Acufade, Fundación Ecca Social and Coordicanarias are winners of Fundación Moeve's 2026 Social Value Awards in the Canary Islands

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- **The award-winning initiatives focus on the elderly, migration, and people with functional diversity**

The Association of Caretakers, Family Members and Friends of People with Dependency, Alzheimer's and Other Dementias (Acufade), Ecca Social Foundation, and Coordinator of People with Physical Disabilities of the Canary Islands (Coordicanarias) have been awarded Fundación Moeve's 2026 Social Value Awards in the Islands. The winning projects aim to recognize and promote social initiatives that focus on the elderly, migrants, and people with functional diversity, respectively.

The winning organizations, selected from a total of 48 applications submitted in this edition, will share a total of €74,000 to implement their projects, which they must carry out over the next year. According to the calculations provided by the three entities, it is estimated that 590 people in the Canaries will benefit directly, and they will reach 1,920 people indirectly.

Candelaria Delgado, Minister for Social Welfare, Equality, Youth, Children and Families of the Government of the Canary Islands, chaired the jury. She was joined by the High Commissioner of Parliament, **Lola Padrón**; the Minister for Social Action, Citizen Participation, Volunteering and Inclusion of the Government of Tenerife, **Águeda Fumero**; the Minister for Social Policy, Accessibility, Equality and Diversity of the Government of Gran Canaria, **Isabel Mena**; the Minister for Social Action and President of IMAS of the City Council of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, **Charín González** (represented in the vote by Leopoldo Benjumea); the Minister for the Area of Social Welfare, Equality, Care and Health of the City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, **Carmen Luz Vargas**; and the head of the Tenerife Isla Solidario program, **Beatriz Sicilia**. The jury also included **Mónica Hernández**, who represented Moeve professionals, and the head of Fundación Moeve in the Canary Islands, **Belén Machado**.

The president of the jury, Candelaria Delgado, stated that "participating in the decision-making about who receives these awards is a tremendous responsibility, because the projects are all of a high level of quality, because all of them are carried out by organizations that we know have a solid track record, and because they are aimed at sectors that are a priority in social policies. I'd like to note the strongest impression they all made: the talent in social innovation is extraordinary. And I would like, once again, to thank Fundación Moeve, not only

for providing essential support to these initiatives, but for doing so by involving the company's workers, planting in them the volunteering seed. Thanks to these actions the support network is even denser, more sustainable, and more empathetic."

For her part, Belén Machado highlighted the consolidation of these awards, which turn 22 this year and "which each year receive higher quality, better defined projects, with content and objectives that continue to surprise us very positively. They are increasingly elaborate initiatives, reflecting the commitment of social organizations to continue to make progress in the care and support of very diverse groups. Therefore, we'd like to congratulate the 48 organizations that submitted their candidacies in the Canary Islands this year and, in a very special way, the three winners."

"The support we want to offer them from Fundación Moeve goes far beyond the financial contribution," she emphasized. "We want to recognize their work, help give them the greatest visibility possible, and continue bringing them closer to the Moeve professionals who have participated as sponsors, creating bonds and relationships that enrich both parties. In fact, these relationships result in new opportunities for collaboration, such as corporate volunteering initiatives. The mutual knowledge generated through the awards allows us to maintain a close and lasting relationship with the organizations and continue exploring new ways of supporting them."

Winning projects

The jury decided to recognize **Acufade** for its project **"Moeve the Senses: Immersive Experiences to Stimulate, Connect, and Care."** Sponsored by **Cristo Castillo**, it aims to improve the well-being and cognitive stimulation of elderly people, especially those with cognitive impairment, through immersive, personalized sensory experiences connected to their memories and Canarian culture.

The **Ecca Social Foundation** will be able to make its initiative **"With You"** a reality. This project is focused on promoting the social and labor integration of young migrants through training, support, and access to green job opportunities. The organization was sponsored by **Evelyne Jiménez**.

And **Coordicanarias** has won another 2026 Social Value Award with its project **"Own Voice,"** sponsored by **Vicente Martínez**. It aims to improve the technological recognition of speech from people with disabilities by creating a corpus of atypical voices in Spanish, thereby contributing to the development of more accessible and inclusive communication tools.

Over the years, the Social Value Awards have received 939 projects in the Canary Islands, 83 of which have been winners to date, with an allocation totaling €936,000.

Globally, in the various areas where the awards have been held since their creation in 2005, they have recognized 536 social initiatives, with a contribution exceeding €5.8 million. This year they were held in the Canary Islands, Huelva, and Campo de Gibraltar.

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