



The Royal College of
Midwives

Royal College of Midwives Student Midwives' 19th Annual Conference

The New Generation: Stepping Stones to the Future

Thursday 26 November 2009, Manchester Central

This important event has been designed to inspire, support and give confidence to the new generation of students to move forward and make the transition to midwife. It will explore the challenges ahead in your professional career.

This year we will be considering the role of fathers and what makes a good mentor as well as exploring the challenges of delivering normal birth and working with new technologies. There will also be spotlight sessions where students can voice their opinions on the big issues.

This is your conference – make it a success by booking your place

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Speakers include:

Professor Cathy Warwick CBE
General Secretary,
Royal College of Midwives

Sheila Kitzinger
Social Anthropologist,
Natural Birth Pioneer and Author

Michel Odent
Leading Author and Obstetrician

Duncan Fisher
Chief Executive, Dad Info

Polly Ferguson
Nursing Officer, Office of the Chief Nurse,
Welsh Assembly Government

Professor Marlene Sinclair
Professor of Midwifery Research,
University of Ulster and Northern Ireland
RCM Board Member

Agenda

(Subject to change)

09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

SESSION 1 - ACHIEVING NORMAL BIRTH

- 10.00 **Welcome from Session Chairs**
Jocelyn Bradish, Joanna Oliver and **Catherine Foy**,
Student Midwife Working Group Members
- 10:05 **Opening address**
Protecting and promoting normality
Professor Cathy Warwick CBE, General Secretary,
Royal College of Midwives
- 10.20 **Making normality a reality: panel discussion**
- **What is 'normal labour' in practice today?**
Debby Gould, Head of Midwifery, University College
London Hospital and Current Chair, RCM Council
 - **A woman's experience**
Professor Tina Lavender, Professor of Midwifery,
University of Manchester
 - **Impact of choice**
Sheila Kitzinger, Social Anthropologist, Natural Birth
Pioneer and Author
 - **The role of the midwife**
Dr Kenda Crozier, Lecturer and RCM Research Fellow,
University of East Anglia
 - **The importance of relationships for keeping
birth normal**
Professor Billie Hunter, Professor of Midwifery,
Swansea University, Wales
- 10.45 **Questions and discussion**
- 11.00 **Refreshments, networking and exhibition**

SESSION 2 - THE ROLE OF FATHERS

- 11.30 **Welcome from Session Chair**
Grace Thomas, Consultant Midwife,
Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust and Visiting Fellow,
University of Glamorgan
- Fatherhood debate: birth is no place for a father**
Grace Thomas will set the scene, summarising the midwifery
evidence. We will hear arguments for and against from:
- Michel Odent**, Leading Author and Obstetrician
- Versus**
- Duncan Fisher**, Chief Executive, Dad Info
- 12.00 **Delegates will take a vote followed by
questions and discussion**
- 12.15 **Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition**
- A 'future generation' themed graffiti board**
will be available for participants to share views, for
example, on what newly qualified midwives
want from the RCM, students' experiences of
their stepping stones towards qualifying and ideas
for improving mentorship.

SESSION 3 - SUPPORTING THE NEW GENERATION

- 13.30 **Welcome from Session Chairs**
Naomi McClenagan, Shakera Bowmen, Katrina Cottarral,
Student Midwife Working Group Members
- 13:35 **Supporting Midwives: panel discussion**
- **Achieving a work-life balance**
Polly Ferguson, Nursing Officer, Office of the Chief Nurse,
Welsh Assembly Government
 - **The clinical learning environment and recruitment:
new developments**
Professor Paul Lewis, Associate Dean – Midwifery,
Rehabilitation & Health Sciences, Bournemouth University,
RCM Fellow and RCM Council Member
 - **Making the most of your supervisor:
building a partnership**
Judith Kurutac, North West LSA
(Local Supervising Authority) Midwife
 - **Supporting and training mentors: grading of
clinical practice**
Michelle Lyne, Midwifery Adviser,
Nursing and Midwifery Council
- 14.00 **Questions and discussion focusing on
students' experiences and expectations**
- 14.20 **Refreshments, networking and exhibition**

SESSION 4 - CLOSING PLENARY

- 14.50 **Student spotlight session: students' reflections**
Each member of the group will share personal
passions about midwifery.
- 15.30 **New birth technologies**
In conversation with...
Professor Marlene Sinclair, Professor of Midwifery
Research, University of Ulster and Northern Ireland and
RCM Board Member
- 15.50 **Closing reflections and prize draw**
Liz Stephens, President, Royal College of Midwives
- 16.00 **Conference closes**
- 19:00 **Conference dinner**
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RCM social event of the year

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The purpose of this year's conference:

- Meet and network with hundreds of midwifery students from across the UK
- Find out how to make the most of your mentor
- Hear from leading midwifery experts and leaders on the differing roles of the midwife
- Learn about achieving choice and other developments affecting the profession
- Consider contentious issues surrounding 'normality' during childbirth
- Debate the role of fathers
- Discover and discuss options on postgraduate education
- Examine the challenges students are facing and new opportunities and solutions
- Gain an insight into the impact of the clinical learning environment on recruitment

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