

The National Network for Learning Disability Nurses Award 2007



The Foundation of Nursing Studies
is kindly supporting this years award



Entries are accepted until 27th April 2007

Overall aims of the NNLDN Award:

- To reward learning disability nurses who are working in innovative, person-centred ways
- To improve the experience of healthcare for service users
- To enhance the role of the NNLDN in sharing good practice ideas

Applications are invited from nurses and other healthcare professionals who are NNLDN members and who are engaged in innovative practice developments that clearly demonstrate:

- person-centred care
- how the process of change and/or implementation will be facilitated and sustained
- positive outcomes for people with learning disabilities
- the active involvement of service users

To apply for the NNLDN award you must be a NNLDN member but a nurse must be a member of the team. However, all those working in learning disabilities are welcome to join the network free of charge. For more information about joining, please visit our website at: www.nnldn.org.uk

All proposals must have been approved and supported by the applicant's Nurse Director, Chief Nurse or equivalent and where relevant evidence of ethics committee approval must be provided.

The prize money **will not** be awarded to fund:

- Original research studies
- Travel or study grants
- Staff posts
- Conferences, workshops and seminars
- The purchase and/or development of resources and equipment alone
- Completed projects

Allocation of the Prize Funds

The total prize fund for this award is £1000. This will be allocated according to merit which may include a presentation and the decision of the judging panel is final. The winning entry will also be given a free place to collect the award this year, and present it at next year's conference.

Guidelines for the Award Proposal & Submission

Title Page/Entry form	This is an essential part of the application, please use or adapt the template provided. All applications <u>must</u> have the approval of the Director of Nursing or equivalent.
Rationale	Reasons for undertaking the project including how it will improve the quality of life for people with learning disability.
Background Literature	A concise and specific review of the relevant evidence the project is based on. This can include research, patient preference, guidelines etc.
Project Plan	An outline of what the project involves. This should include the processes that will be used to facilitate implementation of evidence or changes in practice, the perceived/anticipated barriers to change and the strategies that will be used to overcome them.
Evaluation	An outline of the anticipated outcomes of the project and clear details of how these will be measured/evaluated.
Timescales	Length of time for each phase of the project and activities involved.
Funding	A detailed outline of how award money would be spent.
Dissemination Plan	How you intend to publicise and spread information about the project and its outcomes. <u>NB. All winners will be expected to submit a report and be asked to present this at a future NNLDN Conference</u>
References	Include all literature referred to and/or relevant to the proposal using an appropriate referencing system.
Appendices	Brief, essential additional information may be included.
Word Limit	The proposal must be no more than 1000 words.
Presentation	Proposals must be typed using double-spacing on numbered, single sides of A4 paper. Paper clip the proposal together and do not include your name on each page. <u>Please do not staple, bind or use presentation folders.</u>

Entries will only be accepted if they are presented and structured according to these guidelines and include a completed entry form.

Send entries to:

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The closing date is the 27th April 2007 . No entries will be accepted after this date.

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Award 2007

ENTRY FORM

1. Title of Award Proposal:.....
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2. Name of Applicant(s) & Job title(s): (if a group application, a project leader should be identified)
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Name of Nurse Involved:

Signature of applicant/Project Leader:.....

Contact Address:.....
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..... **Postcode:**.....
Telephone No:..... **Email:**.....

3. At least one applicant is a NNLDN member:
 Yes

4. Name & Job Title of Person Approving the Application: i.e. Director of Nursing
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Signature:.....

Contact Address:.....
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Telephone No:..... **Email:**.....

5. Ethics Committee Approval Sought: Yes/No (delete as appropriate & provide additional information/approval letter in the proposal appendix)

6. A brief overview or abstract

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NB. It is essential that this information be completed in full by hand or reproduced on a PC/ word-processor.