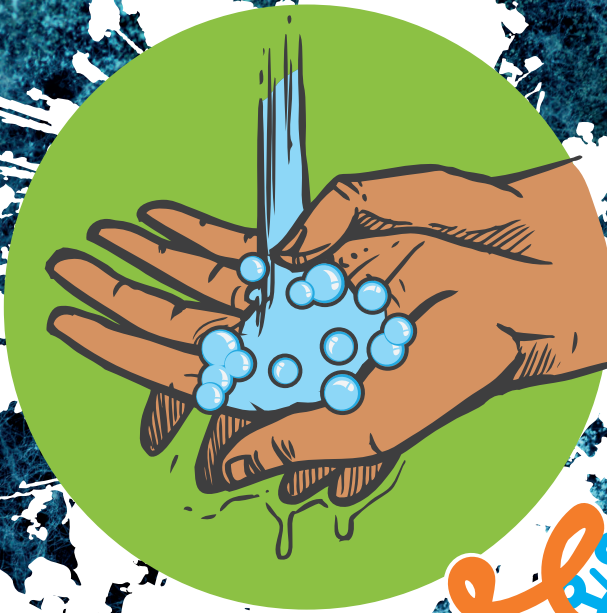


# Event Programme

Spring/Summer 2018



# PANDEMIC!



# Exhibitions

Our exhibitions are compact and a visit lasts around 30 minutes. Why not visit before an event?

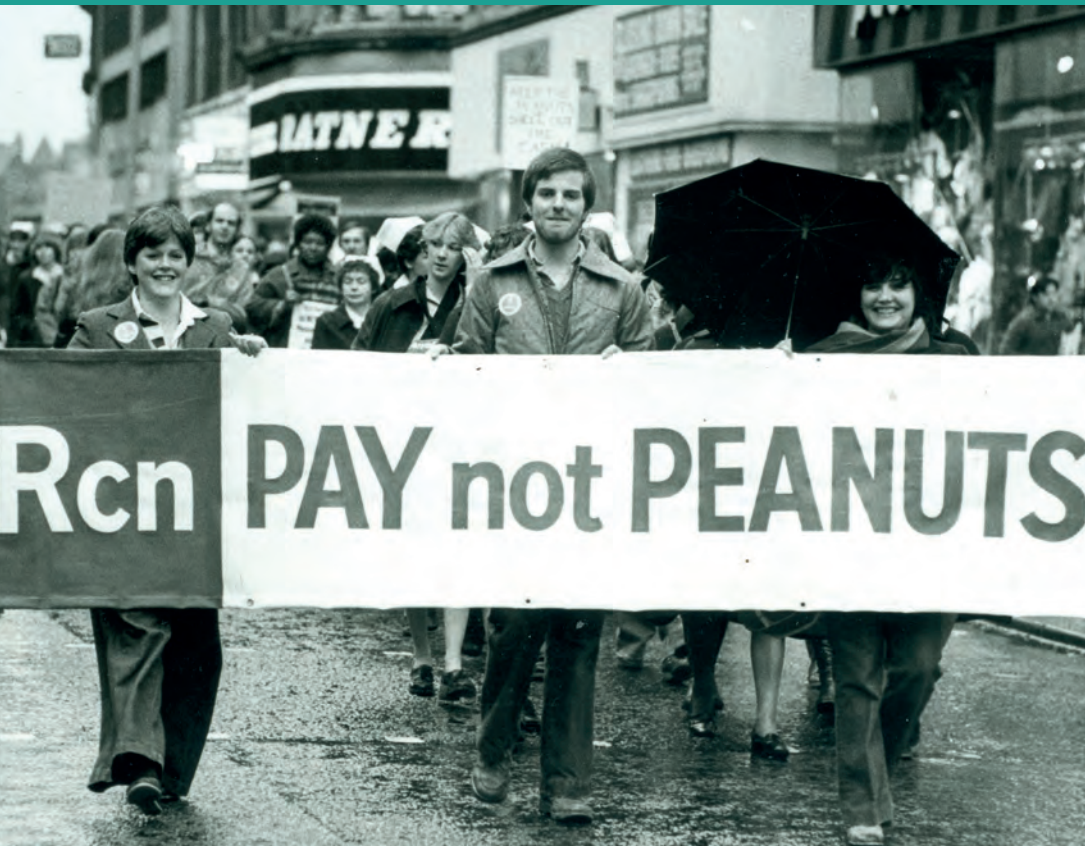
## The Voice of Nursing



Main Exhibition Space

4 January 2016 – 21 December 2018

In 1916, nursing was a fragmented profession. It struggled to come to terms with the huge increase in need that the First World War generated. Working conditions for most nurses were poor, and they were often voiceless and of low social status. To celebrate the centenary of the Royal College of Nursing in 2016, this exhibition tells the story of how this has changed, alongside wider changes in society: the changing role of women, immigration and cultural diversity, the NHS and employment rights.



