

OPDI Lighthouse Awards 2021 Nomination Form

Organizational Award

Please PRINT all information legibly and submit by August 20th, 2021!

1. Nominee Information

Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code _____

City: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Alternate Number: (____) _____

- The nominee is:
- An OPDI general member organization
 - An initiative run by peers/people with lived experience that is not an OPDI member organization
 - An OPDI associate member organization
 - A mental health/addiction service that is not peer-run and not an OPDI member organization
 - A social service outside of mental health and addictions
 - A private or public corporation

Other _____

- We are aware of this nomination and approve the nominator collecting the documentation required to support it.*
- We understand that, if selected to receive this award:*
 - *A representative will be invited to accept the award on October 4th during a virtual award ceremony.*
 - *We will be asked to approve a draft of the information that will be shared about our organization at the awards event and during associated public communications.*

Organization/program lead signature (required) _____

2. Nominator Information

Nominator Name: _____

Organization: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Nominator Signature: _____

3. Nomination (please choose only one):

Innovators Award

Even after thirty years, we are consistently impressed by the originality and creativity in the Peer Support field. Our Innovators Award honours organizations that have shown ingenuity and innovation in their peer-based work in the field of mental health and addictions.

This year, COVID-19 has put particular strain on mental health services and required the rapid adoption of new service approaches within challenging restraints. Therefore, our Innovators Award may go to organizations that have found creative and cutting-edge ways to serve their communities at this time.

This might include:

- finding ways to serve communities impacted by the virus (such as frontline workers)
- innovating programs digitally (eg: creating online meetings, discussion boards, Twitter threads, YouTube channels, webinars)
- or working to overcome digital barriers through revised service models or mental health initiatives (eg: warm phone lines, care-package drop-offs, art initiatives etc.).

Criteria for Nomination:

1. Single organizations as well as collaborations/partnerships between several organizations can be nominated for this award.
2. The nominee must agree to the nomination in writing and, if successful, is invited to send a representative to accept the award at the online awards ceremony. If a representative isn't available, the organization may send an acceptance letter or a recorded video message.
3. Any individual or organization may nominate an organization in this category so long as they are not a staff or board member of the nominated organization.

Criteria – please check all that apply

- Innovation in peer driven research or evaluation
- Innovation in peer leadership in system design & creation
- Innovation in peer delivered service
- Innovation in clinical service
- Innovation in funding for peer-driven services
- Innovation in public education or anti-stigma
- Innovation in digital service delivery
- Other _____

Community Builders Award

OPDI's 30th anniversary is a testament to the strength and resilience of our communities. Our Community Builders Award goes to an organization that is creating bridges while employing the values of peer support. Community builders are collaborators and partners who care about equity and social justice. Throughout their work, community builders amplify the voices of those who have been silenced and increase capacity for peer involvement in decision-making.

The work of community builders comes in many different forms:

- they may work across organizations, sectors, neighborhoods, regions, or identity/issue/social groups
- they may foster relationships, create networks, or create more inclusive and resilient communities.
- they may offer better services, or increase access to support and information
- they may reduce stigma and discrimination.

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Criteria – please check all that apply

- Building bridges to create more inclusive and resilient communities
- Working across organizations, sectors, neighbourhoods, regions, or identity/issue/social groups
- Caring about equity and social justice
- Amplifying silenced voices
- Increasing capacity for peer-involvement in decision-making
- Other _____

4. Why do you think your nominee is deserving of this award?

Please attach a description of the nominee's activities or efforts relevant to this application, along with any supporting information. Your description should capture each of the activities you have checked in the criteria above (and can include more). Please ensure that the nominee is aware of your intention to nominate before you collect this information, and that the nominee signs the nomination form.

5. Letters of Support

Please provide at least 2 letters to support the nomination. At least 1 of these references should be from someone with personal lived experience benefiting from the work of the nominated program/organization and include their contact information.

Please send the nomination form and accompanying documentation **by August 20th, 2021** to:

E-mail: opdi@opdi.org

Fax: 1-866-441-27

Nomination Checklist

Completed applications will include the following:

- Nominee information and signature
- Nominator information and signature
- Indication of award criteria met
- Description of nominee's activities and reasons for deserving the award
- Letter of support #1 – from someone with lived experience
- Letter of support #2

Incomplete applications or applications without the nominee's signature will not be considered. The awarded nominee as well as their nominator will be notified by **September 13, 2021**.