**IMMEDIATE RELEASE: <INSERT DATE>**

**<INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION’S NAME> CALLS ON ALL LOCAL AND EUROPEAN ELECTION CANDIDATES TO SIGN THE COMMUNITY MATTERS PLEDGE IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

Local charity, voluntary organisation/community organisation/social enterprise <INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION’ NAME> is calling on all candidates running in the local and European elections to show their support for local charities, community and voluntary groups and social enterprises by signing the Community Matters pledge.

The pledge is part of the Community Matters campaign, which celebrates the positive impact nonprofit organisations have on the day-to-day lives of people in every community across Ireland. The Wheel, Ireland’s national association of charities, community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises, is coordinating the campaign.

Community and voluntary groups and charities are at the heart of every community across Ireland and often support and advocate for the most vulnerable in society. It is vitally important that these voices are heard and listened to in the upcoming elections.

In our local community, <INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION’S NAME> organisation supports/advocates for/works with/on the issue of <INSERT DETAILS>.

The campaign aims to highlight how local and European elected representatives can better support the work nonprofit organisations like <INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION’S NAME> do and to elevate the voices of the people they support.

Candidates are asked to sign the pledge online at [www.wheel.ie/elections](http://www.wheel.ie/elections) and to publicly support Community Matters by using the #valuecommunity hashtag so the people in our communities can prioritise the candidates that prioritise them.

For more info on<INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION’S NAME> organisation visit INSERT YOUR WEBSITE ADDRESS OR OTHER CONTACT DETAILS>

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**For more information on the Community Matters Campaign contact Gert Ackermann at The Wheel on 086 176 9287 or for more information on <INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION’S NAME> contact <INSERT YOUR CONTACT DETAILS>.**