



Norma N Gill Foundation

Twinning Projects: Guidelines for Participants

The terms of reference of the Twinning Project are currently defined as follows:

- ◆ To establish rapport and foster links between developed and developing countries by all available means (Email, post, personal contacts, etc.).
- ◆ To establish and increase awareness of the differences in ET nursing practice between developed and developing countries.
- ◆ To promote an understanding of the difficulties in ET nursing practice experienced in developing countries.
- ◆ To find ways by which to narrow the gap between developed and developing countries in terms of the resources available to both nurses and patients.
- ◆ To promote ET nursing practice in the developing country.
- ◆ To foster collaboration between nurses, patient associations and other agencies with similar goals.

The Twinning Project can take many forms according to the needs of each country. Here are some examples of what it might include:

- ◆ Providing assistance with translation, for example, a scholarship application from the Norma N Gill Foundation, an article for the WCET journal.
- ◆ Sending current articles on ostomy, wound, continence or related subjects. Sending surplus textbooks, slides, posters or other educational aids.
- ◆ Sending ostomy supplies, or information on charities or companies who might assist in procuring such supplies.
- ◆ Sponsoring members for WCET membership, or membership of a related association.
- ◆ Assisting nurses to attend a congress on ostomy, wound, continence care or a related subject.





- ◆ Providing assistance in setting up an ETNEP (Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program) or a REP (Recognised Educational Program) under the auspices of the WCET Education Committee.
- ◆ Providing guidance in establishing ET nursing standards.
- ◆ Encouraging nurses from the developing country to visit a centre of stomal therapy in the developed country.
- ◆ Providing on-site training in the developing country by ET nurses from the developed country.
- ◆ Providing guidance in setting up an ET Nurses Association.

Some points need to be clarified before embarking on a twinning program:

- ◆ At the outset of the partnership, it is essential to determine the specific needs of the developing country and to then establish clearly defined, attainable goals.
- ◆ Twinning is not synonymous with financial help! Some developed countries maybe able to give financial assistance, but this should not be assumed.
- ◆ The WCET members in the developed countries do not necessarily represent their national ET nursing association, should such a body exist. The Twinning Project is a program instigated by the NNGF. As such, it concerns only those members of the WCET in the developed country who wish to participate in the project.
- ◆ The NNGF is the facilitator of the project. Once the twinning partnerships have been created, it is up to the participating countries to proceed as they see fit. However, the NNGF chairperson requests a six-monthly report from all countries involved in the project.
- ◆ Whenever possible, countries will be matched according to the predominant language. However, for obvious reasons, this cannot be guaranteed.
- ◆ Either partner may “disengage” from the twinning project at any time.

For more information you can contact the [NNGF Chairperson](#).

