

Dr Ross Bryson receives award from the Royal College of General Practitioners.

In making the award the Chair of the meeting, Professor Veronica Wilkie said:

“The Dr Martin Wilkinson Award for Innovation is presented to someone who, through innovation, has turned a problem into an opportunity to rethink how we do things, ultimately with the aim of improved quality of patient care. I am delighted to announce that the winner is Dr Ross Bryson. Ross was nominated by Sabena Jameel. Sabena nominated Ross for his program Professionals Together, a beautiful initiative which allows Foundation Doctors to flourish.

The success of this program is mainly due to the committed desire to ensure that Foundation Doctors are looked after and nurtured, ready for a life of medicine ahead. The program hasn't yet finished, but it is clear that this initiative is something that will expand and replicate, hopefully across the county. Health Education England have seen the potential and have offered some financial support.

The program that Ross has envisioned will act as a pilot and will enable feedback to inform its evolution. He has led the program from conception to delivery, and has had solid support from other colleagues, Dr Mike Blaber in particular, who has co-facilitated the sessions. Ross has the skills to approach the topics of courage, compassion and connection with the perfect mix of evidence-based scholarship and loving wisdom. He has revived the spirit of caring for each other at this critical point in the new junior doctor's life.

His contributions don't stop at this initiative, he recently ran an amazing workshop in spirituality in medicine for which was a huge success.”