

Health Equity Awards 2023

Application Guidelines

Contents

Overview	3
This Year's Awards - What's Different?	3
What is Health Equity?	3
Health Equity Awards 2023	4
Guidelines	5
Awards Criteria	5
Submission Guidelines	6
Key Dates	7
Contact	7

Adelaide PHN

Level 1, 22 Henley Beach Road
Mile End SA 5031
PO Box 313,
Torrensville Plaza SA 5031

08 8219 5900
adelaidephn.com.au

We acknowledge the Kaurna peoples who are the Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide region. We pay tribute to their physical and spiritual connection to land, waters and community, enduring now as it has been throughout time. We pay respect to them, their culture and to Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge and pay our respects to those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from other Nations who live, work, travel and contribute on Kaurna Country.

Marni Naa Pudni "Welcome"

The Health Equity Awards are facilitated by Adelaide PHN and supported by funding through the Australian Government's PHN Program.

Overview

Adelaide Primary Health Network (Adelaide PHN) is a not-for-profit organisation established and funded by the Federal Government to improve the health outcomes and experience of primary health care within the Adelaide metropolitan region.

This Year's Awards - What's Different?

Adelaide PHN has hosted its Primary Health Care Awards every year to recognise the hard work and dedication of our region's primary health care organisations, who have been responsive to our community's needs in an ever-changing environment. Previously, winners from our seven priority areas were awarded and celebrated at an annual dinner in October.

This year, we're presenting our 2023 Awards with a focus on health equity. This will help ensure that primary care organisations and individuals working

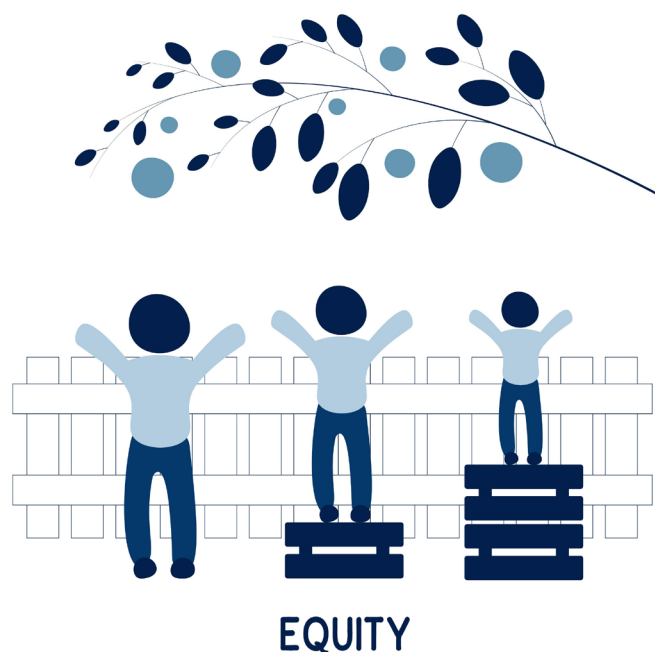
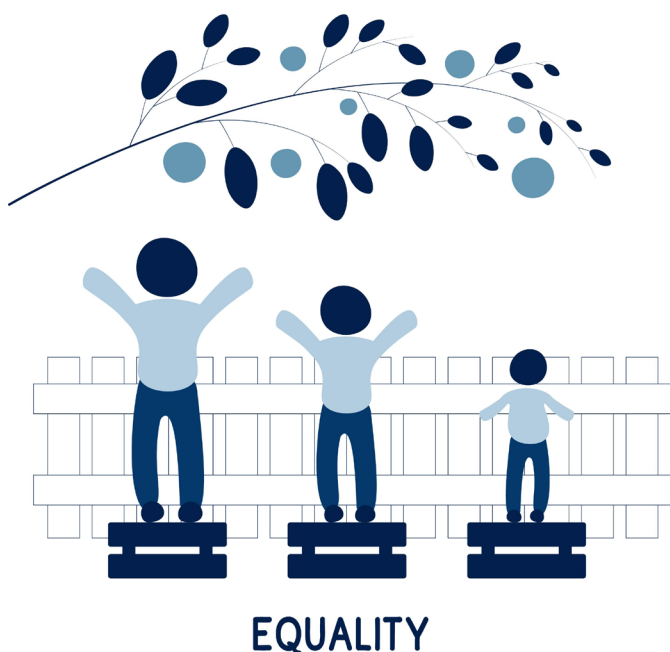
to promote equal and fair opportunities for vulnerable communities in metropolitan Adelaide achieve the recognition they deserve.

With widening gaps in health equity due to several factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become more important than ever to address them and focus on the social determinants of health.

What is Health Equity?

Health equity means all people (individuals, groups, and communities) have a fair chance to reach their full health potential and are not disadvantaged by social, economic, and environmental conditions.

This includes equitable (fair) access to health care professionals, healthy food, and a safe living environment. It means the ability to be well across all aspects of life, from work to home and medical care.



Overview

Health Equity and Health Equality

It is important to recognise that health equity is not the same as health equality. Health equality means everyone is given the same resources or opportunities. In contrast, health equity recognises that everyone has different needs and may require additional resources and opportunities to reach their best health.

