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The CO3 Annual Leadership Awards 2023

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Evelyn Partners is proud to be the headline sponsor once again of the CO3 Leadership Awards 2023, a unique event which brings together and celebrates leaders across the charity sector in Northern Ireland.

This is our second year of association with the awards, reflecting our commitment to promoting and recognising best practice, innovation and effective leadership within the third sector.

The cost of living crisis coupled with extreme funding uncertainty has made this past year particularly difficult, but has also shown the resilience of the sector. Organisations continue to pivot extremely quickly to meet the needs of their service users, whilst also supporting their own staff teams. There's no doubt, these are still difficult times, but we know we can overcome today's challenges by working even more closely together.

Today's event celebrates the dedication and initiative of those people whose leadership is making a real difference to civic society in Northern Ireland.

These remarkable people, shortlisted this evening, are leading change in our society and we are delighted to be a part of this event that honours the work they do.

On behalf of Evelyn, I would like to congratulate all of the nominees and winners of this year's awards. Your extraordinary commitment and exceptional leadership is an inspiration to us all.

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Welcome to the Annual Leadership Awards



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This evening's event is an important opportunity for us to pay tribute to the exceptional people who lead in Charities, Community & Voluntary Organisations and Social Enterprises across Northern Ireland.

As the new Chief Executive of CO3, I have already seen first hand the outstanding work and commitment of leaders in our sector. Passion, commitment and boundless energy characterise those shortlisted for our 2023 CO3 Leadership Awards.

This year we are delighted to provide even more opportunity for you to nominate great leaders in this prestigious event as we launch four new categories:

- Mentor of the Year
- Health Advocate of the Year
- Leading Sustainability
- Wellbeing Champion

In another year of challenge and uncertainty, leaders in the third sector have again raised the bar, displaying courage, professionalism, resilience and optimism in often very difficult circumstances. With the generous support of Evelyn, and all of our category supporters, it is our privilege this evening to showcase and celebrate you – the outstanding leaders of the third sector.

CO3 is here to support you as leaders - whatever the stage of your career journey. We do this through our range of networking opportunities, training courses, programmes and events.

Engage Executive Talent is our social enterprise that provides an industry leading executive and board recruitment service, a trusted consultancy service and an interim executive service, all tailored specifically for third sector organisations.

If you have any queries about this or any aspect of your membership the CO3 team are on hand to help.

As we take time this evening to shine a light on your leadership achievements, we are showcasing the fulfilment and rewards of a career in our sector and inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

Finally I wish you all a great evening.

Valerie McConville
Chief Executive
CO3



Running Order

4:00 PM	Doors Open Guests are seated Visit Buffet
4:50 PM	Welcome from CO3 Chair, Anne-Marie McClure & Main Awards Supporter, Chris O'Neill, Evelyn Partners
5:10 PM	Keynote Lady Mary Peters
5:40 PM	10 Minute Comfort Break
5:50 PM	Awards Presentations Part One
6:15 PM	£200 Hastings Hotels Voucher Prize Draw with Sarah T and Davy UK
6:20 PM	Awards Presentations Part Two
6:40 PM	10 Minute Comfort Break
6:50 PM	Awards Presentations Part Three
7:10 PM	The Clare Choral
7:45 PM	Formal Close CO3 Chief Executive, Valerie McConville



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Best Newcomer



Leading Sustainability in the Sector



Health Care Advocate of the Year



Leading Organisational Change



Wellbeing Champion



Social Entrepreneurial Leader



Mentor of the Year



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The Clare Chorale is a popular mixed voice Ballyclare-based choir with over 50 members from various backgrounds. It still uses Ballyclare High School as its base and celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

It has grown in popularity with TV and Radio appearances and is led by Sheelagh Greer, recently accepting the 'Mightly Woman in Music' award as well as a Centenary Citizen award. Darren Day, a composer and performer in his own right, is choir Accompanist.

The choir has a prolific record for supporting charities and its nominated charity for 2022/23 is NI Chest Heart & Stroke

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On behalf of the CO3 Awards team, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for taking the time to submit a nomination.

Your dedication and commitment to the cause is greatly appreciated. Thanks to our friends at Davy UK, we are delighted to say that everyone who nominated will be in with a chance to win a £200 Hastings Hotels Voucher to be drawn on the night of the awards.

Your contribution helps us recognize and celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations who are making a positive impact in our sector. Your nomination has been carefully reviewed and considered alongside others, in the selection process for this year's awards.

Thank you again for your support and for helping us to acknowledge the achievements of those making a difference.



Thank you to our Awards, Category and other supporters for making the CO3 Leadership Awards possible.

Your support and commitment to recognising outstanding leaders in our sector is greatly appreciated.

Sponsors are chosen very carefully for our Awards and Conference and we love to work with organisations whose values are similar to our own and our members'.

Our drinks support this year comes from Moore MacDonald who are leaders in their field of building consultancy. Commitment and Integrity are at the heart of everything they do.

Thank you to ProAptivity who have supported our event with favours for all of our guests. ProAptivity is a multi-faceted CRM software company with the expertise to consult, train and deliver in all things Customer Relationship Management.



