

Public libraries have a key role in delivering on health and wellbeing. They do great work promoting health information and it's clear from national strategies across the UK and Ireland – and the work of Society of Chief Librarians – that public libraries have a critical role to play in this arena.

Engaging Libraries is an experiment. It is a pilot programme that is designed specifically to allow libraries the opportunity to move beyond health promotion, expand their repertoire and explore new dynamic and discursive ways in which to connect people with health and wellbeing. It is an opportunity to get creative with how they engage audiences.

We are looking for projects that create new ways for local communities to use and engage with libraries. For projects that creatively and critically engage communities with health and wellbeing topics in exploratory and experimental ways, enabling people to relate to health and wellbeing themes in ways that are accessible and relevant to them. For projects that enable a two-way process with activities like participation, conversation, interaction and listening.

If you need the practical stuff here it is –

£5,000 - £15,000 to deliver a public engagement project on a health or wellbeing theme. While most applications are expected to fall within this bracket, there is an opportunity to request up to £25,000 for more ambitious projects

Closing date 5pm August 23<sup>rd</sup>

We are aiming to support between 8-10 libraries and activities must be completed between October 2017 and October 2018.