



Update March 2021

Spark Ignite Competition

HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite Innovation Competition 2021 now open seeking HSE “bright spark” ideas to improve patient care and healthcare outcomes. The Spark Innovation Programme, Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI), the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the National Health and Social Care Professions Office (HSCP), the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD), and National Doctor Training and Planning (NDTP) have now announced the launch of the third HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite Innovation Competition.



This one-of-a-kind competition is seeking innovative ideas from the 115,000+ HSE employees aiming to improve patient and healthcare outcomes. HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite is open to all disciplines and departments within the HSE, enabling staff to develop their ideas through validation of clinical need and to determine the market for their proposed solution, product, or service. Successful applicants will also receive guidance on how to bring their ideas towards reality.

Applications are straight forward, submitted via an online portal on www.hih.ie.

The call will close on 25 March 2021.

For more information please visit: <https://hih.ie/engage/hse-hihi-spark-ignite-2021/>

Fellowship in Innovation and Change

The HSE is now inviting applications for the Fellowship in Innovation and Change commencing in July 2021. The Innovation Fellowship presents an exciting opportunity for an NCHD to develop their leadership and managerial skills. The purpose of the Innovation Fellowship is to give an NCHD the opportunity to lead and shape the Spark Programme. This will be done in collaboration with the National QI Team, NDTP and other stakeholders.

Check out the full application guide at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/fellowship-in-innovation-change-2021-applicant-s-guide.pdf>



Spark Seed Funding

Spark Seed Funding is an initiative where NCHDS, Nurses & Midwives and HSCP's can apply for micro-funding and other supports for innovative projects that will improve our health service.

Applications for individual and group projects opening Friday, 5th March!

We welcome ideas for a range of innovations, from process improvements to the introduction of new devices. Preference is given to smaller projects which are feasible, bring value your service and have the potential to be scaled up. Funding is awarded on a once-off basis.

Spark Seed Funding has previously been used to support:

- Printing of referral forms, pro formas and quick reference guides
- Workshops for healthcare staff (including trainees) and students
- Educational materials for patients and healthcare providers
- Wellbeing events and initiatives
- Purchase of new software or medical devices

There are three steps involved in Spark Seed Funding:

- Online application
- Design Thinking workshop
- Pitch Presentation

Due to the popularity of Seed Funding, invitation to our workshops is competitive. Attendance at a workshop is mandatory to receive funding but doesn't guarantee that funding will be offered.

Design on the Frontline

Design on the Frontline is an open call to the design & innovation community for ideas to some of our most pressing healthcare challenges.

Our frontline staff are currently facing intense new challenges and Covid-19 has exposed cracks in many of our existing services and processes. Our healthcare system and our people are under pressure. In response, we have created Design on the frontline - a national call to the design and innovation community for help. We believe that bringing design and healthcare closer together could offer an incredible opportunity to tackle current challenges and shape where we go next.

We see Design on the Frontline as a way to explore, demonstrate and highlight this opportunity and bring new ideas and fresh thinking when we need them most.



All entries must be submitted through the call website before 11:59 pm on March 22nd.

For more information, please visit:

www.DesignOnTheFrontline.com

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