

WINGS/DAFNE JOINT PEER LEARNING EVENT:
Developing a framework to assess
the value of philanthropy support organizations
July 16-17, 2015 – Madrid, Spain

What is the value of membership associations and support organizations serving philanthropy? The report *Infrastructure in Focus: A Global Picture of Organizations Serving Philanthropy* identified four categories for the main benefits of philanthropy support organizations: capacity, capability, connection, and credentials. They can be considered a starting point for constructing a framework to assess the value of infrastructure organizations. Developing such an evaluative framework would enable the field of infrastructure support to measure effectiveness, strengths and weaknesses.

What?

This peer learning event will explore how to develop this evaluative framework. This work will be highly participatory, based on the experiences and knowledge of network members, as the aim is to provide a tool from the field for the field. This is a kick-off peer learning workshop that will start an 18 month process, leading to the development of the evaluation framework - which will include a set of indicators and a self-assessment tool. It is envisaged that a core group will drive this with a larger group convening one or two more times. The initial workshop will involve:

- a presentation and discussion on the 4Cs Framework, facilitated by Barry Knight;
- input from participants in order to share knowledge and experience relating to self-evaluation;
- consideration of a draft self-assessment framework; and
- identification of the core group and next steps.

When and where?

The peer learning event will be held on **July 16-17, 2015** in **Madrid, Spain** in partnership with our local host, the Fundacion Botin (a member of the Spanish Association of Foundations) and DAFNE. To learn more about them, please visit their websites at: <http://www.fundacionbotin.org>, www.fundaciones.org, and <http://www.dafne-online.eu/>. It is expected that the event will commence with an informal dinner on 15th with the working session commencing on July 16th at 09h30 and running through to 15h30 on 17th July.

Who can participate in the peer learning event?

Any senior staff member of an association or support organisation member of WINGS network may apply using the form that comes with this invitation. The deadline for submission of applications is **Friday, May 29th 2015** – click [here](#) to complete the participants' form. To ensure good interaction and participatory methodology, the event is limited to 15-20 participants.

The peer learning event is carefully planned to aim at an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise. There is a working group composed by WINGS members, staff and consultant who will review applications and help plan the agenda based on the interests and experience of participants.

What will it cost?

We encourage peer learning participants find local sources for travel support. Accommodation is available in the vicinity for approximately €100 / night. Where members need it, there will be partial scholarships to cover a roundtrip economy airfare or hotel accommodation for three nights. The working group reserves the right to determine eligibility for scholarship support. It is expected that all participants will pay their own miscellaneous travel costs (such as visa application fees, airport fees, and the cost of getting to and from airports). Meals for the duration of the peer learning event will be provided.

IMPORTANT: We encourage all applicants to check travel requirements for Spain, and get the visa application process started as soon as the participant selection is completed by mid June.