



Spark Ignite



HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite Competition 2021

Launching 15th February 2021
Open to all HSE staff

Do you have a solution that will have a real impact on the patient and/or the healthcare system? HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite would like to hear from you.

About HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite

The HSE, Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI), Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD), National Health and Social Care Professions Office (HSCP), and National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) are delighted to announce the third HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite Innovation Competition. It is the only staff facing, bottom up, innovation competition available to the 115,000+ HSE employees.

Its mission is to facilitate HSE staff to validate unmet clinical needs and determine if a market exists for their proposed solution, product, or service to meet that need. The goal of the competition is to help staff in the health service develop solutions to challenges faced by healthcare providers and patients.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES AND DEPARTMENTS

A continued partnership between the Health Innovation Hub, the National Doctors Training and Planning, the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Service Director, with the welcomed addition of the National Health and Social Care Professions Office, recognises the value of the healthcare staffs'

contribution, experience, and insight in developing solutions to unmet needs within healthcare.

Who can apply?

HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite is open to all disciplines and departments nationally within the HSE. Its mission is to enable HSE staff to bring their ideas for improvements towards reality. A national remit will allow more opportunities for people to test their ideas and vie for funding.

Regional and National

This year's HSE-HIHI Spark Ignite is a national event divided into three regional areas with an opportunity to pitch for funding at either the Galway, Cork or Dublin regional final. A national final will take place afterwards between the regional winners.

How do I apply?

Applications are simple and straight forward submitted via our online portal at www.hih.ie. Successful applicants will benefit from a bespoke healthcare focused innovation workshop delivered by experts to hone their idea and proceed to pitch.



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What will the winners receive?

The winners of the competition will be given funding to further develop their ideas and will receive on-going support and mentorship from Health Innovation Hub Ireland.

Regional – Three Finals	
Winner Individual Prize	€3,000
Winner Team Prize	€3,000
Three Runner Up Prizes	€1,000
National – One Final	
Two Prizes	€2,000

A “Dragons’ Den” Pitch – Making your idea a reality

The pitches will take place as an evening event in the style of “Dragons’ Den” before an experienced panel of judges. This initiative not only provides funding for good ideas but delivers the training and mentorship required to move those ideas towards reality.

Closing date

Applications will close on:
25th March 2021

Information available on:
www.hih.ie

Email: **info@hih.ie**

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HIH Spark Ignite **Cork** Regional Final Winners

Right: Best Individual Pitch: Norma Caples, CNS/RNP Heart Failure, University Hospital Waterford. **Far right:** Best Team Pitch (l-r): Dr Lyndsey Paul; Dr Catriona Gallagher; Anita Flynn. (l-r): Dermatology Consultant; Dermatology Specialist Registrar; Dermatology Staff Nurse in UHW.



HIH Spark Ignite **Dublin** Regional Final Winners

Right: Best Individual Pitch: Siobhán Ryan, Medical Student, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. **Far right:** Best Team Pitch (l-r): Alison Harper; Helena Begley; Fergus Guilfoyle. (l-r): Chief Medical Scientist, Tallaght University Hospital; Senior Medical Scientist, Naas General Hospital; Chief Medical Scientist, Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital.



HIH Spark Ignite **Galway** Regional Final Winners

Right: Best Individual Pitch: Helen Ryan, Senior Medical Scientist, University Hospital Galway. **Far right:** Best Team Pitch (l-r): Marie Ronan and Rose Cafferkey; Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist, Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist, Mayo University Hospital.



HIH Spark Ignite **National Final Winners**