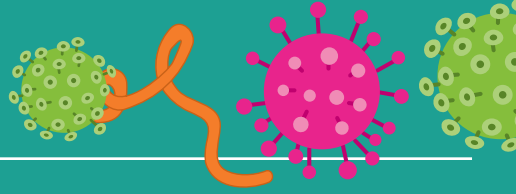


# Pandemic!

## Nursing 100 Years of Infection



Nursing History Collection  
5 April 2018 – 23 September 2018



Disease is powerful. It can devastate communities and countries, threaten global security and challenge modern medicine and health care. This exhibition explores how nurses have responded to deadly outbreaks, from the so-called Spanish Flu epidemic after the First World War to more recent contagions, like HIV/AIDS and Ebola. Today the risks for the spread of disease are increasing. We travel more frequently and further than we ever have before. War continues to fracture populations and compromise access to basic sanitation. And with each class of antibiotics we develop, bacteria evolve to resist and survive.



# Pandemic! Event Series

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## Pandemic! Fighting Infection Past and Present LS BSL

📅 Thursday 5 April,  
5.30-7.30pm

London

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Join us for the launch of our new exhibition, and find out about the past, present and future of infection control nursing during disease epidemics. Our speakers include Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England; Dr Mark Honigsbaum, historian of medicine and infectious diseases and Rose Gallagher, RCN Professional Lead for Infection Prevention & Control.

## In Flew Enza: Letters from the 1918 Flu Pandemic

📅 Thursday 31 May, 5-7pm  
Derby Museum and Art Gallery,  
The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Derby

What was it like to live through one of the most deadly epidemics in recent memory? Join us for an evening of letters written by ordinary people who survived the "Spanish" flu (1918-20). The event will be curated and introduced by historian Hannah Mawdsley, who is researching the social and cultural impact of the flu epidemic.

## "Please Matron!" Hospital Hygiene in 1901

📅 Monday 18 June,  
5.30-7.30pm

London

Are you brave enough to meet Matron? Experience what it was like to be a Victorian nursing student in 1900, as Matron Gordon shows what life was like in the Nightingale Training School at the end of the 19th century. This hour-long dramatic reconstruction of a lecture to probationer nurses around 1900 demonstrates how important nurses were in maintaining standards of hygiene and cleanliness in hospitals. It will be followed by a panel discussion on the history of infection control and prevention.



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LS Live subtitles  
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## AIDS Histories & Cultures Festival: July 2018

Co-ordinated by the Raphael Samuel History Centre

### RCN LATE: Beat the Bugs

Monday 2 July 2018, 6-9pm London

To launch the AIDS Histories and Cultures Festival, join us for an evening of games, activities and displays. Find out how quickly viruses can spread in a set of interactive activities, explore archive collections, play infection themed games and make your own AIDS quilt in memory of those who have lived and died with HIV/AIDS. Free event with pay bar.

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### Nothing For Us Without Us: I Am ICW LS

9 July 2018, 5.30-7pm London

An HIV diagnosis in the 1980s meant illness, isolation, stigma, rejection and death. An assumption that HIV did not affect women meant they were particularly isolated, with no services to meet their needs. In 1992 a group of women from different countries, cultures and backgrounds founded ICW, the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS. Hear from founders and members of ICW about their experiences, past and present, of healthcare, advocacy and activism.

### Nursing a Plague: History, Testimony and Memory LS

Tuesday 31 July 2018, 5.30-7.30pm London

“AIDS is not over and neither is AIDS in the past” (Sarah Schulman). That past resonates through our present – through relationships, sexual cultures and sexuality, through art and culture, and through experiences of stigma, fear and guilt. This event will draw powerfully on excerpts from oral histories of HIV/AIDS affected people, including nurses, curated by researchers Tommy Dickinson and George Severs.

