

Community Nursing Innovation Programme

Information for Project Leaders





The Queen’s Nursing Institute (QNI) is a national charity that supports nurses to deliver best nursing care to individuals, carers, families, and communities.

Nurse-led projects are one of the most direct ways in which the QNI helps nurses improve patient care. Since 1990, the QNI has funded over 300 innovative projects across the whole range of community nursing specialties and has built an excellent reputation for providing support and sharing the results with community nurses nationally through professional networks, conferences and publications.

Leading a project with the QNI

Leading a project with the QNI builds confidence, challenges and enhances practice, builds resilience, and develops resourcefulness through creatively solving problems. Projects also provide the opportunity to network nationally and learn from others. QNI project leads have gone on to be shortlisted for and won national awards and present their work at QNI conferences, showcasing their achievements.

QNI projects are designed to have a Quality Improvement focus, to enhance the quality of nursing interventions leading to improved services, education, and resources.

Success measures

- 65% of QNI funded projects become part of mainstream services.
- Projects have a direct impact on people in the target group, by involving and engaging them in their care.
- QNI project leads are often nominated, short listed and are successful in winning national awards.
- QNI project leads use the experience to progress their careers and showcase their work with colleagues and peers.

Who can apply?

Any nurse working in the community, primary care or social care in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man can be a project lead. We are passionate about working with any person who wants to have an impact on service improvement in their organisation, for the benefit of individuals and communities. Project leaders must have the financial and managerial support of their employer. Employers fund the project



itself, and the QNI support for you as project leader. This includes workshops, using impact and outcome measures to demonstrate value and success, and creative thinking to expand on ideas and focus on the areas that matter most. Site visits are also carried out by experienced QNI staff. We also help you develop artwork and key messages for your project's marketing materials, posters and presentations.

How much does it cost?

The QNI fee to support a project is £5000 and the organisation also needs to commit to investing up to £5000 in the project, depending on what equipment and materials are needed. We recommend that the budget is held by the QNI, as we can support you to be flexible and creative in purchasing the most appropriate and economical materials, without going through a lengthy procurement process.

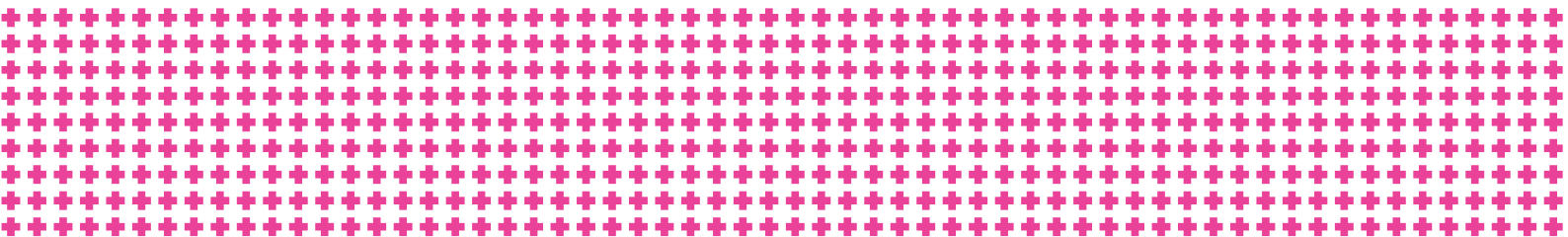
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To discuss your ideas and the opportunities available please contact Dr Amanda Young in the first instance: amanda.young@qni.org.uk . We are also happy to speak to your employing organisation or manager about any aspect of the programme.

“ It has been an amazing experience in all aspects of my professional and personal life. I have noted my resilience, my ability to regroup and bounce back which has been a lesson well learnt.
Former innovation project lead

“ It is very easy to decline opportunities such as this CNIP project due to the competing pressures of other work and the effort required to deliver it, however, the whole project team is proud of the support we have offered and the challenges we have overcome to deliver good quality outcomes.
Former innovation project lead

“ On a personal level, being able to see what the members of the project team have achieved for the families has been incredibly inspiring.
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