

RCN History of Nursing Forum: Committee Charter 2024

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Forum purpose (vision):

To engage RCN members across the UK with the history of nursing

To support and promote general interest, research, and education in the history of nursing, midwifery, and health visiting.

To promote and develop the study of the history of nursing through discussion and debate.

To organise RCN History of Nursing events to promote the work of the forum and to disseminate research, study, and

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items belonging to iconic nursing leaders such as Florence Nightingale, RCN co-founder Sarah Swift and Trevor Clay.

The History of Nursing Forum reports to the Forums Governance Group (FGG); this positions the work of the forum within the decision making of the RCN and provides an opportunity to highlight the contribution that the history of nursing can make to contemporary nursing research, education, and practice. It promotes collaborative working across the forums.

The RCN Library and Archive Service Joint Head acts as Adviser to the forum which helps bring our members and our historic collections together, providing opportunities for collaborative projects in the network of history societies that flourish across the UK.

The forum works in partnership with external

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About Monica Baly

The Monica Baly Fund was established through a gift from Dr M[onica Baly] [BA] [BA] [BA] nursing in the 1930s but always had a passion for history. On retirement, she combined these two interests to study the history of nursing. At the age of 70, she completed a PhD in Nursing and Social Change. Dr Baly's ongoing passion was reflected in her role as the first Chair of the RCN History of Nursing Society (our previous