Welcome!

Here’s your latest edition of the 1000 Lives Improvement Student and Educator Community newsletter. Packed full of stories, resources, news and events, this is your chance to stay in touch and find out what students across Wales have been doing to improve patient care.

Whether you’re just starting out on your improvement journey, or if you’ve been involved for years, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, develop your skills, and gain experience to practice safer care.

Save the Date: New competition launching on Monday 30 May!

We’re excited to announce our latest competition is launching soon! Join in from Monday 30 May to Monday 13 June as healthcare students across Wales take part in our ‘A day in the life of a patient’ photo competition fortnight!

Take part and you could win a funded place to attend the Patient Safety Congress on 5 - 6 July in Manchester. We’re not only offering you an entry ticket but also covering your travel and accommodation too!

Stay tuned for further details of this fantastic competition coming soon! Until then, make sure you place a reminder for 30 May - 13 June in your diaries!

Students shortlisted for NHS Wales Awards 2016

The shortlist for the NHS Wales Awards 2016 was announced on 6 May which includes a category that recognises improvement work healthcare students in Wales are leading.

Three students were shortlisted in the ‘Students Improving Patient Safety and Quality’ category which is supported by the 1000 Lives Improvement Student and Educator Community.

Shortlisted projects focus on the development of a digital data collection platform for Wales, measuring children’s vision at home, and a project to prevent inpatient hypoglycaemia.

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Students shortlisted for NHS Wales Awards 2016 (Cont’d)

We got in touch with the finalists and here’s what they had to say...

Finalist **Rohit Singh, medical student at Swansea University** explained: “I am really excited to be a finalist for the Award! Increasing numbers of diabetic patients are being admitted to hospital and inpatient hypoglycaemia is a preventable cause of mortality and morbidity if simple things are done well. It’s great for awareness to be raised about this important issue.”

Meanwhile fellow finalist **Robert Lundin, medical student at Cardiff University** said: “Since the start the heart and soul of our work has been to promote collaboration between students, nurses, researchers, clinicians and anyone else who can benefit from digital data collection. We are so excited to be shortlisted because it helps us show the hundreds of students we have worked with, that their commitment to a better NHS for Wales is valued and has not gone unnoticed!”

The third finalist is **Stephanie Campbell, a PhD Optometry & Vision Science student at Cardiff University**, who is shortlisted for her project to develop gaming apps to measure children’s vision at home.

The next step is for the judging panel to meet with each finalist to find out more about their work. The winners will be announced in a ceremony in Cardiff on 23 September 2016. Congratulations and good luck to everyone who has been shortlisted!

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**Bangor University nursing student improving the lives of vulnerable people through Art Therapy**

Stephanie Morris, a third-year nursing student at Bangor University and secretary for the Bangor University Student Chapter has been using her quality improvement knowledge to make an impact on healthcare provision for homeless people. Recently awarded £5000 by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board’s Dragons’ Den competition to develop her innovative project, Stephanie is using art therapy at a local homeless drop-in centre to collect data to implement quality improvement initiatives.

Stephanie explains: “I could never have imagined how much the incident during my placement could have influenced me and my quality improvement journey. A small idea has now developed into a much bigger project where I feel I am making an impact to services for the homeless.”

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**Introducing the 1000 Lives Improvement to Swansea University School of Medicine**

On Tuesday 10 May, over 70 first year medical students attended a Professionalism day at Swansea University. The day highlighted the importance of understanding patient safety and included a session focussing on the improvement efforts happening right here in NHS Wales.

Students heard how completing **Improving Quality Together** (IQT) Bronze at university can help you stay ahead of the game and understand the common language of improvement before you qualify. IQT helps staff to understand systems, identify and test changes, and then spread improvements.
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So far over 20,000 members of staff have completed their IQT Bronze.

Did you know you can complete your IQT Bronze today? It’s a free online course that takes up to 2 hours and can be done in your own time. Find out more here.

Get involved!
If you have a story you’d like to submit for a future edition of the e-newsletter, please email: 1000livessec@wales.nhs.uk