

# RCN History of Nursing Forum Steering Committee Strategy Day Meeting Notes

Date: 30th November 2023

Time: 11:00-16:00

Venue: RCN HQ – room 101 Annie Altschul

### Attendees:

Stuart Wildman (SW) Chair
Dionne Daniel (DD)
Vari Drennan (VD)
Margaret Graham (MG)
Janet Hargreaves (JH) (Virtual)
Nicola Ring (NR) (Virtual)
Dianne Yarwood (DY)

## Staff:

Denise Alexis (DA) Teresa Doherty (TD) Antonia Harland-Lang (AHL)

## **Apologies:**

No	Item
1.	Welcome and apologies (SW)
	SW welcomes current and new steering committee members to the HoNF annual strategy day meeting.
2.	Notes of last steering committee strategy day meeting (ALL)
	Agreed with one additional amendment: DD job title has changed to 'Director of Nursing- Fundamentals of Care.'
3.	Exhibitions and Events (AHL) Exhibitions and Events   Royal College of Nursing (rcn.org.uk)
	AHL gives a brief synopsis of current and past RCN exhibitions.

Future exhibition – 'Looking at Nursing support work.'

- Themes:
  - Diversity and Windrush
  - Nursing assistants
  - o Immigration.

A focus group meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and one in February. AHL to forward information onto the steering committee.

**Action**: Steering committee to ask their networks if they have any narrative that can be feedback to AHL.

Sarah Chaney, Events and Exhibitions Manager, has submitted a bid for an exhibition in 2025 'What is a Nurse'. With the HoNF involved as curators, this is a joint venture between several forums.

Next suggested RCN exhibitions: 'Prison Nurses' and 'Migration'

HoNF annual lecture for 2024/25 suggested speakers:

- Alannah Tomkins for 2025 to coincide with the publication of her book: 'Plague to Peterloo'
- Jane Brooks possible 2024
- Speakers from the Nurses in Red Wikipedia project possible additional event.
- Sarah Rogers Nurses in social movement.

The next exhibition programme is due by March – April 2024.

DY as Chair of the HoNF will be representing the forum at the Events and exhibitions strategic group meetings.

**Action**: January steering committee meeting agenda item, committee to suggest speakers for HoNF annual lecture.

#### Lunch

## 4. Review and update of HoNF Charter (ALL)

- Exhibitions (ALL/RCN Exhibitions team)
  - Prison (VD)
- Oral history (DY & DD) four meetings per year for the project leads and submit a 2year bid themes:
  - Fellows
  - Prisons
  - Global majority
- Wikipedia (VD)
- ODNB **Action**: SW to publicise and write a blog.
- Online Articles (DY/TD)

- Blogs (JH/NR) Action: DA to check how many people have viewed the HoNF blogs.
- British Library Web Archive Project (DD)
- Facebook / Twitter (JH)
- Forum webpages (DA/TD)
- Tracing Nurses Action: (NR/JH) to assist in the review.

**Action**: Steering committee to promote to retirees that they can still be a member of the RCN for £10 per year.

## 5. Membership Involvement (SW)

How can we engage more with the forum membership.

- Members communication Centre (MCC)
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Blogs

## 6. Forum Chair Role

Dianne Yarwood has been elected as Chair of the History of Nursing Forum.

Steering committee members to put themselves forward as Deputy Chair.

## 7. AOB

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the 'Nurses in Red' Wikipedia group received an award from the Wikipedia Partnership of the Year for their Wikipedia work.

**NR**: proposed an 'engagement project' whereby the steering committee assist members on how to research their family history, looking at prisoners and migrants.

**DD**: would like to thank SW for his work as Chair of the steering committee.

**MG**: would like to thank the steering committee for all their support.

**VD**: would like a picture of the committee for the forum Facebook page.

**TD**: would like to thank SW for his hard work and patience especially during COVID.

**SW**: to write a blog on OBDN and possibly workhouse nursing.

**DA**: to send out a doodle poll for JAN/MAR/MAY/JUL quarterly meetings and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 annual strategy day meeting.

8.	Finish