



The Queen's
Nursing Institute

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Fund for Innovation 2009 opens for applications

The Queen's Nursing Institute has announced that its Fund for Innovation 2009 is now open for applications.

The Fund offers grants of up to £7,500, combined with a year long programme of professional development, to community nurses who want to make a difference to the lives of their patients and need support to get their idea off the ground.

The Fund seeks to support projects that will inspire others, promote shared learning and improve community nursing practice for the benefit of patients. Grants are available to all community nurses and midwives in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

Anne Pearson, Practice Development Manager said, "In 2008 the Fund has awarded grants to ten nurse led teams which are already benefiting from the financial and professional support that the Institute can provide."

Feedback to date has been very positive. One participant said, "The ... workshops were excellent, the best personal development/study days I've been on."

In addition to general grants for any area of work, as part of the Fund for Innovation the QNI also offers:

- The Maureen Acland Award for Research and Development for a project that will question and advance nursing practice.
- The QNI/Alzheimer's Society Excellence in Dementia Care Award
- The QNI/Association of British Paediatric Nurses Award
- The QNI/Community and District Nursing Association Award

The closing date for applications is January 26th 2009. Further information is available at www.qni.org.uk or by contacting Anne Pearson, Practice Development Manager, on 020 7549 1403 or anne.pearson@qni.org.uk .

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