

Dental Health Foundation Award



The Dental Health Foundation award was for Best Community Oral Health Project. The project is based on a critical review of scientific literature involving a comprehensive search of relevant published articles on a specific population group with specific oral healthcare issues. The project is written in a thesis format, 3000 words maximum.

The project and defence of the project forms part of the final examinations.

The winner of the award was Báirbre Pigott-Glynn

Project title: 'Is there a role for the dental hygienist in the homeless sector?'

The literature reviewed found the homeless population to have a greater untreated physical, mental and dental disease experience. An increased emphasis on early oral health promotion for homeless people could be instrumental in reducing need for emergency treatment. The literature reviewed posed the question;

'Is there a role for the dental hygienist in the homeless sector?'