

Neurological Alliance of Ireland Innovation Award 2010

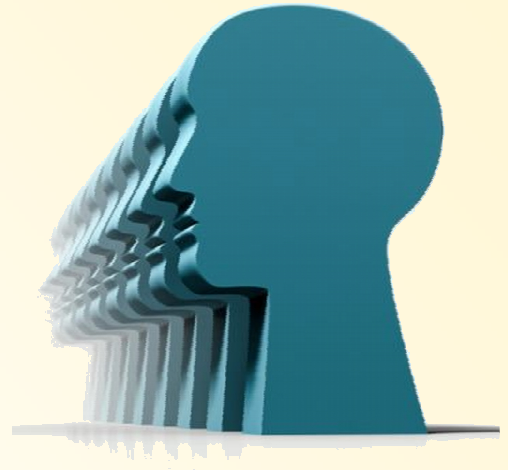
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Brain Awareness Week 2010

Each year in March, the Neurological Alliance of Ireland (NAI), an umbrella group of charities working with people with neurological conditions organises Brain Awareness Week. The aim of the Week is to highlight issues of joint interest to NAI member groups to target audiences such as policy makers, healthcare professionals, the media and the general public.

In 2010, Brain Awareness Week runs from the 8th to 13th March and the theme is **Services for People with Neurological Conditions in Ireland: Innovations and Solutions.**

This theme recognises the challenges facing the country, in particular the health service and aims to promote "thinking outside the box" in neurological conditions, by highlighting the importance of innovation and the role patient groups and healthcare providers can play in delivering innovative solutions.



The NAI Innovation Award 2010

To promote the theme of innovation, the NAI in association with Medtronic will present an Innovation award as part of Brain Awareness Week 2010. The award will recognise outstanding achievement in the development and/ or delivery of innovative solutions that have improved (or which have the potential to improve) the quality of life of people living with a neurological condition in Ireland.

Entry is open to anyone working in the area of neurological conditions in Ireland (including but not exclusive to NAI member groups, health professionals, public or private organisations, academics and researchers). A maximum of three entries may be submitted by any one organisation or group.

The award will be made to the project which in the opinion of the judges has made the most significant innovation in neurological service delivery.

Award Criteria

Entrants should show how the work being submitted displays outstanding achievement in the development and/ or delivery of innovative solutions that have improved/ have the potential to improve quality of life for people living with a neurological condition in Ireland.

In particular, entrants should show evidence of the following:

- A new service, new use of technology or a novel approach to delivering services for people with neurological conditions.
- Demonstrate that the work can lead to long term benefits for people with neurological conditions & their families.
- Demonstrate that their work is transferrable to other healthcare environments (within or outside the neurological area)

Submitting an entry

Each entrant must complete the entry form (overleaf). A separate entry form must accompany each entry.

This should be submitted along with a typed outline in no more than 1000 words of the work being submitted (four copies). The outline should include information under the following headings:

Title of the Work

Introduction. A brief outline (50 words) of the work

Description. Describe the work in more detail including clear aims & objectives, duration, development and implementation. You should also state how the work fits the award criteria.

Benefits/outcomes. Outline the specific results/benefits/outcomes of this project, how these were evaluated and highlight any future plans. Please also outline if/ how the prize fund could be used to develop this project further.

Support materials that will help the judges assess your entry may also be submitted (four copies). Support material may include leaflets, publications, posters, videos, DVDs, CDs, study results, scientific papers etc.

Closing date

The closing date for receipt of completed entries is 12 noon, Friday January 22nd. Entries should be sent to: NAI Innovation Award 2010, Neurological Alliance of Ireland, Coleraine House, Coleraine Street, Dublin 7.

Winners

One overall winner will receive the award and a prize of €2,000 for the non-profit organisation or institution of their choice. The winner will also have the opportunity to present details of their work at the NAI's Brain Awareness Conference on March 9th in the Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin.

Three runners-up will also present their entry at the conference. Winners, runners-up and a selection of commended entries will also be invited to submit a poster for display at the conference.



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Entry Form

A copy of this entry form must accompany each submission.

Title of work being submitted:

Organisation/ Institution:

Contact person:

Position:

Contact Telephone Email:

My nominee non-profit organisation/ institution should I win the cash prize:

Declaration

This entry form should be signed on behalf of the organisation/ institution which is being submitted for this award.

I/we wish to enter for the NAI Innovation Award 2010. I/we confirm that all the information set out in the attached submission and in the supporting material (if any) is correct. I confirm that I have read and agree with the terms and conditions (below)

Signed: Date:

Entry Checklist

Please ensure that the following items are included with your entry:

- Signed entry form (above)
- Four copies of the typed project outline (1000 words max)
- Four sets of any support materials you wish to include

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More Information

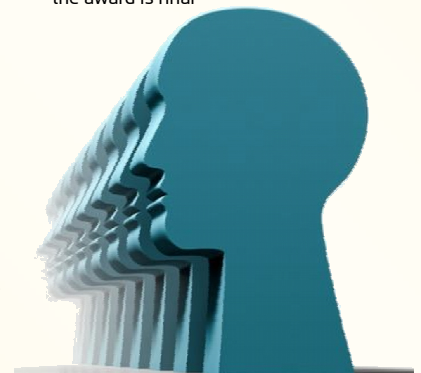
For further information on any aspect of the NAI Innovation Award 2010, contact : Mags Rogers, NAI Development Officer 01 8724120
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Terms & Conditions

1. Each entry must be no longer than 1000 words, typed on A4 using a font size no smaller than size 10.
2. Four stapled copies of the entry along with four copies of supporting materials must accompany each submission.
3. There is no fee for entry into the awards.
4. Nominations must be received by no later than 12 noon on Friday 22nd January 2009. Late entries will not be considered. Valid entries will be acknowledged by return.
5. A significant proportion of the work being entered must have taken place between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2009. The work must have taken place in Ireland
6. By entering, entrants agree to be available to attend and possibly make a 10-minute presentation at the Brain Awareness Week conference on March 9th in Dublin.
7. Entrants also agree that by entering, they are willing to produce a poster for display if requested at the Brain Awareness Week conference on March 9th.
8. Entrants consent to participate in publicity around this award scheme if required, which may include participating in interviews and being photographed for publication.
9. Any information or material submitted by entrants will be deemed not to be confidential, secret or proprietary unless otherwise stated on the application form.
10. Entrants agree that any information or materials submitted, may be used, reproduced and disclosed by NAI. Sources will be acknowledged.
11. NAI shall have no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage suffered by entrants as a result of entry into this awards scheme.
12. Materials that are submitted on CD-rom/DVD or in print will not be returned to the sender after the competition.
13. The overall prize will be made to a non-profit organisation or institution directly involved in providing services or supports to people with neurological conditions and their families (e.g. charity, hospital, research group etc) which has been nominated by the entrant on the application form. The cash prize will not be awarded directly to an individual.
14. Canvassing of the judges will result in immediate disqualification.
15. Send all entries by post to NAI Innovation Award 2010, Neurological Alliance of Ireland, Coleraine House, Coleraine Street, Dublin 7.
16. NAI reserves the right to add to or change these terms and conditions.
17. The judges' decision on all matters relating to the award is final



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