



Now Accepting Nominations for 2016 Infant Mental Health Awards!



PIPUK is pleased to announce that it is now accepting submissions for the first UK Infant Mental Health Awards, presented in honour of its Inaugural National Week on Infant Mental Health, June 9th 2016. Submission forms for the six award categories are now available at: www.pipuk.org.uk – Nominations must be received by 16th May 2016.

Responsive relationships with consistent primary caregivers help build positive attachments that support healthy social-emotional development. These relationships form the foundation of mental health for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

"Infant mental health" is defined as the healthy social and emotional development of a child from birth to 3 years; and a growing field of research and practice devoted to the:

- Promotion of healthy social and emotional development;
- Prevention of mental health problems; and
- Treatment of the mental health problems of very young children in the context of their families.

Zero to Three (2016) <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/early-childhood-mental-health/>

The categories for the Award Ceremony are as follows:

1. **Andrea Leadsom Award for Outstanding contribution to the field of Infant Mental Health:** For an exceptional, and inspirational individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of Infant Mental Health nationally.
2. **Analeaf Award for Infant Mental Health Services:** For an exceptional Infant Mental Health service provider, who has demonstrated positive practice, and has improved outcomes for both children and, their families.
3. **Infant Mental Health Practitioner:** For an exceptional Infant Mental Health practitioner who is innovative in his/her approach to the field of Infant Mental Health, and who continually delivers above, and beyond what is expected.
4. **Locality Award for Infant Mental Health Inclusion:** For a Locality / or Trust that has developed an integrated, and inclusive Infant Mental Health service to improve the lives of vulnerable infants, toddlers, and their families.
5. **Infant Mental Health Researcher:** For an individual researcher who has made a unique contribution to the growing body of knowledge thorough their research in the field of Infant Mental Health.
6. **People's Choice Award:** Nominations for this award will be made by an individual who has received support and / or treatment from an Infant Mental Health service provider they believe to be of exceptional quality, resulting in a positive experience, and improved wellbeing for their baby, toddler and/or family.

The awards are a key part of the first Infant Mental Health Awareness Week, accompanied by an exciting calendar of events with over 100 partner organisations participating. Our official Primary Partners for this week are; Public Health England (PHE), Royal College of Midwives (RCM), Institute of Health Visiting (iHV), CPHVA, and the Association of Infant Mental Health (AIMH). The award will recognise excellence in the field of Infant Mental Health, and showcase examples of best practice, and research.

Nominations close on 16th May 2016 – Save the date! Nominations will not be received after this date in order to ensure a fair process and will be facilitated by a selection panel.

Awards will be presented by a panel of high profile guests.

UK Infant Mental Health Awards 2016 - Application Form

Which Award category are you applying for?

1. Outstanding contribution to the field of Infant Mental Health
2. Infant Mental health Service
3. Infant Mental Health Practitioner
4. Locality Award for Infant Mental Health Inclusion
5. Infant Mental Health Researcher
6. People's Choice Award

Nominators contact details:

Name:

Position

Organisation

Address (include postcode)

Email address

Contact telephone number

Mobile telephone number

Application details:

Name of person/ Title of service:

Description of person or service, why you think they deserve this award and how they make a difference. Please describe examples of this:

Wider support for the person / service:

Please demonstrate how this person/ service works effectively with partner organisations to promote excellence in the field of Infant Mental Health:

Endorsement by senior member of organisation / external body:

Has your application been endorsed by a Senior Manager/ Board member or recognised external stakeholder? Please provide their name, contact details and email address:

Involvement of Service users:

If you do so, please show how you engage service users to shape and improve services in the field of Infant Mental Health

Evaluation:

Has your service been evaluated to see that it has made a difference? If so, please give details of when and by whom.

Commitment to dissemination:

Do you share your work with others? If so, tell us how, to demonstrate your commitment to sharing (include details of publications, conferences and dissemination through other media)

Is there any other information that you would like to add specific to the award category and criteria you are applying for?

All nominations received by midnight on the 16th May 2016 will be considered for these awards. You must ensure upon applying for these awards that you are able to attend the awards ceremony at the Early Potential conference in Westminster on Thursday 9th June. Tickets can be booked below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/investing-in-early-potential-the-first-1001-days-tickets-20370077450?aff=ebrowse>

Please send completed application forms to:

Post: Parent Infant Partnership (PIP) UK, IMH Awards Submission, 4 Spencer Parade, Northampton, NN1 5AA

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