

## **Annual Community Climate Champion – Assessment Criteria**

**Note:** Applicants who are in full-time employment within the climate change, environmental, or sustainability sector will not be considered unless they can demonstrate that their actions have been undertaken independently and outside the scope of their professional responsibilities

### **1. Impact on Local Environment (10)**

- Demonstrated contribution to reducing carbon footprint in the community.
- Initiatives that improve local biodiversity, waste management, or energy efficiency. E.g. Environmental Education Programmes, Litter Picks, Retrofit Projects including solar panels, etc...
- Tangible outcomes from their actions, such as measurable reductions in waste or increased use of renewable resources, improved environmental knowledge by participants.

### **2. Community Engagement and Leadership (5)**

- Active involvement in raising awareness about climate change and sustainability within the community.
- Evidence of leadership in organising or participating in environmental projects or campaigns.
- Ability to inspire and mobilise others to take climate action.
- Voluntary action to lead & engage community in environmental projects.

### **3. Innovation and Creativity (5)**

- Implementation of innovative solutions to local environmental challenges.
- Use of creative approaches to promote sustainability and climate action.
- Development of unique projects or ideas that can be replicated/scaled up.

### **4. Education and Advocacy (5)**

- Efforts to educate others about climate change and sustainability.
- Advocacy for environmental policies or practices at local/regional levels.
- Participation in workshops, seminars, or public discussions to spread knowledge and awareness.

### **5. Longevity and Sustainability of Efforts (10)**

- Evidence of long-term commitment to climate action.
- Sustainability of the projects or initiatives beyond initial implementation.

### **Additional Considerations:**

- Collaboration with other organisations, groups, or individuals to achieve environmental goals.
- Adaptability and resilience in the face of challenges related to their environmental work.
- Each nominee will be evaluated against these criteria, with judges considering the breadth and depth of their contributions to the community and the environment.