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Over the past year, the Community and Voluntary Sector has demonstrated its strength, flexibility, resilience and agility in supporting the most vulnerable in society through the cost-of-living crisis.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for attending tonight's CO3 Awards Ceremony and for making it a success. Your presence and participation is truly appreciated and contributes to the overall positive atmosphere of the evening.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for their generous support. Your contributions are instrumental in bringing the CO3 Leadership Awards to life and making it possible to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of leaders in our sector.



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At our 2022 Conference we were able to produce research based on Valuing our Sector thanks to the support of Tony Clarke, Community Finance Ireland and Marsh/Ecclesiastical.

Through this research we have highlighted the contribution made to the local economy and to society by all of our organisations.

We have also, with the assistance of a few projects which allowed us access to look at their work in more detail, examined the daily impact they have and how people's lives are improved by our large and small charities and enterprises.

We also went outside our own sector and sought views from policy makers, opinion formers, stakeholders, academics and media to ask – 'what do you understand about the Third Sector in Northern Ireland?'

Special thank you to MW Advocate who were instrumental in putting this research together for our members.

You can read more about this research [here](#).



Meet our Champion Guest Speaker, Lady Mary Peters LG CH DBE DStJ RNR



Mary moved to Northern Ireland with her family when she was 11 years old. Northern Ireland has been home to Mary Peters since then. Even today, Mary still lives in Belfast although most of her life she has spent travelling the world, competing and working.

Mary has been an inspiration to people throughout Northern Ireland, bringing people together in times of trouble, through her sporting triumphs. Mary Peters is a true ambassador for Sport, reaching the pinnacle of sporting effort and achieving the ultimate: an Olympic

Gold Medal. In the 1972 Summer Olympics Mary won the gold medal in the women's pentathlon. She has represented Northern Ireland at every Commonwealth Games between 1958 and 1974. In these games she won 2 gold medals for the pentathlon, plus a gold and silver medal for the shot put. Mary was humbled to be awarded in 2019 the Honour Lady Companion of Honour of the Most Noble order of the Garter. The investiture ceremony presided over by the Queen took place at Windsor Castle in June 2019. Mary is currently one of 24 who are given this exclusive



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title. In 2017 Mary was awarded the Dame Commander of the Order of St John. In the 2015 New Year Honours list she became Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour (CH). In 2000 she was appointed Dame Commander of the British Empire (DBE). CBE in 1990 and MBE in 1972 after her Gold Medal win. She served as Lord-Lieutenant for The County Borough of Belfast until her 75th birthday when all LL's are given mandatory retirement. She received the Freedom of both the City of Belfast and the City of Lisburn. Northern Ireland's premier athletics track, on the outskirts of Belfast, is called the Mary Peters Track in her honour where a three quarter sized statue watches the next generation train and compete. Lady Mary now spends most of her time helping young sports men and women to achieve their dreams by supporting them through her charity, The Mary Peters Trust. Mary was selected as one of 27 Olympic athletes

chosen by the BOA to be Ambassadors for Team GB 2012. As an official London 2012 Ambassador, Mary was an integral part of Team GB prior to and during the Olympic Games. She helped British athletes and the wider Team GB to achieve Olympic success, and in doing so, serves as a source of inspiration and motivation for the 60 million Team GB fans across the UK. Mary was also selected by Games Sponsor SSE as an Ambassador for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and travelled to the Gold Coast, Australia as the Patron in 2018.



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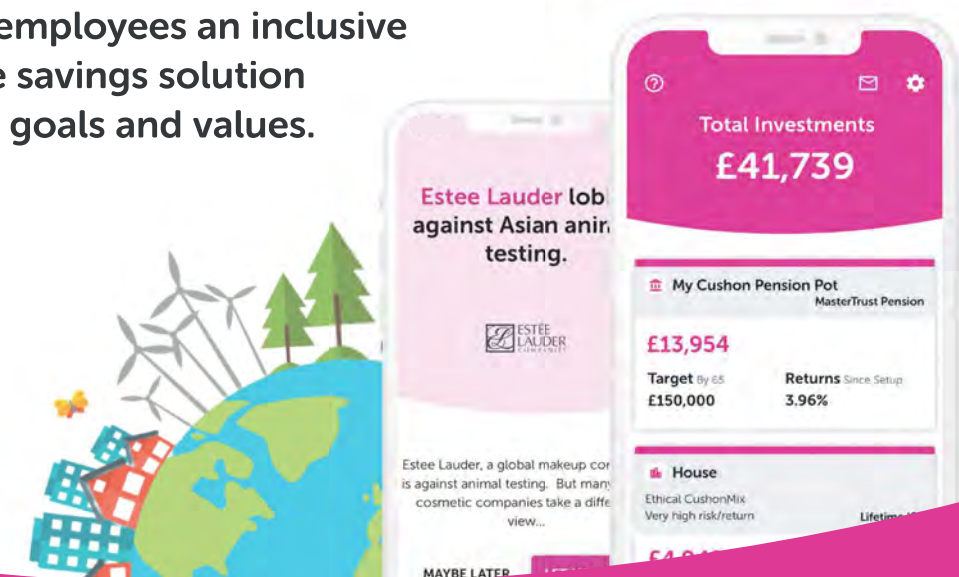
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