



Elevator Award for Innovation in Dementia 2016

The Dementia Elevator team wish to reward an initiative or project that contributes in a meaningful and significant way to the everyday lives of people living with dementia, therefore we are pleased to invite applications for the **third Elevator Award for Innovation in Dementia!**

The Elevator Award for Innovation in Dementia will be awarded to a project that plays a role in improving the quality of life of people with dementia, their caregivers, loved ones, and/or health professionals working in dementia care. Applicants across all settings including (but not limited to) home, community, arts, technology, business and healthcare are invited to apply. The successful applicant will receive **€1,000 in prize money** to help develop a dementia related project or expand an existing project in a novel way.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 26th of August 2016**. The winner will be awarded their prize at the Dementia Elevator End of Project Exhibition in The Helix, Dublin City University on the 20th of September 2016.

Selection criteria

We are looking for an innovative health care initiative, product, service or system that contributes in a meaningful and positive way to the lives of people with dementia and their caregivers, family, friends and/or professional caregivers. This could be;

- To upscale an existing project, service, initiative or system
- An application from another field applied to the dementia sector, or
- An idea that has had some small scale pilot testing in the dementia sector.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the feasibility of the initiative in the dementia context. Applicants must be resident in Ireland.

Applications that meet the following criteria are likely to have the highest chance of success;

- The project/initiative will make a significant contribution in the dementia context in one or more of the following areas
 - Coping with everyday life
 - Improving quality of life
 - Quality of care
 - Access to care
 - Increased efficiency
- Cost-effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Timescales: project targets and dissemination achievable within a reasonable timescale (depending on the nature of the innovation).

The award sub-committee along with external evaluators will collate and assess all applications. Shortlisted applicants will then be notified. Shortlisted projects will also be highlighted on the Dementia Elevator website and short listed applicants will be invited to submit project content for a poster exhibition at the award ceremony.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria.

Impact 1-10

How will the project impact on the lives of people with dementia, caregivers, family, friends, professional carers?

Achievability 1-10

How achievable is the project aim? What is the timescale for the project targets?

Sustainability 1-10

How will sustainability of the project be ensured? Cost effectiveness will also be taken into account.

Level of Innovation 1-10

Has this project been developed before? What makes this project creative and novel?

For some inspiration, why not have a look on the Elevator website at last year's runners up and winners ? <http://dementiaelevator.ie/blog/2015/12/13/dementia-elevator-innovation-award-ceremony-2015/>

How to apply

If you would like to apply for the Elevator Innovation Award in Dementia, please fill in the application form and email it as an attachment to

ann-marie.coen@dcu.ie (preferred)

Or send to

Ann-Marie Coen
School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Dublin City University
Glasnevin
Dublin 9

If you are unable to use a computer please call Kirsty Rickard, Elevator's project administer at 01 700 5018, who will assist you in entering the competition. The closing date for applications is **Friday 26th of August 2016**. Incomplete or late applications will not be eligible.