

## New partners in Innovation Days

The Innovation Days network is always keen to engage new partners and broaden the network and reach of the activity. Usually new partnerships are formed through EIT Health matchmaking events, CLC activities and initiatives taken by individual EIT Health staff members and activity leads. All eligible potential partners are considered. The first port of call for any discussions about entering the network take place with the activity lead based at Imperial College London.

New partners must demonstrate they can fulfil a range of relevant criteria. These include:

- They must have strong access to a large pool of potential participants from multidisciplinary backgrounds. The majority of participants should be students (undergraduate or postgraduate), but early career stage professionals and researchers are also welcome.
- Interest and enthusiasm for teaching innovation and entrepreneurship is one of the key requirements for joining innovation days; it is crucial that new partners are proactive and eager to contribute to the project.
- New partners must have adequate administration and organisational structures to deliver a successful i-Day.
- Access to the necessary resources and contributors e.g. coaches, speakers and judges.
- Commitment to remain in the project after EIT Health financial support ceases
- Intention and commitment to achieving sustainability.
- New partners must be willing to contribute and collaborate with the existing network in order to promote the knowledge and expertise sharing that we value so highly in Innovation Days.

Interested partners who fulfil these requirements will begin discussions with Imperial College London and be reviewed by the activity lead along with at least two other experienced partners (i.e. having organised an Innovation Day for at least 2 years) in the network to determine their suitability.

The growth and expansion of Innovation Days is a huge priority for the project and we hope to continue recruiting enthusiastic partners who are committed to delivering inspirational events to bright young innovators.

