



## Call for Proposals 2021: Changemakers Forum on Integrated Community Care

[TransForm, the Transnational Forum on Integrated Community Care](#), seeks to identify and value socially innovative initiatives from across Europe and Canada that support the capacity of local communities to deal with public health issues and the care needs of people throughout their lifetime. By creating and supporting an international community of changemakers, TransForm seeks to maintain the impetus towards driving progress and innovation in integrated community care.

**Integrated Community Care (ICC)** is an emerging concept that looks beyond integrated care. It takes an individual's strengths, needs, and life goals as a starting point and focuses on tackling inequities in health. ICC recognizes communities as essential partners in an effective health and care system that creates the conditions for people to care for themselves and for others. Communities contribute invaluable assets: relationships, expertise, contextual knowledge, entrepreneurship and innovation, public spaces and services, and locally supportive and responsive ecosystems. ICC moves away from the framing of care delivery to deficient communities, and instead promotes a process of co-creation where communities and individuals are the drivers. ICC is a whole-of-society approach to health and well-being that is determined by the needs and preferences of individuals and the communities in which they live.

ICC is neither a prescriptive model nor a managerial toolbox, but a systemic approach to enhancing the quality of life, social cohesion and resilience of a territorially defined community. This means there is no single model for operationalising ICC and it manifests in a range of practices that share a common core.

Despite the enormous strain that the COVID-19 crisis has placed on our communities and on our health and care systems, it has showcased the effectiveness of ICC principles in practice. Community-driven initiatives have been at the forefront of reaching and serving those most in need. In line with this thinking, integrated community care seeks to place people and communities at the centre of policy and decision-making on health and well-being, with special attention paid to vulnerable and marginalised groups.

### *The what, how and why of ICC*

Integrated Community Care encompasses a range of strategies to support professionals, organisations, policy-makers and community members in a continuous process of co-developing health, care and social support infrastructures and services with the aim to enhance the quality of life, social cohesion and resilience of a territorially defined community.

[Transform, the Transnational Forum on Integrated Community Care](#), is a joint initiative of Foundations in Europe and Canada. Started in 2018, TransForm supports a large coalition of practitioners, researchers, advocates, and policy-makers who are part of a movement to advance integrated community care. This vision has been captured in the [strategy paper ICC4All](#) (translated into French, Italian, Spanish and Dutch), which outlines integrated community care's key components, and how it can be operationalized through seven effectiveness principles.



With this field-building work as the backdrop, TransForm is now looking to deepen its view and expand its coalition of partners and practices. Through this Call for Proposals, TransForm is seeking changemakers within promising practices, coming from local organisations, collaboratives or networks who are leading initiatives that align with ICC's vision and principles to join a learning community that is invested in taking integrated community care forward.

15 selected initiatives from across Europe and Canada will be invited to join a **Changemakers Forum** that will guide and support the TransForm coalition and its partners in identifying priorities and activities to advance to the field of integrated community care. This forum will serve as an international advisory group and learning community that will connect participants with stakeholders across Europe and Canada, and will be supported through workshops designed by and tailored to the interests, priorities and needs of participants.

Selected practices will:

- Receive a grant of 5,000 EUR.
- Play a pivotal role in navigating innovation and progress in the field of integrated community care.
- Participate in a learning community and in capacity strengthening opportunities driven by the interests, priorities and needs of selected initiatives.
- Commit to engage in the Changemakers Forum for the duration of one year (Sept 2021-2022). This will include nominating one person to represent the initiative in the Forum's communications and events. All costs associated to travel for in-person events will be covered under this call.
- Have their work promoted in an international community of ICC advocates, researchers, practitioners, and funders.

## Selection Process

### *Eligibility criteria*

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- The applying organisation can be a registered not-for-profit entity (i.e. civil society organisation, research institution, network, etc.), a public entity, or an association located and operating in the EU, UK or Canada. For-profit entities are not eligible unless as a partner in a consortium or an alliance.
- The initiative must be implemented in the EU, UK or Canada.
- The initiative must be ongoing, having begun in or before 2018 and pursuing a long term-perspective for implementation.
- The initiative must align with integrated community care and its effectiveness principles.

### *Selection criteria*

- [The ICC4All strategy](#), which includes the seven effectiveness principles, provides guidance on assessing an initiative's alignment to integrated community care. While no intervention will perfectly fulfil all seven principles, it should align with most albeit to varying degrees. Applicants can find more information on ICC, as well as case studies and resources, on [TransForm's website](#).
- Changemaking initiatives are committed to deepen and enlarge their efforts for ICC. They are willing to share their failures and successes and aim to continuously improve health and quality of life in their communities.



- Selected initiatives will be diverse in approaches and geographies, as ICC is not intended to be a prescriptive model but rather broad in the implementation of its principles. We are eager to see a wide variety of initiatives apply, including those who may have been unfamiliar with the framing of ICC but identify with its values and principles.

## Application

### How to submit your application?

All applications must be submitted via an online form which you can find [here](#). We will ask you to describe:

- Your initiative, its story, and how COVID-19 has changed the way you see your initiative and/or field.
- To what degree your initiative embodies the vision and principles of integrated community care.
- The challenges you and your partners are encountering in advancing equitable and community-centred care, and how this informs the priorities you see most pressing to address in the field.

Applicants must submit their proposals in English. The working language of the Changemakers Forum will be in English and each selected initiative will need to nominate someone who can commit to participation and who is comfortable understanding and speaking in English.

During the application process, if you do not feel confident in your ability to translate certain elements of your work into English, we will do our best to support you. If you need to request translation support, you may contact the TransForm Secretariat: [giulia.barnhisel@nef-europe.org](mailto:giulia.barnhisel@nef-europe.org). All requests must be received before the 28 of April. Due to very limited resources, this option will only be available in Italian, French, German and Dutch, and will be limited in the amount of translation support that is offered.

The application is designed to establish the following without being overly burdensome to the applicant:

- The applicant meets the eligibility criteria.
- The practice meets the 7 ICC effectiveness principles, albeit to varying degrees.
- The degree to which the applicant understands integrated community care and suggests new ideas or relevant approaches to tackle complex challenges for the field of ICC.

## Assessment process

Each application will be pre-screened to ensure that it meets the eligibility requirements. All eligible applications will be shared with an international jury for final selection.

## Timeline

5 March 2021	Applications for Changemakers Forum for ICC are open.
20 May 2021	Deadline for submission of application.
End of June 2021	Successful applicants are notified.
September 2021	First Changemakers Forum meeting is held.

