



**EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS'
INITIATIVE ON DEMENTIA**

EUROPEAN AWARDS VALUE THE EXPERTISE OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

On 22 and 23 January 2018 in Sofia 12 awards will be given to organisations for projects that empower people living with dementia.

Valuing the expertise of people living with dementia

Twelve projects working in the area of dementia across 10 European countries, selected from among ninety candidates, each will receive an award with a value of 9,000 euro. The awards 2017 with the title “Valuing the expertise of people living with dementia” represent a mark of recognition for these exemplary practices and will encourage further dissemination. The awards acknowledge the work of the 12 organisations in respecting the autonomy, dignity and right to self-determination of people living with dementia. The importance of listening to the voice of people living with dementia to value their expertise is prioritized in informing all of these initiatives. It is further acknowledged this may need to take different forms across a person’s journey but remains equally valuable throughout. The awards are made by the “European Foundations’ Initiative on Dementia” (EFID), a collaboration between The Atlantic Philanthropies (IE), Fondation Médéric Alzheimer (FR), Robert Bosch Stiftung (DE), Genio Trust (IE) and the King Baudouin Foundation (BE) in the context of the Network of European Foundations (NEF). In 2012 and 2014, twenty organisations have been rewarded for their work on dementia-friendly and inclusive environments across Europe.

See the enclosed summary of projects.

EFID conference and award ceremony

The award ceremony will take place at the University of Sofia on 23rd January 2018 at 4:30 pm, under the auspices of the Bulgarian Presidency of the European Union. The ceremony will be preceded by a conference on 22nd of January 2018 that will offer a stimulating networking and learning space for the EFID network of practitioners and stakeholders on the topic “Valuing the expertise of people living with dementia”.

Journalists interested in attending the event can register free of charge. More information on www.efid.info or email EFID Programme Manager: luisa.marino@nef-europe.org

See the enclosed agenda of the event.