

## Criteria for CEI Award

The CEI Award recognises volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing the circular economy through their work with Circular Economy Clubs (CEC) and Circular Economy Institute (CEI) initiatives.

### Mandatory Criteria

**Nominees must fulfil all of the following criteria:**

- Member of CEI or a Club Lead.
- Six months' or more in volunteer role.
- Must be a volunteer at the time of the award.
- Volunteer work must be carried out as part of the nominee's Circular Economy Club time and unrelated to their business activities.
- Embody and demonstrate the CEI values.
- Cannot have won award in the last 12 months.

### Service Criteria

**Nominees must demonstrate (with appropriate evidence) one or more of the following criteria:**

#### Significant Contributions

- Contributions should have positive impact on a CEI project or Club.
- Examples include running a project, leading Club events, acting as an ambassador for CEI in the wider sector or outside of the sector.
- Engages with local and/or national government on the circular economy.

#### Engagement and Impact

- Engagement work can be measured and demonstrated to have led to improvements, changes, or positive outcomes for a project or Club; examples include political lobbying campaigns, community events, social media awareness campaigns, etc.

### Regular and Consistent Volunteering

- Demonstrates ongoing commitment to CEI and their Club.
- Regularly attends [meetings](#) and events and actively participates in the work of their Circular Economy Club.

### Dedication

- Ability to persevere through challenges and achieve positive outcomes for their Club and/or CEI.

### Leadership

- Volunteer's passion for the circular economy and driving circular initiatives and the CEC forward in their region/municipality/City through their Circular Economy Club and/or CEI.
- Demonstration of exceptional leadership skills to the benefit of an individual or project through CEC and/or CEI.

### Environmental Knowledge

- Nominated project or work (through CEC and/or CEI) shows a commitment to bringing circular initiatives to their communities, with an elevated knowledge of the circular economy, sustainability and the environment.

### Problem-Solving, Innovation and Initiative

- Ability to identify issues, develop solutions and innovations, and drive change in their region/municipality/City through their Circular Economy Club and/or CEI – expand on working with local/national government on circular economy campaigns/projects, etc.
- Shows initiative and enthusiasm in their role, often going above and beyond in their role.

### Teamwork and Collaboration

- Ability to work effectively with others, both internally at the Club or CEI, and externally with the wider sector, governments, the public, etc.