**Community Innovators Programme 2019**

**Expression of Interest Form**

Before completing this form please ensure you have reviewed the description of the Community Innovators Programme on the Community Foundation website and are satisfied that it is a good fit for you and your organisation. This includes being able to assemble a team of staff and/or volunteers with sufficient time availability and commitment to participate in the programme (see requirements list at end of this form, including a list of specific dates you must be available on).

The default physical location for the workshops will be WorkWest’s ThincLab in Belfast, however if demand is sufficient we will also run a cohort of workshops in Derry-Londonderry and may consider other locations at our discretion.

Your application will be scored based on the answers you provide to the questions in the application form. The maximum score is 60.

The deadline for applications is **4pm on Friday 27th September 2019** and you will be informed by Wednesday 2nd October whether we are in a position to offer you a place on the programme.

**Completed applications should be e-mailed to** **applications@communityfoundationni.org**

For any queries please contact Paul Braithwaite via pbraithwaite@communityfoundationni.org or 028 9040 8717

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Organisation Name (Lead):**

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**Type of organisation** (applicants must be constituted Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations; private sector/statutory bodies are not eligible to apply directly however can participate within a team led by a VCSE organisation)**:**

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**Company registration number (if any):**

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**Position within Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Names of any other organisations involved** (i.e. if representatives of any other organisations will be participating in your team please name those organisations here):

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**Q1. Tell Us What Your Organisation Does (400 Word Max.) - for information only, this question will not be scored:**

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**Q2. What is the challenge you would like to work on as part of the programme? Start your answer with a summary using no more than 50 words of what the problem is. (400 Word Max total) Max Score: 20**

We are looking for a description of a challenge that is neither too broad (i.e. it has so many elements that it will be very difficult to find a focus); nor too narrow (i.e. it ignores the wider societal context or leaves little room for fresh thinking). You should not refer to possible solutions to your challenge in response to this question. Challenges must clearly relate to a social, economic or environmental challenge facing communities in Northern Ireland, with challenges relating to one or more Draft Programme for Government outcomes (see [here](https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/publications/programme-government-framework-working-draft)) particularly welcome.

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| *50 word summary:* |

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| 350 word full description: |

**Q3. What solutions to this problem are out there already and why aren't they working? (300 Word Max) Max Score: 10:**

Tell us what work you and others have done to address this challenge to date, whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere. We would like to hear why these existing approaches have not worked and what you have learned from this that could help you identify new solutions.

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**Q4. What could the potential impact be of your participation in the programme – both in terms of your organisation and on the social issue you have highlighted – for example by, supporting people, building communities or shaping places? (400 Word Max) Max Score: 20**

In your response tell us who could potentially benefit from you identifying and delivering a new solution to this challenge and how. We would also like to know how your participation in the programme could support and fit with your organisation’s wider development and strategy.

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**Q5. Why do you believe you are best placed to tackle the issue you have highlighted? (200 Word Max) Max Score: 10:**

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**DECLARATION:**

**Please review the below requirements for participation in the Community Innovators programme, please complete the table to indicate your date preferences and tick the box at the end to indicate your awareness and acceptance of these conditions:**

1. Our senior management team (for large organisations) or Board (for smaller organisations) is aware of this application and is committed to supporting our team both through the process and in delivering the solution identified
2. We have identified 3 or 4 individuals connected with our organisation (staff members, volunteers, board members, beneficiaries or representatives of partner organisations) who are able to contribute the necessary time, both in attending the workshops and in undertaking research in between workshops.
3. I understand that all team members must attend all workshops and that failure to do so, other than in exceptional circumstances, will be taken into account in assessing any application to the Social Innovation Seed Fund at the conclusion of the programme.
4. The programme will be delivered in up to 3 cohorts with each cohort comprising a series of four workshops delivered on the dates below. If you are offered a place on the programme you must be available on all the dates within the specified cohort. Please indicate in the table below your rank order of preference in terms of the cohorts. We will make every effort to accommodate your preferences however can offer no guarantees and any offer of a place on the programme will be conditional on your availability to attend on the specified dates.

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| **Cohort** | **Rank order of preference (1 = highest preference; 3 = lowest preference)** |
| Cohort 1: Tuesday 8th October, Tuesday 22nd October, Wednesday 23rd October, Tuesday 12th November |  |
| Cohort 2: Tuesday 15th October, Tuesday 5th November, Wednesday 6th November, Tuesday 26th November |  |
| Cohort 3: Tuesday 19th November, Tuesday 3rd December, Wednesday 4th December, Tuesday 17th December |  |

**[ ]  I confirm we can meet the above requirements** (double click box > select ‘checked’ )