



RCN History of Nursing Forum Steering Committee Strategy Day Meeting Notes

Date: 3rd October 2024

Time: 11:00-16:00

Room: RCN HQ – Mona Grey G12

Attendees:

Dianne Yarwood (DY) Chair
Vari Drennan (VD)
Janet Hargreaves (JH)
Nicola Ring (NR) – Virtual

2025 steering committee members

Sean Graffin (SG) - Virtual
Victoria Sweetmore (VS)
Elizabeth Thornton – (ET) Virtual

Staff:






Denise Alexis (DA)
Teresa Doherty (TD)

Guests:

Sarah Chaney (SC) (12:15)
Antonia Harland-Lang (AHL) (12:15)
James King (JK) – Virtual (13:30)
Emma Selim (ES) – Virtual (11:30)
Jennifer Underwood (JU) – Virtual (11:50)

Apologies:

No	Item
1.	Welcome and apologies (DY) Dianne welcomes everyone to the meeting, with introductions from the current and new steering committee members.

	Dianne extends a heartfelt thank you to departing member Dionne Daniel.
2.	<p>Notes of last steering committee strategy day meeting (ALL)</p> <p>Notes of last meeting agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Emma Selim (ES), Senior Strategic Communications and Campaigns Manager</p> <p>Emma gives a synopsis of the work of the communications team and how the forums can engage with social media to promote their work via these channels. Of particular note is that RCN Magazine is now exclusively available on-line.</p> <p></p> <p>Comms dept - supporting RCN forum</p> <p>Action: TD and DA to inform the communications team of HONF blogs so that they can be promoted more widely.</p>
4.	<p>Jennifer Underwood (JU), Corporate Relations Account Manager</p> <p>Jennifer gives a brief update on the work of the corporate relations team and how they can assist the forums in the initial stages of their planning of FGG bids. Again, of particular note are the 12 month lead in to any bids for sponsorship and that any company must be in support of RCN values.</p> <p>   </p> <p>Working with you to secure sponsorship - map-roles and respo Sponsorship process MBD+Structure+updated+Apr+23.pdf Meet the Corporate Relations Team.pptx</p>
5.	<p>Sarah Chaney and Antonia Harland-Lang (SC/AHL), Library and Museum team</p> <p>Sarah and Antonia give a breakdown of the new exhibition launching on the 14th November: Nursing in a climate Crisis launch exhibition. https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/lib-nursing-in-a-climate-crisis-launch</p> <p>Antonia and Sarah held the first meeting for member volunteers for the prison nursing exhibition project on Wednesday 2 October. 20 volunteers from a wide range of nursing backgrounds attended. The next prison nursing session is on Tuesday 5 November, 5-7pm. Teresa will deliver a research skills session followed by the first exhibition focus group. HONF committee members are very welcome to attend to help shape the exhibition themes. Sign up: https://rcn-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdOqvqjsuHNLxQ6fnnXM0z3xN2JIWCDBL</p>

Lisa Gornick will be doing art workshops at the launch and afterwards which she will bring together in March 2025.

The exhibition will feature a commissioned artwork by Louise Ward Morris exploring the environmental impact of nursing care becoming increasing digital.

Expressions of interest for events for the prison nurse's exhibition launch 24th April 2025.

History of Nursing and Migration – exhibition suggestion agreed – Autumn 2025.

Nurses as activists and nurses in social movements – exhibition suggestion for 2026.

History of Nursing forum lectures potential speakers:

- Jane Brooks 2025
- Anne Marie Rafferty
- Alania Tompkins
- Tommy Dickinson

Action: DY to approach Jane Brooks and will liaise with SC.



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6. James King, HIV Story Project Manager

James briefs the steering committee on the background work of the HIV story project which has been funded by the national lottery.

The National HIV Story Trust (NHST) films, records and preserves the stories of those affected by the AIDS pandemic of the 1980s and 90s. The NHST hopes the 120+ interviews filmed with survivors and families, partners and medical professionals will be a voice for those who did not survive, a chance to honour those who did, and an education for those who live so freely today.

The interview footage has been donated to the London Archive for public and research access and as a record in perpetuity. Arrange access to the archive [here](#).

The RCN plan the following:

- Exhibitions

- Popup exhibitions
- Project website which will house some of the stories
- Call out for volunteers (who will be offered interview training)
- Working with partners
 - RCN
 - Oral interviews
 - Newcastle University
 - Culture
 - UCL
 - Running a history master's course
 - Engagement plan with an event at the new UCL campus in Stratford East London.
- Engaging with people under 40 who are not aware of the history and wanting to learn new skills and learn more about the history.
- Developing new partners as the project develops.

The London Archive holds the current recordings. Now they are looking at stories from nurse carers. The HONF will be participating in interviews across the four countries.

DY will be sending out an email to all members requesting volunteers and training will be given.

There will be a popup exhibition telling peoples stories, steering committee volunteers to talk at these events.

Action: DY to inform steering committee once volunteer email has been sent. DY requires a co-lead and will be looking at a sub-group for this project.

7. Review and update of HoNF Charter (ALL) to be completed at December meeting.

- Exhibitions/Events
- Oral history (DY)
 - General OH by countries and regions (inc. Fellows)
- Wikipedia (VD)
 - Monthly meeting
 - Training offered with training videos uploaded onto MS Teams
 - Group working across the four countries
 - An email has been sent out to the current group to enquire if they still will like to be part of the group
- Online Articles
- Blogs (JH)
 - Second World War (SG)
- British Library Web Archive Project
- Facebook / Twitter (SG = Facebook) (VD = X)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RCNHistoryofNursingForum>

	<p>https://x.com/RCNHistory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum webpages (DA) https://www.rcn.org.uk/Get-Involved/Forums/History-of-Nursing-Forum • HIV project – joint leads DY/VS 												
8.	<p>Membership Involvement (DY)</p> <p>How can we engage more with the forum membership. LHT – can we get a breakdown of the demographics of the HONF members.</p> <p>Survey of membership to enquire what HONF members want from the steering committee?</p> <p>Action, ALL bring suggestions and ideas to the December meeting</p>												
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>The Library and Archives are uncoupling.</p> <p>Archives – Teresa Doherty Museum and Events – Sarah Chaney/Antonia Harland-Lang and Lucy Colbert</p> <p>DY to submit a OH FGG bid for the January 2025 meeting.</p> <p>Future strategy meeting – 2nd week of November 2025.</p>												
10.	<p>Dates for 2025</p> <p>There was no general consensus for dates and times of the regular on-line meetings, so I propose 6 weekly intervals each at the same time, but on different days of the week.</p> <p>With the exception of the Strategy Day, all will be conducted via Teams from 15.30 to 17.00.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday 27th January</td> <td>Tuesday 11th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 23rd April</td> <td>Thursday 5th June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 11th July</td> <td>no meeting in August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 1st September</td> <td>Tuesday 14th October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strategy day W/C 10th November</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 10th December</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Monday 27 th January	Tuesday 11 th March	Wednesday 23 rd April	Thursday 5 th June	Friday 11 th July	no meeting in August	Monday 1 st September	Tuesday 14 th October	Strategy day W/C 10 th November		Wednesday 10 th December	
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