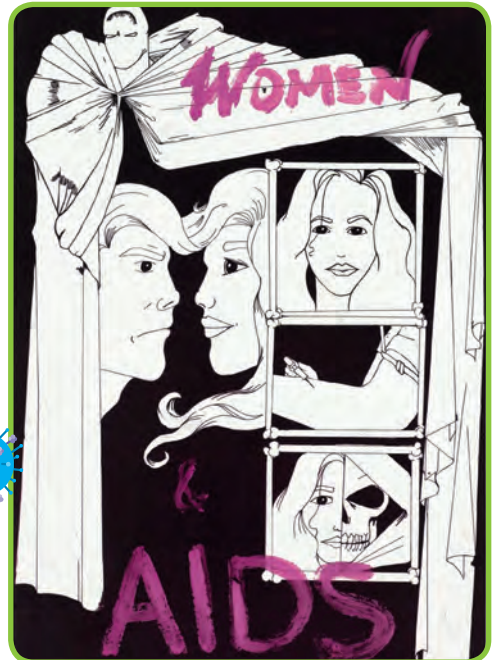


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## The Art of Caring: Beyond the Ebola crisis LS

📍 *Thursday 16 August 2018, London*  
5.30-7.30pm

The impact epidemics have continued well beyond the crisis itself: social, psychological and political. Here, we look at two interventions into Ebola. Artist Mary Beth Heffernan talks about the psychosocial benefits of her project to humanise the personal protective equipment (PPE) worn by health care workers during the outbreak. Gillian McKay, who co-ordinated a public health intervention in Sierra Leone in 2014/15, is now researching the impact the outbreak had on family planning services, and how “no-touch” and PPE policies altered the patient-provider relationship.

## Nursing Night Sweats: Tuberculosis care in the early twentieth century

📍 *Thursday 6 September Bury St Edmunds*  
5-7pm  
*RCN Eastern Region, Abbotsgate House, Hollow Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP32 7AU*

Before the advent of successful drug therapies in the 1950s, nursing was central to patients’ experiences of tuberculosis care. Patients could spend months or years on the ‘rest cure’ in sanatoriums and also at home. Dispensaries were staffed by visiting tuberculosis nurses who brought care into patients’ homes. In the sanatorium specialist nurses were vital but in short supply. Could former patients fill-in? Writer Helen Bynum, author of *Spitting Blood: The History of Tuberculosis*, explores the places, politics and practices of nursing TB patients.

## “Metal Prisons”: Polio nursing in 1950s Belfast

📍 *Thursday 4 October, Belfast*  
2-4pm  
*RCN Northern Ireland, 17 Windsor Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6EE*

“Extra iron lungs were hastily flown in ... Most were not needed ... There were many deaths that weekend.” Join us to hear first-hand experiences of nursing polio in the 1950s, from the frightening and uncomfortable iron lungs in which patients spent their days, to the bonds that developed between children trapped in these “metal prisons” and their favourite nurses.



Mary Beth Heffernan, PPE Portrait Project, 2015  
(photo: Marc Campos)



# ExpertTeas: Drop-in Sessions

Drop in at one of our daytime sessions and learn something new. Turn up at any point to find out more about the month's theme, get advice from experts and enjoy free refreshments. See [www.rcn.org.uk/whatson](http://www.rcn.org.uk/whatson) for more details on each theme.

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**Royal College of Nursing  
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20 Cavendish Square,  
London W1G 0RN  
(Entrance via Henrietta Place)



**Wednesday 9 May, 2-4pm**

*Study skills.* Expert support for students from literature searching to dissertation writing.



**Wednesday 4 July, 2-4pm**

*NHS Big7Tea.* Join us for tea and cake to celebrate the 70th birthday of the NHS on 5 July.



**Wednesday 8 August, 2-4pm**

*Mental health for nurses.* All nurses need to know about mental health, whether for your own wellbeing or your patients.



## The Language of Kindness: Christie Watson Book Launch LS

Wednesday 2 May, 6-9pm **London**

Christie Watson was a nurse for twenty years. Taking us from birth to death and from A&E to the mortuary, her new book *The Language of Kindness* is an astonishing account of a profession defined by acts of care, compassion and kindness. Join us for a public lecture, reception and book signing to celebrate the publication of this new book by the author of prize-winning novel *Tiny Sunbirds Far Away*.