Multiple factors can contribute to health disparities. These can include:

- Educational inequality, which can lead to increased health risk behaviours such as smoking, drinking etc;
- Inadequate access to health care;
- Language barriers;
- Poverty and hardship, which can contribute to delays in seeking preventive care ;
- Environmental threats; and
- Individual and behavioural factors.

Health Equity Awards 2023

The Health Equity Awards 2023 will recognise outstanding organisations and individuals for their efforts to continuously improve equity and access for vulnerable communities in the Adelaide metropolitan region.

These Awards will recognise organisations and/or individuals who have:

1. Improved health outcomes in the Adelaide PHN region.
2. Achieved equity for vulnerable populations

groups through improved access and outcomes.

3. Improved patient journeys of care through alliances and partnerships with key primary care stakeholders in the local region.

Who Can Apply?

Awards are open to all current Adelaide PHN commissioned service providers, Adelaide PHN partners and general practices or those that are part of Adelaide PHN Advisory Councils' activities.

The achievements described in the nomination must have been delivered within the Adelaide PHN region, be current and have taken place, or been developed in, the last financial year.

We would like to hear about your and your team's impact on improving community outcomes and experiences.

Awards Presentation

The Awards will be presented at **the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday, 18 August 2023**. The award recipient(s) will be presented with a trophy.

They will also be featured in a short video (showcasing their achievements) presented on the night, have their picture taken and an article featured in our publications.

Awards Criteria

Preparing Your Case Study

You are required to submit a case study as part of your application. Please consider the following questions.

1. What is the equity issue, and how have you approached this?
2. How has your health equity initiative improved the lives and health of your patients/clients?
3. How does the initiative demonstrate organisation leadership and commitment of your health service to health equity?
4. Describe your next steps towards building further organisational capability in advancing health equity.

Your **case study** may consider social determinants of health as part of your strategy to address health equity and access to services.

Social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life.

Some examples of the social determinants of health, which can influence health equity are:

- Education;
- Unemployment and working life conditions;
- Housing, basic amenities and the environment;
- Early childhood development;
- Social inclusion and non-discrimination;
- Structural conflict; and

- Access to affordable, good quality health services.

Please note that your submission **should be no more than 700 words**.

Please Note:

1. All award recipients will have the opportunity to work with Adelaide PHN to develop a 90-second video showcasing their achievements. This video will be played during the trophy presentation at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday, 18 August. The videos will also be made available to the award recipients for promotional/marketing purposes after the award presentation.
2. If successful, the award recipients must be available to work with our Communications Team in late June (ideally, 27-29 June) for filming and ensure staff and community participation. Filming will be completed on the award recipient's premises and is expected to take around 4-5 hours. Our Communications Team will contact the award recipients in mid-June to schedule this.
3. All the information in your submission will be used for promotional purposes if your entry is successful. These include promotion through Adelaide PHN's communication channels, including website, social media, and e-newsletters and for departmental reporting.

Submission Guidelines

After reviewing the awards criteria in this document, all applications are to be submitted using the **QR Code below**.



Scanning the QR code will open our submissions page and take you through the appropriate steps in submitting your application, with the option to save a draft for later completion. Some written background organisational information will also be requested.

Alternatively, please use [this link](#) to apply.

Entry Process

1. Completed entries via the submissions page must be received by **4pm on Friday, 26 May 2023**. Entries received after this time will not be considered for the awards and no responsibility will be accepted by Adelaide PHN for lost, late, incomplete, or incorrectly submitted entries.
2. Only completed entries will be accepted.
3. Word limits must be strictly adhered to.
4. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Judgement and Selection

Adelaide PHN will convene an internal judging panel to assess all entries. The judging panel will assess the submissions using a health equity assessment matrix. The judging panel may contact applicants for further information if necessary. All decisions are final, and no correspondence shall be entered into.

Award recipients will be notified by the panel in mid-June, with the trophies awarded in a ceremony at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday, 18 August.

Throughout the judging process, all information that has been supplied and submitted for entry into the awards will be kept strictly confidential and will only be disclosed to the judging panel and appropriate employees of Adelaide PHN.

Key Dates

Key Steps	Dates	Notes
Entries Open	1 May	Entries are open to submit your case study. Remember to submit your application by the due date. Please reach out to the Adelaide PHN team for any clarifications during this time on aphnhealthequityawards@adelaidephn.com.au .
Entries Close	26 May	Entries are now closed and we will not be accepting any further applications after this date.
Finalists Notified	Mid-June	All the award recipients will be notified by mid-June. Our Communications Team will reach out to the award recipients to schedule dates for filming.
Award Recipient Video Filming	Late June (27-29 June)	Filming the award recipient videos.
Awards Presented	18 August	Award recipients presented with trophies on the night.

Contact

If you require assistance or more information, please contact Adelaide PHN on aphnhealthequityawards@adelaidephn.com.au.



**Health Equity
Awards 2023**

aphnhealthequityawards@adelaidephn.com.au