



Ideas for thanking your volunteers.

- Highlight their impact: Share success stories and testimonials from athletes, families, and the community, emphasizing how their dedication has made a positive difference.
- Send in photos to Special Olympics Ireland for the Ezine so that your club volunteers and their stories are highlighted. If you have social media post these photos with permission on your club channels.
- Training and development opportunities: Offer opportunities for professional development or training, showing that their commitment is valued and that you are invested in their growth. Special Olympics are always running courses that volunteers can avail of to upskill.
- Community involvement: Involve the volunteers in decision-making processes and invite them to participate in club activities or meetings, making them feel like valued members of the club.
- Continuous feedback and support: Provide ongoing support, feedback, and resources to ensure that the volunteers feel empowered and appreciated throughout their journey with the club.
- Nominate some of the volunteers for the SOI Annual Volunteer Awards. The club will receive notification of when nominations open in May/June. You can also use these nominations to nominate a volunteer for the Volunteer Ireland volunteer awards.
- Simply saying thank you at the end of the sessions is enough for people to feel valued.