



Terms & Conditions for entry into the National Lottery Good Cause Legends 2026

1. Introduction

The National Lottery Good Cause Legends is an initiative of Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC (“PLI”) who operate the National Lottery. All applicants to the National Lottery Good Cause Legends 2026 must agree to the following Terms & Conditions.

By entering this competition, the applicant expressly agrees to these Terms & Conditions.

2. Eligibility Criteria

The National Lottery Good Cause Legends 2026 competition is open to any organisation, club, individual or project in any of the twenty-six counties in the Republic of Ireland that received funding from any grant, scheme or programme part-funded by the National Lottery in the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025. This includes the following:

- **Department of Culture, Communications and Sport**
 - Funding received from Sport Ireland
 - Funding received through Sports Capital Programme Grants
 - Funding received from The Arts Council of Ireland

 - **Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht**
 - Funding received from Senior Alert Schemes
 - Funding through the Scheme to Support National Organisations
 - Irish Language Support Grants

- **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage:**
 - Funding received from The Heritage Council of Ireland
 - Housing Adaptation Grants

- **Department of Education and Youth**
 - Funding received from UBU Your Place Your Space grants, Youth Services Grant Scheme, Targeted Youth Funding Scheme and Youth Information Centre Grants.

- **Department of Health**
 - Funding received through the HSE National Lottery grant scheme

Applicants can check to see if they are eligible to enter the Good Cause Legends 2026 by visiting www.lottery.ie/goodcauselegends. If your organisation, club, individual or project name does not appear and you believe you received funding during these years, please email goodcauselegends@lottery.ie and a member of our team will discuss it with you.

There is no entry fee and no purchase of any National Lottery Game is necessary in order to enter the Good Cause Legends 2026.

PLI's decisions shall be final and binding in the event of any controversy or confusion in the interpretation and application of these Terms & Conditions or of any other procedure employed by PLI as part of the Good Cause Legends 2026 and no correspondence will be entered into.

3. Categories

There will be three overall categories to determine our Good Cause Legends 2026. The three categories are as follows:

- **Sport & Wellness Legends**
 - This category represents any sports club, health group or organisation who provide an enhanced quality of life for its members/communities thanks to the services or activities it provides.
- **Cultural & Heritage Legends**
 - This category represents all individuals and organisations who contribute towards developing and promoting the Arts, Heritage and our Irish Language, making Ireland and our communities more vibrant, creative, & sustainable.
- **Community Legends**
 - This category represents all voluntary groups, charities, individuals and organisations who are the cornerstone of our communities, who make sure everyone from different ages, backgrounds and ethnicities feel included and ultimately make our communities better places to live.

4. Application

To apply, all eligible organisations, clubs, individuals or projects must enter via the application form available on the National Lottery website www.lottery.ie/goodcauselegends.

Any individual entering, whether on behalf of themselves or an organisation, club, or project, must be over the age of eighteen years. This does not exclude any organisation, clubs or projects that involves or benefits individuals under the age of eighteen. Applications made by individuals under the age of eighteen years will be deemed void.

PLI, acting at its sole and absolute discretion, may determine that an entry is incomplete, incomprehensible or misdirected. Such entries will be deemed to be void.

Applications will open at 11.00am on Monday 20th April 2026 and will run for five weeks with closing date for applications set at 5.00pm on Friday 22nd May 2026.

5. Judging

What is a Legend?

A legend can be an individual, a group of people or organisation that brings positivity and good energy to their community, their work, or something they deeply care about. What defines a legend is the ability, together or individually, to make the people around them feel better in their lives.

Judging takes place in three phases.

Phase 1

A shortlist of ten Good Causes in each of the three categories will be determined by a team of experienced PLI staff volunteers who will read through all valid applications and score them as per the Assessment Criteria set out below.

The Top 10 winning Good Cause Legends in each category will then automatically go forward for inclusion to the next round of Judging to determine the final Good Cause Legends 2026.

Phase 2

For this phase of the competition and to determine our Good Cause Legends 2026, the judging panel will consist of six people. The judging panel for this competition will be chaired by one independent judge and he/she will be joined by two National Lottery senior management representatives, an independent representative from the retail sector and two independent representatives from any of the areas of sport, arts & culture, heritage, health & wellbeing, community, and youth affairs.

Within each category, each of the Top ten applications across the three categories will be read and marked out of ten by each judge in our Good Cause Legends 2026 judging panel, and the total score will determine the Top 3 winners within each category.

