



## **Northern Ireland Local Government Awards 2009**

Councils throughout Northern Ireland were celebrating on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 as the winners of the Northern Ireland Local Government Awards for 2009 were announced. Broadcaster Lynda Bryans hosted the event and announced the winners of the 10 award categories.

All local councils in Northern Ireland were invited to make a submission for the awards highlighting the best services, initiatives, staff and councillors from their council. 68 submissions were received across the 10 categories; all were of a high standard reflecting many projects and individuals who often go unrecognised in our communities.

The winners are listed below:

**Best Local Authority Service Team of the Year - Sponsored by APSE**, presented by Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive of APSE.

Winner – Belfast City Council Community Safety Team.

**Change Champions in Practice - Sponsored by Local Government Staff Commission NI**, presented by Brian Hanna CBE, Chair, Local Government Staff Commission NI.

Winner – Coleraine Borough Council - Causeway Kids Cuisine.

**Innovative HR in Practice - Sponsored by Local Government Staff Commission NI**, presented by Cllr Marion Smith, Vice-Chair, Local Government Staff Commission NI.

Winner - Armagh City and District Council – A muscular approach to managing absence.

**Innovative Training Initiative - Sponsored by Local Government Training Group**, presented by Norman Dunn Chair, Local Government Training Group.

Winner - Omagh District Council – Delta a force to be reckoned with...

**Best Initiative by a Councillor - Sponsored by the National Association for Councillors**, presented by Cllr John Mann.

Winner - Cllr Dermot Curran - Down District Council.

**Best Joint Initiative between Councils - Sponsored by SOLACE NI**, presented by Ashley Boreland, Chief Executive, Ards Borough Council.

Winner – Cafe Culture – Good Relations Conference - Coleraine Borough Council, Derry City Council, Ballymoney Borough Council, Limavady Borough Council, Magherafelt District Council, Moyle District Council supported by OFMDFM.

**Employee of the Year - Sponsored by William Johnston Memorial Trust**, presented by Fergus Wheeler, Chair of the William Johnston Memorial Trust.

Winner – Ian Beaney – North Down Borough Council

**Best Sustainable Development Initiative - Sponsored by NILGA**, presented by Cllr John Mathews, President of NILGA.

Winner – Belfast City Council – Mayor’s Big Clean up.

**Best Improvement Project - Sponsored by NILGA**, presented by Cllr John Mathews, President of NILGA.

Winner – Belfast City Council – Ulster Hall Redevelopment.

**Women in Local Councils Award - Sponsored by Women’s Development Steering Group**, presented by Cllr Kate Lagan.

Winner – Ards Borough Council and North Down Borough Council – Visible Women.