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# Galway producers' recipe for success

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A dozen of Galway finest eateries and food producers have made the shortlist as finalists in the prestigious Good Food Ireland 20th Anniversary Awards 2026.

Celebrating 20 years of recognising excellence in Irish food, drink, hospitality and culinary tourism, the Awards shine a spotlight on the outstanding businesses, producers and people who champion local Irish produce and help make Ireland a world-class food and tourism destination.

And Galway is well represented across the 23 categories.

Ashford Castle Estate is nominated for 5 Star Irish Hospitality Experience of the Year ansd the Sustainable Culinary Tourism Award, and both the Lodge at Ashford Castle and Delphi Lodge are shortlisted for top Hospitality and Culinary Experience.



Shortlisted...Aniar Restaurant.

Kylemore Abbey is shortlisted for Café Restaurant Experience of the Year, as is POTA in Indreabhan, which is also nominated for the Sustainable Culinary Tourism Award.

Irish Culinary Tourism Experience Award nominees include Aran Islands Goat's Cheese, Inis Mór; the Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Experience in Ballyconneely, and Leahy Beekeeping in the Sliabh Aughty Mountains which is also shortlisted for Best Sweet & Savory Producer.

Aran Island Goat Cheese, Inis Mór, makes the cut for Sustainable Irish Food & Drink Producer of the Year, and the Connemara Smokehouse is nominated for Fish & Seafood Producer.

Food Lovers' Choice Award nominees for the Wild Atlantic Way include Brigit's Garden Café in Rosscahill; Kylemore Abbey Restaurant & Café; Glenlo Abbey Hotel & Estate, and Cashel House Hotel, while Lignum in Bullaun makes the list for Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

And Aniar - Redefining Place-Led Dining is among the nominess for the Irish Culinary Tourism Innovation Award.

The winners will be announced at the Gala Awards Ceremony on November 16, alongside special honours including Irish Food & Hospitality Ambassador of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The evening will also see the presentation of the Overall Irish Producer of the Year, selected from the Producer Award winners, and the Supreme Award of the Year, the highest accolade of the Good Food Ireland Awards.