## Compassion and End of Life Care LS

Wednesday 20 June, 6-9pm **Perth**  
Norie-Miller Studio,  
Perth Concert Hall, Mill Street,  
Perth PH1 5HZ

What care would you or could you expect at the end of life? And why should we all be talking about this more? Join us for a public lecture exploring compassion, community and hospice care. Speakers include Sandra Campbell, a leading nurse expert in end of life care involved in a variety of innovative work. Visit our website for full programme details.



Image: Peter Clark



# Other Events

## Let me Take Care of you

📅 *Monday 25 June 2018,  
2-7pm*  
*Check website for details,  
each session lasts an hour*

London

Info  
Expert

Imperial College Centre for Engagement and Simulation Science (ICCESS) invite you to an immersive event exploring the expressions of care in two different yet complementary settings: fine dining and day surgery. Find out for yourself what the similarities and differences are and join the discussion about learning between the professions to improve patient experience. The event draws on observational research undertaken in surgical wards and waiting areas of the NHS hospitals, and in restaurants known for their unique emphasis on diners' experience, including Heston Blumenthal's The Fat Duck restaurant.

## Open House London

📅 *Saturday 22 September,  
10am-4.30pm*

London

RCN HQ is an innovative mix of architecture old and new. In this rare opportunity to see 'behind the scenes', tours will encompass the unique Italian Baroque painted staircase and other features from the 1700s, the 1926 purpose-built College of Nursing and later architectural solutions to the integration of these spaces. Admission by regular guided tours only.

**No advance booking, queuing if necessary**



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# RCN Scotland Events

All events take place at RCN Scotland, 42 South Oswald Road, Edinburgh EH9 2HH

## Hidden in Plain Sight: Celebrating Nursing Diversity

↘ 26 April – 12 October 2018  
Open to the public Mon, Tues, Fri  
10am-4pm.

The nursing workforce is diverse, with healthcare workers representing a huge variety of backgrounds and experiences. This exhibition celebrates the contributions of some of the people whose work and lives have too often been overlooked. Here we highlight just a few of these disparate stories from the RCN collections, including the role of lesbian nurses in the First World War, the contributions of Black and Minority Ethnic nurses throughout the mid twentieth century, and the ways in which deaf mental health nurses have improved services for deaf patients at pioneering hospitals in the last few decades.

## Hidden in Plain Sight: Launch of the RCN diversity exhibition

↘ Exhibition Launch  
Thursday 26 April, 4-6pm

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Join us and SWAN LGBT Networking for the launch of our exhibition Hidden in Plain Sight. View our exhibition celebrating nursing diversity and explore LGBT equality at work with speakers including SWAN's Chair, Carole Anderson. Carole, a Stonewall Scotland Role Model, will focus on the NHS Golden Jubilee National Hospital's groundbreaking LGBT equality work on creating an inclusive and diverse workforce, leading to recognition in the Stonewall Top 100 Employers list. SWAN LGBT Networking provides safe, inclusive and welcoming business network events in Scotland aimed at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.



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# RCN Wales Events

All events take place at RCN Wales, Ty Maeth, King George V Drive East, Cardiff CF14 4XZ

## Deeds Not Words: Nursing at War

📅 Tuesday 1 May, 5-7pm

Find out more about the work nurses and female medical officers did during the First World War in this special screening of archive and documentary footage. The event will be introduced by a talk on the wartime story of Welsh nurse Annie Brewer. Films screened will include archive footage of First World War nurses, and two new documentaries: *The Invisible Killer of World War 1: Blast Injury and Deeds Not Words: The Suffragette Surgeons of WW1*.

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## Pandemic! Nursing Infection Display

📅 June – September

Visit a pop-up version of the Pandemic! display to find out how nurses have responded to deadly outbreaks, from the so-called Spanish Flu epidemic after the First World War to more recent contagions, like HIV/AIDS and Ebola. The RCN Wales Library can help you find the most up-to-date evidence on clinical practice.



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# Visitor information

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The Royal College of Nursing Library and Heritage Centre is home to Europe's largest nursing specific collection. Located just off Oxford Street, our venue includes public exhibitions, a café and a shop within the Library space.

All events are free and open to all unless specified. Advance booking usually required. Unless otherwise specified, book online at [www.rcn.org.uk/whatson](http://www.rcn.org.uk/whatson)

## Open

Monday - Friday: 9am-7pm  
Saturday: 9am-5pm

## Where

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(Central, Victoria, Bakerloo and Jubilee lines)

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