



COMPETITION 2022

Launching 14th February

Open to all HSE staff

Do you have a solution that will have a real impact on the patient and/or the healthcare system?

Spark Ignite would like to hear from you

The HSE Spark Innovation Programme is delighted to announce 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.

The National Doctors Training and Planning, the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director and the National Health and Social Care Professions Office, recognise the value of healthcare staffs' contribution, experience and insight in developing solutions to unmet needs within healthcare. The partnership also recognises the expertise of the Local Enterprise Office in hosting innovation workshops for all the shortlisted candidates.

Who can apply?

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 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.hse.ie/spark

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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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.

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.

Regional : Three Finals

Individual Prize €1,000

Team Prize €3,000

Three Runner Up Prizes €1,000

National : One Final

Two Prizes €2,000

Closing date: 25th March 2022

Information available on:

www.hse.ie/spark

Email: spark@hse.ie

2021 Winners



Cork Regional Final Winners

Best Individual Pitch:

Aoife Collins

Senior Physiotherapist in Physiotherapy Department, Cork South Lee PCC.



Best Team Pitch:

Dr. Kevin Deasy

Respiratory SpR

Dr. Marcus Kennedy

Consultant Respiratory Physician and Interventional Pulmonologist In HSE/Cork University



Dublin Regional Final Winners

Best Individual Pitch:

Dr. Ramy Khojaly

Orthopaedic Clinical Lecturer and registrar, University Hospital Waterford/RCSI.



Best Team Pitch:

Sarah Louise Killeen

Registered Dietitian.

Prof. Fionnuala McAuliffe

Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist. National Maternity Hospital.



Galway Regional Final Winners

Best Individual Pitch:

Claire Ahern

Senior Radiographer, Breast Check West, Galway.



Best Team Pitch:

Edel Siney

Occupational Therapist.

Andy Byrne

Physiotherapist.

Brian O'Ceallaigh

Senior Physiotherapist HSE University Hospital Galway.