

# The voice of nursing in the UK

### **RCN research conference 2018**

The RCN annual international nursing research conference takes place from 16 - 18 April 2018 in Birmingham, UK. We are currently encouraging people to consider nominating themselves for membership of the international scientific advisory panel (ISAP). You can find out more about the criteria, role and responsibilities on the conference website. Nominations for the ISAP should be received by 22 September.



# Visit the conference website

## **RCN** professional nursing committee

There is still time to submit your nomination for the new RCN professional nursing committee. This committee will be the decision-making body of the RCN on professional issues and will provide leadership on the work of the RCN related to its role as a Royal College.

# Apply by 29 August

## **RCN education conference 2018**

If you are involved in educating and developing the nursing workforce and have a contemporary project, initiative or research to share, why not submit an abstract for this leading conference, which will focus on advancing all aspects of the practice of nursing education.

# Submit by 23 October

Primary care research

Inaugural lecture

Join Professor Ruth Harris on 13 September 2017 at King's College London as she gives her inaugural lecture, *From idealism to realism*. Wales centre for primary and emergency (including unscheduled) care research annual conference, 24 October 2017, Swansea, Wales.

## **Register now**

**Abstracts invited** 

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funds research through its nine programmes, which include Efficacy and Mechanisms Evaluation and Health Services and Delivery Research:

- Gender identity health services, closes 14 September
- Opioids for the treatment of breathlessness in palliative care, closes 28 September
- <u>Changing drinking behaviours</u>, closes 14 November
- <u>Mechanisms of action of health interventions</u>, closes 28 November

You can see more opportunities like these, including fellowships and help to attend conferences, on our <u>research funding web page</u>.

### Improve NHS decision making

The NIHR Dissemination Centre (DC) produce *Signals*, which are timely summaries of important research. Raters help to decide which research findings are worth sharing, and the NIHR DC are particularly keen to encourage more nurses to get involved.

# Become a rater

#### Communicating your research

The Health Foundation have launched their new online toolkit which provides resources and tips to support wider communication of research findings in a

#### Arts, health and wellbeing

The report, *Creative health: the arts for health and wellbeing,* discusses how art can help meet major challenges presented by ageing, long-term conditions, loneliness and mental health; and that the arts can contribute to a longer, high quality of life.

# **Read the report**

### Patient and public involvement

The NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre has published *A researcher's guide to patient and public involvement,* based on the experiences of health way that prioritises action in response to evidence.

researchers, patients and members of the public.

# Access the toolkit

### **Travelling fellowships**

Applications are still open for the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust 2018 travelling fellowships. Nurses have a great track record in applying for these, and nursing is a category this year.

Apply by 19 September

# **Read now**

#### Leadership scholarships

Applications are open for the Florence Nightingale Foundation leadership scholarships. There are four categories: general; aspiring dean; aspiring nurse director, and emerging leaders.

Apply by 11 September

Follow these links to keep up-to-date on RCN professional resources for nursing research and innovation.

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