

Infuse Innovative Future Services

Infuse Cohort 1 Registration Form Guidance

Programme dates: 18th October 2021 - 11th April 2022

Registration open 23rd August 2021 - 16th September 2021

Thank you for your interest in the Infuse programme.

This document sets out important information and guidance to support your registration on the programme. The registration form can be found here:

<https://airtable.com/shrWjvoGlXqXlpWNs>

About Infuse

Infuse is an innovation and research programme designed to build skills and capacity for innovative future public services across the Cardiff Capital Region. Infuse is supported by the European Social Fund through Welsh Government and is a collaboration between Cardiff University, Nesta, Y Lab, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Office (CCR) and the ten local authorities that make up the region, including Monmouthshire County Council as the lead partner. The programme will be built around opportunities to tackle real-life questions, driven by the biggest challenges faced by the region.

Infuse is working with local authority officers from across the Cardiff Capital Region to experiment with innovative ways of tackling challenges relating to two themes: accelerating decarbonisation and supportive communities.

Infuse partners and participants will identify a range of challenges or problems that are shared across the region. These might include decarbonisation, active travel, housing or social care. Using these shared challenges, we'll bring together cross-regional teams in each of the three skills areas to work towards solving a part of this challenge, using new tools and methods.

Teams will receive around six months of training and support in new skills, tools and methods to change the future of public service delivery for years to come; developing new innovation skills and capacity by tackling regional public service challenges. The programme will run until 2023, working with three cohorts of local authority and public sector workers from across the Cardiff Capital Region.

Join us 2 days a week for just over six months to explore practical solutions to the two themes..

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Registration window

The following timelines apply for the Infuse Cohort 1 call:

Date	Stage
23rd August 2021	Registration window open Support available from programme team during this stage to respond to questions or queries about participating
16th September 2021	Registration window closes Deadline for submission of application form 9am on 16th September 2021
20th September 2021	Confirmation of participation to successful registrants

Guidance on completing the application

Eligibility

We are looking for 50 participants from the 10 local authorities within the Cardiff City Region Deal area who are enthusiastic and committed to completing the Infuse programme journey. Staff from the following councils are eligible to register: *Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Newport and Cardiff*

We are looking to build a cohort of managers, leaders and future leaders who are problem solvers. The aim of Infuse is to build innovation expertise in Wales' public services and support new models of service delivery. Applicants should have a passion for experimentation, a good mix of some of the following skills and attitudes, and a willingness to develop the rest.

Desirable skills and attitudes:

- a. Working together: Understanding the value of teamwork, and ability to work well with others to deliver
- b. Leading change: Can make change happen, big or small
- c. Accelerating learning: Wants to learn and is self-motivated and committed
- d. Committed to promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in their work
- e. Open-minded and prepared to try out new things
- f. Supportive of others
- g. Keen to develop to their fullest potential
- h. Enthusiastic about building new relationships and
- i. Can devote up to 2 days a week to the programme

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Infuse Themes

As part of your registration you are asked which theme you would like to focus on;

1. Accelerating Decarbonisation: or
2. Supportive Communities

You may or may not have a strong preference at this stage for one theme over the other. This question is asked for information purposes, it does not affect your bid to join the programme.

What will happen next?

Following the registration window closure, the full set of registration forms will be reviewed. We will inform participants that have been successful in registering for a place on the programme on 20th September 2021

Infuse's Cohort 1 learning programme commences on 19th October 2021

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any of the above please contact Carys.lloyd@nesta.org.uk

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