

Could you be...

...the next RCN President?

Role summary

- Act as an ambassador for the RCN and for nursing.
- Represent the RCN and the nursing profession to its members across the UK and to nursing staff across the globe.
- Represent the RCN and the nursing profession to external stakeholders and the public across the UK and internationally.
- Act as a full member of RCN Council.
- Work with and support the RCN Chair of Council and the Chief Executive & General Secretary in their roles.
- Uphold the values, decisions and policies of the RCN and to be a role model to members and to nursing more widely.

This historic position dates back to 1922 when Dame Sidney Browne became the first President of the Royal College of Nursing.

Members elect the President as their representative leader. As RCN President you will have a prominent leadership profile within the organisation and across the world-wide nursing and health community. You will work alongside the Chair of Council and the Chief Executive & General Secretary to champion the work of the Royal College of Nursing and its members on both the UK and the international stages.

The role

This role is essential to the work of the College, both as a trade union and professional organisation. The RCN President is at the forefront of all activities and acts in a way that strengthens the RCN and nursing as a profession.

Key responsibilities

- Attend official functions on behalf of the RCN – including state, government, civic, social and ceremonial events in the UK and abroad.
- Host official RCN functions.
- Attend RCN meetings and events including conferences, awards ceremonies and visiting RCN members in their workplaces.
- Attend external meetings and conferences on behalf of the RCN in the UK and abroad.
- Chair the RCN Annual General meeting, in accordance with the RCN's Standing Orders.
- As an ex-officio RCN Council member, act as a governor of the organisation and in accordance with the Council member role descriptor.
- Chair and participate in committees and panels in your specific capacity as President.
- Undertake specific activity on behalf of the RCN as discussed and agreed with the Chair of Council and the Chief Executive and General Secretary.
- Actively foster good relations with members, stakeholders and staff of the RCN.
- Promote membership of, and engagement with, the RCN in every arena.
- Report on your activities as President to Council and to the membership as a whole.



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What we are looking for

- A sound understanding of nursing and health issues across the UK and internationally.
- An understanding of, and commitment to, the RCN, its purpose and its work.
- The ability to listen to and can speak up for RCN members.
- A passion for nursing and wanting to make a difference.
- Objectivity, fairness, independence of mind, integrity, wisdom, discretion, good judgement, and the gravitas to be taken seriously at the highest levels UK-wide and internationally.
- Integrity and commitment to act in the best interests of the RCN without regard to your personal interest or benefit.
- Strategic vision and the ability to focus on practical issues.
- Awareness of how the world is changing politically, economically and socially.
- The ability to give direct and honest opinions, and add value to decision making by offering different perspectives and constructive suggestions.
- Skill and ability as a public speaker.
- A readiness to take and be accountable for decisions.
- To be willing to abide by the RCN's Respect Charter.

Find out more

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“Our members are the most valuable asset the RCN has, and we want to ensure that their voice and the issues they face are heard by those that need to hear them. The President, together with the Deputy President provide that vital link and will continue to be essential to the functioning of the RCN.”

Andrea Spyropoulos, RCN President 2014

