

# IRISH RED CROSS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Pat Hume will be honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Irish Red Cross Humanitarian Awards Ball on 24 November, in recognition of decades of public service, working alongside her husband John Hume from the start of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, continuing during the Troubles and right through to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

**W**ith 2018 marking the 20th

anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, the Irish Red Cross will recognise the role Pat Hume played in Derry and her wider contribution to the politics, which ultimately provided the basis for the Good Friday Agreement.

Now the primary carer for her husband John, who has been suffering with dementia for almost 20 years, she will accept the award at the Irish Red Cross Humanitarian Awards Ball at the Clayton Hotel on Burlington Road on Saturday 24 November next.

Running the operations on the ground and manning John's constituency office in Derry, Pat Hume met many young people caught up in the Troubles and dealt with issues presented to her by thousands who were encountering housing problems, social security issues and health and education concerns.

She sacrificed her first career as a teacher to undertake this work; the Hume family home was a thoroughfare for journalists,

political visitors and diplomats, and she ran proceedings here too, while also taking care of a young family.

John travelled for much of his political work and Pat was his eyes and ears on the ground, keeping him briefed on political matters. This was all against a backdrop where the Hume family was often under threat; the car was tampered with and the family home was firebombed and vandalised. These were threats Pat often dealt with alone while John was working away.



Pictured at the launch for the Irish Red Cross Humanitarian Awards, which will take place in the Clayton Hotel on 24 November were (l-r): Liam O'Brien, Director of Strategy & External Affairs at Vodafone; Mary Rose Burke, CEO of Dublin Chamber of Commerce; Peter O'Halloran, Brigadier General of the Irish Defence Forces; Hannah McGee, Dean and Chief Academic Officer at RCSI; and Dr Niall Holohan, Chairman of the Arab Irish Chamber of Commerce.

**60TH PEACEKEEPING ANNIVERSARY**

The Red Cross will also bestow a very special honour on the Irish Defence Forces in recognition of the extraordinary humanitarian work of the men and women serving as peacekeepers overseas.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Ireland's first peacekeeping deployment in 1958. Since then Ireland has maintained the longest unbroken service on the front line of peace in Lebanon, with over 70,000 individual tours of duty completed.

In further recognition of this achievement, the Irish Red Cross invited Peter O'Halloran, Brigadier General with the Irish Defence Forces, to chair a panel of judges to adjudicate the Humanitarian Awards.

He will be joined by Julie Sinnamon, CEO of Enterprise Ireland, Mary Rose Burke, CEO Dublin Chamber, Dr Niall Holohan, Chairman of the Arab Irish Chamber of Commerce, Liam O'Brien, Director of Strategy & External Affairs at



Derry Gray, Partner at BDO, pictured at the launch of the Irish Red Cross Humanitarian Awards 2018.



Julie Sinnamon, CEO of Enterprise Ireland, pictured at the launch of this year's Irish Red Cross Humanitarian Awards.

Vodafone, Derry Gray, Partner in BDO, and Prof Hannah McGee, Dean and Chief Academic Officer at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (RCSI).

**HUMANITARIAN IMPACT**

Brigadier General Peter O'Halloran, who has served ten tours of duty overseas, said he has witnessed the work of the International Red Cross in armed conflict zones. "They have delivered better living conditions for the less well-off and where the Red Cross demonstrated, at all times, respect for International Humanitarian Law," he added.

This year's awards ceremony will again recognise those who have had a humanitarian impact on the lives of others through volunteering, or fundraising and will highlight the efforts of those who have given a voice to humanitarian issues.

Award categories include the Humanitarian of the Year, Corporate Impact, Student Humanitarian, Journalism Excellence, and Innovation for Change. The Lifetime Achievement Award and the Irish Defence Forces Honour are predetermined categories.

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