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EFID Call for Awards 2020 -

Spreading a legacy for the future

INTRODUCTION

The current crisis is affecting every individual in Europe and worldwide. People living with dementia are among the most affected by the consequences of the lockdown. EFID Awardees are in the first line to support people with dementia and their carers coping with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Besides the changes in the daily routine, the lack of stimulation and the drastic decrease in direct interactions, bring a rapid decline of their condition. Across Europe, local communities mobilised their assets to respond to the crisis and numerous locally-driven initiatives popped up. The organisations taking part in EFID have played a great role in fostering community actions and solidarity.

In 2020, the last round of EFID Awards aims to identify initiatives that have mobilised the resources in the local community to support people living with dementia during the confinement period. This call for awards can also serve to identify specific ways of approaching the isolation and self-containment so that these innovative practices spread the EFID legacy in the future years. EFID legacy consists in the key learnings on dementia gained through the previous awards, the studies conducted and the capacity development workshops held in the past years. Moreover, the EFID approach to inclusive community values all its members and helps them to meet their basic needs so that they can live with dignity, engage actively, and contribute to their community.

OBJECTIVES

EFID would like to support projects that originate from its cohort of awardees (from all previous editions), with a dual look: at the past (what has been accomplished during Covid-19 crisis) and also at the present/future to make an effort of capitalization and communication of the learnings.

The Call for Awards aims at:

1. Rewarding the EFID Awardees that reacted to the Covid-19 pandemic by putting in place actions to, among others:



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- Fight the isolation of people living with dementia at home and in nursing homes
 - Reduce the decline in the condition due to lack of stimulation
 - Defend the dignity and the right of self-determination of people with dementia
 - Improve the lives of informal (family) carers assisting their relatives with dementia at home
2. Supporting the EFID Awardees capable of spreading the EFID legacy beyond 2020 by reaching out to the local community (including policy makers, professionals, citizens, business..) and moving forward the EFID approach to inclusive communities¹.

The communication strategy should be developed depending on the priorities, knowledge and resources of the organisation within its community, following principles of equity and inclusion. Particular attention should be given to the involvement of people with dementia. To do so, EFID recommends to apply the monitoring & evaluation approaches as described in the EFID Toolkit for Planning, Reflection and Learning. The EFID Toolkit has been designed to support thinking in planning a project, in outlining ways in which awardees can track progress, and how they might learn, and help others learn, from their work.

¹ *How EFID defines an 'inclusive community'?*

An inclusive community values all its members and helps them to meet their basic needs so that they can live with dignity, engage actively, and contribute to their community.

Inclusive communities are welcoming to diverse groups of people, including, but not limited to, seniors, youth, children, migrants, people with disabilities, people experiencing mental health challenges, and low-income populations. Social inclusion can impact both the physical and mental health of community members, including their life expectancy, infant mortality rate, and mental health.

Inclusive communities provide the programs, resources, and infrastructure required for their constituencies/residents to thrive. Such communities consider the needs of these residents in their community planning and policy work. While some activities and programs may be planned for and appeal to one specific group, there are benefits for the whole community.

Inclusive communities build on the assets of their residents and foster the development of their talents and capacities with the aim of improving the wellbeing of all citizens.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

The Call for Awards is restricted to the organisations that have won an EFID Award in the past years. Interested organisations are asked to fill in the application form and submit it by 18th October 2020.

The EFID SC will select between 5 and 10 proposals. The budget available for the Awards is €60.000.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Best initiative to support people living with dementia during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Best approach to respect the dignity of people with dementia and their right to self-determination
- Strong communication abilities within its own context to disseminate EFID legacy

TIMELINE

Launch of the Call for Awards: 7th September 2020

Deadline to submit the application forms: 18th October 2020

Selection Committee: 26th October 2020

Announcement of the results: 1st November 2020

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