

# NOMINATION FORM

## Traveller Pride Awards – 2014



**L-R: previous winners of Traveller Pride Awards with President Mary Mc Aleese [2010], President and Mrs Higgins [2011], and with Olympian John Joe Nevin and other guests of honour [2013]**

The Fifth Traveller Pride Awards will build on the success of the previous four award ceremonies and will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June in Dublin.

The aim of the Awards is to celebrate Traveller achievements whilst highlighting some of the obstacles that exist for Travellers in Irish society, to instil pride, increase expectations and celebrate Travellers' undoubted positive contribution to Irish life and also the pride and determination one has to have in order to succeed as a Traveller.

The awards are judged in seven separate categories, from which one will be chosen to receive the overall Traveller Pride Award for 2014

### **Award Categories for Achievement in:**

Education	Arts or Culture	Music
Enterprise or Employment	Youth	Sport
Community		

We would ask you to begin considering individuals/groups you may wish to nominate. The **closing date for nominations is FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014**. Nomination forms can be sent by post, fax or email but must reach us by 5pm, Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April (contact details at the end of this form).

*The Traveller Pride Awards 2014 is being organised by a committee comprising The Irish Traveller Movement (ITM), Minceirs Whiden, Pavee Point, National Traveller MABS, the National Traveller Women's Forum, Involve (formerly National Association of Traveller Centres), the Parish of the Travelling People.*

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

### Education:

The panel will consider lifelong learning as well as academic achievement, as Travellers overcome barriers to achieve in education with their identity intact.

### Sport:

The panel will consider the groups or individuals who have shown commitment to sporting achievement, with pride in their Traveller identity in various sporting fields.

### Youth:

The panel will consider young Travellers whose involvement in local or national initiatives demonstrate leadership qualities, act as role models for their peers and have shown a commitment to Travellers' rights and broader human rights issues

### Arts or Culture:

The panel will consider groups or individuals who have demonstrated either within the community and/or the wider arts/culture sphere a commitment to Traveller identity and Traveller heritage or who have achieved in the arts or culture, proud of their Traveller identity

### Music:

The panel will consider groups or individuals who have demonstrated either within the community and/or the music sphere a commitment to Traveller identity and Traveller heritage or who have achieved as musicians proud of their Traveller identity

### Enterprise or Employment:

The panel will consider groups or individuals who have set up enterprises who are generating wealth within the community or Travellers employed within mainstream employment, with their identity intact, who are leaders in the field and are breaking down barriers.

### Community:

The panel will consider individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to Travellers' rights and a commitment to broader human rights issues, who have shown solidarity with other struggles, including other marginalised groups, those experiencing poverty and a commitment to anti-racism, anti-sexism and anti-homophobia.

## ISSUES TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO NOMINATING SOMEONE

- 1) If you are nominating an individual or group for an award, you must make them aware and be sure that they consent to be nominated.
- 2) If you are nominating an individual or group for more than one award, **please send separate nomination forms**. The rationale for someone being nominated for a sports award will not be the same as the reason for nominating them for an education award etc.
- 3) The judges can only judge what is placed in front of them. Therefore, take time in putting together the reason why you think someone should win an award. It may not only be for what they have achieved- a sports award, job, qualification etc- the award may be what barriers someone had to overcome even to get to school or return to education, be involved in a community project or be part of a local team.

**Nomination form to be returned before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

# Traveller Pride Awards 2014

**I/We wish to Nominate:**

( Please provide a nominee's name- and also confirm you have consent from the nominee for their name to go forward)

**Address (if known) and email address of nominee:**

**Telephone number of nominee:**

**Nominated by:**

**Please provide your address and email address:**

For which category do you nominate the person/group for a Traveller Pride Award 2014?

**Education** ☐

**Arts or Culture** ☐

**Music** ☐

**Enterprise or Employment** ☐

**Youth** ☐

**Sport** ☐

**Community** ☐

**Please include any supporting information in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), Adobe PDF (pdf) and images (.jpg) or photos.**

(Only one category per nomination form, if you wish to nominate someone in more than one category, please use a separate nomination form)

### **NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM**

Please attach on a separate page, as much as you can about why your chosen person or group should receive a Traveller Pride 2014 Award. To assist the judging panel in making their decision, please attach any relevant supporting information where available. There is no limit to the amount of information you can provide but you must include a written reason for nomination of at least 50 words.

The judges will be looking for evidence of achievements by individuals or groups in each category they are nominated in; also of interest to the panel will be the circumstances, perhaps particular to them as a Traveller, any nominee has overcome in order to complete their achievement.

So whilst for example we are interested in academic achievements in the Education category, these may range from those who have been successful at third level, to success or achievement in any area or level despite the adversity any nominee may have faced in completing that achievement.

Please note that all nominations will be considered by the judging panel.

**closing date FRIDAY, 4th April 2014**

Please include any supporting information in the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc), Adobe PDF (pdf) and images (.jpg) or photos.

Nominations should be posted, faxed or emailed to:

**ITM, Traveller Pride Awards 2014**, 4-5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2

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