

News Release



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Local Radio Station of the Year, Radio Kerry, scoops 9 National Radio Awards

Radio Kerry has been awarded the accolade of Local Radio Station of the Year for the third time in six years at the 2010 PPI National Radio Awards. Weeshie Fogarty was also named Sports Broadcaster of the Year, and the Kerrywide programme presented by Sean Hurley won the Specialist Speech category.

Radio Kerry took home a total of nine awards at the PPI National Radio Awards, competing against national stations in all individual categories. The awards included Local Station of the Year, as well as two Gold Awards, two Silver and four Bronze (full list attached).

The PPI judges' citation which accompanied the announcement of Local Station of the Year reads, "Radio Kerry has hugely competent presenters who deliver confident assured interviews. The station shows a strong sense of location combined with comedy and having fun".

Of Weeshie Fogarty the PPI judges said "A true character, with originality, high standards of commentary and boundless energy" while Sean Hurley's Kerrywide award was heralded with the words "Excellent, brought to life what could have been mundane, great theatre of the mind."

General Manager, Fiona Stack, said that all the staff at the station are very proud of the Awards. She also paid special tribute to Radio Kerry's listeners, contributors and advertisers who make an enormous contribution to making Radio Kerry "The Voice of the Kingdom".

The PPI National Radio Awards celebrated 10 years this year. During this time Radio Kerry has been nominated 43 times across a variety of categories and has received 26 awards including nine Gold, eight Silver and nine Bronze.

Radio Kerry's sister station, Shannonside/ Northern Sound, also won Gold in the News Story Category, and Silver in the Sports Story category.

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Attached: Details of this years awards

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2 Golds

Weeshie Fogarty - Sports Broadcaster of the Year

Sean Hurley, Kerrywide - Specialist Speech Programme

2 Silver

Short Feature - The Shrone Project - JJ O Shea and children at Shrone National School

Drama - Tom Crean and the Terra Nova Expedition by Daithi Mc Mahon

4 Bronze

Sports Programme - The Greatest Day Series - Joe O Mahony and the sports dept

Special Speech Programme - The Saturday Supplement - Frank Lewis

Drama - The Levellers - Daithi Mc Mahon

Station Imaging - John Herlihy and FAS students