Club	Galway	Exceeded
Charleville Park Hotel & Leisure Club	Cork	Exceeded
Club Vitae Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork City	Cork	Exceeded
Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort	Wicklow	Exceeded
Shearwater Hotel Ballinasloe	Galway	Exceeded
Slieve Russell Hotel Country Club	Cavan	Exceeded
The Johnstown Estate	Meath	Exceeded
C Club	Mayo	Achieved
Club Vitae Limerick - Clayton	Limerick	Achieved
Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club	Kildare	Achieved
Ocean Spirit Leisure Hotel Westport	Mayo	Achieved
The Garryvoe Hotel	Cork	Achieved

Fitness Facility Awards

Facility	County	Award Level
DLR Leisure Ballyogan	Dublin	Outstanding
Dundalk Sports Centre	Louth	Outstanding
Gym Plus Ballsbridge	Dublin	Outstanding
Gym Plus Cork	Cork	Outstanding
Icon Health Club	Dublin	Outstanding
K Leisure Newbridge	Kildare	Outstanding
Lucan Leisure Centre	Dublin	Outstanding
Royal College of Surgeons	Dublin	Outstanding
Shoreline Sports Park, Charlesland	Wicklow	Outstanding
The Peace Link	Monaghan	Outstanding
TU Dublin Broombridge	Dublin	Outstanding
TU Dublin Grangegorman	Dublin	Outstanding
WIT Arena	Waterford	Outstanding

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