Fingal County Council congratulates Corduff and Baldoyle on Pride of Place Awards

Fingal County Council is delighted to congratulate Corduff and Baldoyle for their Pride of Place Awards won at this year’s IPB Pride of Place award ceremony in Cork City Hall on Saturday, 17 November.

Congratulating both communities, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “Both Corduff and Baldoyle have dedicated and proactive community groups who devote a lot of time and effort to the maintenance and development of their towns. These include tidy Town...”
committees, Foróige clubs and those who contribute to sport and recreation clubs. It is important that the work they do is highlighted and I am delighted to see them recognized at the Pride of Place awards.”

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “Last year, we won the Council of the Year award with judges noting our commitment to community focus and identity. This commitment has been continued through work done by Fingal County Council’s Community Development team and a wide variety of local groups who contribute significantly to the environmental, social and cultural aspects of their communities. I am delighted to see Corduff’s long history of volunteerism being recognised and am confident that this tradition will be continued. This is the first year that we have entered the Islands and Coastal Communities category so it is a testament to Baldoyle’s community activism that it came runner up.”

Judges said about Corduff: “After being greeted by singing from the local school, the judges heard a great story of endeavour, initiative, determination, partnership and achievement to be justifiably proud of. The very well attended presentation in the community resource centre, which reflected on the community’s endeavours and meeting a number of the community groups all created an expectation that our tour of this area would visibly show the fruits of the community’s hard work and drive. This community through its resilience and community spirit have managed many major social issues making them a worthy winner.”

Members of the groups joined with 800 community heroes from across the country at the awards which are operated in association with peace building charity Co-operation Ireland.

The Pride of Place awards celebrates the often unsung work of community groups that selflessly work to make local neighbourhoods a better place to live in, work in or visit.

Organised by Co-operation Ireland and sponsored by IPB Insurance, the Pride of Place awards sees the country’s local authorities, on both sides of the border, nominate outstanding projects that contribute to civic pride.

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Photo caption:

(1) Corduff residents and supporters from Fingal County Council celebrate winning the Urban Neighbourhoods category at the 2018 Pride of Place awards held in Cork City Hall on Saturday (November 17).

(2) Baldoyle residents and Fingal council officials pictured with their runners up award on Saturday evening (November 17).

Notes to Editor:

Every community that entered the competition was visited by the IPB Pride of Place judging panels. For more information visit www.prideofplace.ie.

Work began on building the Corduff estate, as we know it today in the 1970s but the initial use of the name Corduff was recorded over 800 years ago in 1256. There have been many significant changes to the local area during those millennia. Back then it was a case of “the cart before the horse” with houses built first and only rudimentary services in place for the community. Young families filled the estate and often felt isolated due to the very basic transport and communications services of the day. Corduff struggled through those years with many social issues, but resilience and community spirit was always evident, even in the darkest days of gang culture and crime. Today, through personal development, clubs, agencies, strong partnership work and great volunteerism, Corduff is proud to present its vibrant and confident community and to show-case the bright future all have worked so hard to provide for the next generation.

Co-operation Ireland is an all-island peace-building charity. Since it was established in 1979 as Co-operation North, we have worked to encourage and promote interaction, dialogue and practical collaboration within Northern Ireland and between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.