On completion of this stage, there will be three winners chosen in each of the three categories, resulting in nine Good Cause Legends 2026.

Subject to regulatory approval, the announcement of the nine Good Cause Legends 2026 is scheduled for a date to be determined in June 2026.

6. Assessment Criteria

The scoring criteria used by the judging panel to assess each application are as follows:

Core Award Scoring Criteria

Judges should assess the quality, impact and distinctiveness of each organisation or project. Scoring should reflect measurable impact, innovation, strength of delivery, community contribution and the added value of National Lottery Good Causes part-funding.

Q1. Tell Us Your Legend Story (Weighting: 1/10)

Judges will assess:

- Clarity of purpose and origin
- Understanding of who or what benefits from their work
- Strength and authenticity of their story
- Overall first impression

2. How Did National Lottery Good Causes Part-Funding Change the Game (Weighting: 3/10)

Judges will assess:

- Clear evidence of the impact of National Lottery Good Causes part-funding
- What became possible because of the funding
- Tangible outcomes and measurable difference
- Depth of impact (not just scale)
- Strength of examples provided

3. What Makes You a Good Cause Legend? (Weighting: 2.5/10)

Judges will assess:

- Distinctiveness within their sector
- Innovation, resilience or bravery
- Evidence of going above and beyond
- Sustained and meaningful community impact

4. Share Your “Goosebumps” Moment (Weighting: 2.5/10)

Judges will assess:

- Emotional impact and memorability
- Strength of the example provided
- Does this moment clearly demonstrate their wider impact?
- Public inspiration potential

7. Prizes

Each of the Nine Good Cause Legends 2026 will receive a prize of **€15,000 & a Trophy**.

All prize monies are the property of the winning Good Cause and must be reinvested into the Good Cause. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to forfeiture of any Prize awarded.

8. Competition Rules

All decisions made by the judging panel in each of the two phases will be final in all circumstances.

All applicants must apply under the relevant category. PLI reserves the right to reassign an applicant to a different category than stated on their application should:

- (i) the relevant Good Cause have received funding in more than one category; or
- (ii) should there be an error on the application from a Good Cause.

PLI reserves the right to undertake a due diligence process on any finalist prior to announcing the winning Legends.

Canvassing by any means is strictly prohibited and will result in an application being excluded from the competition.

Competition Timeline	
Action	Time Period
Application Phase	20 th April – 22 nd May 2026
Judging Phase 1	25 th May – 5 th June 2026
Judging Phase 2	8 th – 19 th June 2026
Good Cause Legends Announcement*	w/c 22 nd June 2026

*Subject to Regulatory Approval
Dates subject to change

10. Publicity, Branding and Social Media

Applicants, acting on behalf of their organisation, club or projects, grant PLI and PLI's parent company, FDJ United, a non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use the name, images provided, including all logos and trademarks for advertising and communications activities including, but not limited to press releases, photocalls, interviews, newsletters, in newspapers, magazines and other print media, on television, radio and electronic media (including the National Lottery website and app), on National Lottery tickets, in email marketing, push notifications via app, out-of-home and digital out-of-home advertising, social media, in theatrical media, gala event photography and/or videos and/or in mailings for educational and awareness.

Applicants also warrant that any person featured in any images provided has given their express permission and/or any minor has parental or guardian consent.

Representatives from all winning Good Causes must make themselves available to attend photocalls when required. Further publicity commitments, such as the participation in marketing promotional content to be used by the National Lottery to promote the winning Legends online, broadcast and social media channels, will be required. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to forfeiture of any Prize awarded.

11. Assistance with entering this competition

If you experience any difficulties entering this competition, or have any questions, you can email us at goodcauselegends@lottery.ie

12. Exclusion of Liability

PLI will not be liable for any costs associated with applying for awards at any stage of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, travel mileage and expenses, meals, accommodation, and other relevant expenses.

Under no circumstances (including, but not limited to, any act or omission on the part of PLI) will PLI or any of the judging panel be liable for any indirect, incidental, special and/or consequential damages or loss of profits whatsoever which result in connection with this competition.

PLI reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions at any time, without prior notice, in its absolute discretion. Any material changes will be advertised on the National Lottery website and such posting shall deem to be adequate notice to all applicants.

13. Jurisdiction

These terms and conditions shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland, and you irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts. All times and dates refer to the time and date in Ireland.