Creating Advocates for Evidence-
Using creative techniques to develop a network of evidence based practitioners in Ireland

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Background

**Evidence Based Practice Ireland (EBPI)**

To foster a culture in the health and social care service that “evidence-based practice is how we do things around here”

**EBPI Phase One**
- Baseline research on current EBP teaching
- **Training in EBP for healthcare staff**
- Training of EBP educators
- Development of a competency framework
- **Establishment of an EBP network**
Aims

• To build capacity for teaching and practicing EBP
• To harness the enthusiasm and passion of the practitioners and teachers to create the strategic vision for the EBP network.
• To establish the steering committee of the EBP network.
Methods

• Interactive Sessions
  – Icebreaker
  – Creative thinking with facilitators
  – Interactive networking session

• Each exercise
  – Personal reflection - Me
  – Sharing insights - Pair
  – Feedback with wider group - Share
Group Exercise

GET
What do you want to get from attending the EBHC conference?

BRING
What are you bringing to the EBHC conference?

You have 30 seconds…
Group Exercise

Now, without leaving your chair please share your “bring” “get” with the nearest person you do not know.

You have 60 seconds
Results

What you brought

- Energy/curiosity
- Interest/enthusiasm
- Technical EBP skills
- Leadership skills
- Organisation skills
- Implementation experience
- Clinical expertise

What you expected

- Technical EBP skills
- Confidence to use EBP
- How to put evidence into practice
- Opportunity to Network
- Advocacy for EBP

National Cancer Control Programme
What you will do

- Host events
- Incorporate EBP into everyday practice
- Implementation
- Teaching

What you want in the future

- Information
- Training
- Incorporating EBP into clinical practice
- Other
Limits

- The challenge of sustaining participation
- Providing value to the members
- Creating a culture where EBP is the norm of how healthcare is delivered in Ireland
Bottom line

• An innovative approach to engage connect and establish relationships and create a network of EBP
• We have identified the needs of these in the network through the creative exercises to ensure the network provides value for the individual members
• A steering committee has been established with TOR and the first networking event is planned for January 2020!
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