



RCN Student Ambassador conference 2025

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Welcome letter

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) and Nursing Department, welcome to the RCN Student Ambassador Conference 2025 - Voices of Leadership: Inspire, Impact, Innovate.

We trust that you will find the conference stimulating and informative and that you'll have an opportunity to network with colleagues during the course of the event. We hope you will go away feeling inspired and invigorated and armed with information to share with colleagues in your workplace.

The RCN believes in life-long learning and actively promotes the continuing professional development of nurses. For this reason, certificates of attendance can be downloaded post-conference. You are encouraged to contribute attendance at RCN events towards your framework for reflection which can be included in your portfolio.

You will receive an email with a link to the online conference evaluation. We'd be grateful if you would complete this as soon as possible and within seven days of the conference. Your comments and feedback are invaluable in helping us plan future RCN conferences.

The RCN has professional forums across the diverse nursing arena and RCN members can join as many of these forums as they wish. With 202105 forum members, forum membership is set to continue to rise. Forums are a huge area of influence and direction for the RCN and are a valuable opportunity to network with colleagues around the UK and be involved in:

- consultation responses
- conferences, events and workshops
- forum-led publications.

We'd like to thank you for supporting this conference and look forward to welcoming you back to future RCN events. A full listing of future events can be found on page 11 of this brochure.

With best wishes,
RCN Events

Programme at a glance

10.00	Registration, networking and refreshments (30 mins)
10.30	Opening remarks (10 mins) <i>Lorraine Greathead, RCN Students Committee</i>
10.40	Keynote (30 mins) <i>Avey Bhatia OBE, Chief Nurse, Guy's & St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust</i>
11:10	Success of the RCN NRN Campaign (20 mins) <i>Amy Walker and Alex Knight, RCN Students Committee</i>
11.30	Exhibition, networking and refreshments (20 mins)
11:50	Welcome back and icebreaker activity (15 mins) <i>Becki Winson, Lead for Activist Communities</i>
12:05	Workshop one: Building Student Power as a Student Ambassador (60 mins)
13:05	Group or Table Feedback/Idea sharing (25 mins)
13.30	Lunch, networking and exhibition viewing (45 mins)
14.15	Welcome back and Icebreaker activity (15 mins) <i>Will Malcher, Professional Lead for Students</i>
14.30	Workshop two: Creating Regional Action Plans for Change (45 mins)
15.15	Reflections and summary (15 mins) <i>Dave Clarke, Associate Director: Education</i>
15.30	Conference close

General information

Conference enquiries

Please ask staff on the registration desk if you have any specific requirements regarding access, lost property or have queries regarding your membership.

Delegate Badges

For security purposes, participants must wear their badges at all times. Participants will not be admitted to the conference sessions without the appropriate badge.

Programme

Please refer to the programme for details of the times and locations of all conference sessions. Staff will be on hand to guide you as necessary.

Learning Outcomes:

1. By the end of the conference, participants will be able to identify key issues affecting student nurses in their local area and propose actionable solutions.
2. Develop and demonstrate practical techniques for engaging and mobilising fellow students and RCN members in their role as student ambassadors.
3. Collaborate during the sessions to create regional action plans that influence positive change in nursing education and practice.

Specific requirements

Please ask at the registration/enquiries desk if you have any specific requirements (e.g. dietary, accessibility etc.)

Electronic devices

Out of courtesy to others, delegates are requested to switch off or set to silent all electronic devices during conference sessions.

Liability

The RCN will not accept any liability for loss or damage to personal effects which may arise as a result of attendance at this event.

Continuing Professional Development

The Royal College of Nursing believes in lifelong learning and actively promotes the continuing professional development of all nurses. Authorised Royal College of Nursing certificates of attendance have been issued to all participants. This event is also subject to the RCN Events quality assurance framework. You should log what you have learnt at this event using the Framework for Reflection guidelines on the back of your certificate and keep this document in your personal professional portfolio.

Free information at your fingertips

The Royal College of Nursing offers a number of FREE online resources with all the latest information and guidance on particular nursing practice issues such as: clinical guidelines, patient safety and eHealth. Visit <http://www.rcn.org.uk/development/practice> for more information.

National conference partner

LV= General Insurance, one of the UK's largest personal lines insurers, pride themselves in putting customers at the heart of all they do. RCN members can benefit from exclusive* discounts and savings on a range of LV= insurance products, including Car and Home insurance, for a quote and more information visit LV.com/RCN.

*Exclusive RCN member discount vs general public prices on lv.com and through the call centre



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Speaker biography

Avey Bhatia

Chief Nurse Guy's & St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust, Avey Bhatia qualified in 1991, having trained at Maidstone Hospital in Kent. She has held various staff nurse and sister posts at hospitals in London including St George's, where she moved into management, eventually becoming a divisional director of nursing.

In 2011 she was appointed deputy chief nurse at South London Healthcare Trust and became chief nurse at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust in 2013. She started as Chief Nurse and Director of Infection Prevention and Control at St Georges University Hospital Foundation Trust in February 2017. Since February this year, she has been carrying out the role of Chief Operating Officer, helping to lead the Trust's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Avey Bhatia joined as Chief Nurse & Vice President of the Florence Nightingale Foundation at Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, in November 2020. She is returning to the Trust having trained as a critical care nurse at St Thomas' in the early part of her career. Her clinical experience includes theatres, general intensive care, coronary care and cardiothoracic nursing. Avey holds a post-graduate diploma in Health Services Management and a master's in public administration.

Exhibitors

The Royal College of Nursing would like to thank the following for supporting this event.

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Future RCN Events

Date	Event	Location
14 November	Trauma & Orthopaedic Nursing Conference	London, RCN HQ
22 November	Nursing Support Worker Conference	London, RCN HQ
28 November	Occupational Health Conference	Online/London, RCN HQ
9 December	Women's Health Conference	London, RCN HQ
15 December	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Conference	London, RCN HQ

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<https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events>