

## *Gradaim Locha Riach*

Bhí oíche iontach pléisiúrtha ag ‘Gaeilge Locha Riach’ nuair a bhronnadh ‘Gradaim an Phobail 2007’ ar 25 grúpaí pobail sa bhaile. D’eagraíodh an oíche shóisialta go speisialta ar mhaithe l’aitheantas agus le buíochas a thabhairt do na heagraíochtaí pobail éagsúla as an mhéid a bhí déanta acu leis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i mBaile Locha Riach i 2007.

Bhí ceol, spraoicheist, fíon is fáiltiú ag an ócáid seo i gComhar Creidmheasa Naomh Breandán Déardaoin. Bhí craic ag daoine le linn an spraoicheist agus ceisteanna bunaithe ar stair, ceol, oidhreacht, imeachtaí agus carachtair gaelacha na comharsanachta. Bhí duaiseanna beaga is móra tuillte ag cách i ndiaidh ‘Tráth na gCeist’. Mar chuid den oíche ceiliúrtha, seoladh leabhar úrnua ó Ghlór na nGael: ‘Nodanna don Eolach’ le Eoghan Mac Cormaic.

B’ é Tomás Breathnach, Timire Gaeilge Choiste Gairmoideachais Chontae na Gaillimhe, a bhronn na gradaim. B’ iontach an moladh a thug sé do réimse na heagraíochtaí pobail uile a rinne iarracht an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. Ar ndóigh, ba mhór an cothú do gach duine glacadh lena ngradaim agus tugadh spreagadh ar leith dóibh tógáil ar an dea-obair 2008.

**Gaeilge Locha Riach hosted a very pleasurable evening during their award ceremony of ‘Gradaim an Phobail 2007’. This special social evening was organized in order to give recognition and appreciation to a wide range of community organisations for their endeavours to promote the Irish language in Loughrea in 2007.**

The evening included music, a fun-quiz and a wine reception in Naomh Breandán Credit Union. Folk had quite a bit of craic with the quiz based on local history, music, heritage, Irish language events and characters. Prizes big and small were presented to everyone that took part. As part of the evening, a new publication from Glór na nGael: ‘Nodanna don Eolach’ by Eoghan Mac Cormaic was also launched.

Tomás Breathnach, the Irish language officer of Co. Galway V.E.C. presented Gradaim an Phobail 2007- Community Awards. Tomás spoke highly of the range of community groups and schools that have promoted the Irish language in the locality. Of course, the work done by all these organizations is appreciated and people are encouraged to take part again in the future.

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## **Baile Locha Riach**

Tá tacaíocht ó ghrúpaí éagsúla sa chomharsanacht ar choiste Ghlór na nGael i mBaile Locha Riach. Seo a leanas na grúpaí a mhothaigh Conradh na Gaeilge agus Gaeilge Locha Riach Gradam an Phobail a bhronnadh:

1. Áthas –
2. [www.aughty.org](http://www.aughty.org)
3. Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
4. Cumann Óige Locha Riach
5. Club Riabhach
6. Baffle
7. Seamus O’Kelly Players
8. Comhairle an Bhaile
9. Senior Citizen’s Soc.
10. Active Retirement Ass.
11. Ionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh Bhaile Locha Riach
12. Cumann Tráchtála
13. Loughrea History Project
14. Loughrea Literary and Historical Society
15. Comhar Creidmheasa Naomh Breandáin
16. Cumann na mBailte Slachtmhara
17. Scoil Íde Naofa
18. Scoil Bhreandáin Naofa
19. Gaelscoil Riabhach
20. Naíonra ‘Tigh na Sí’
21. Coiste na dTuismitheoirí
22. Coiste na dTuismitheoirí Caitliceacha
23. Ionad Oideachais Naomh Bhreandáin
24. Gairmscoil Bhríde
25. Coláiste Naomh Raphael