



Mary Seacole Centre for Nursing Practice Conference

Promoting and Tracking Diversity of Students within Nursing and Midwifery Education - a national model?

Date: Wednesday 27 September 2006

Venue: Slough Campus

Conference Aim:

The Conference will explore the impact of diversity in relation to nursing and midwifery recruitment, attrition and transition into practice. It will draw on the outcomes of the **CANDLES** Project (Campaign to Attract Nurses/Midwives from Diverse Local Ethnic groups in Slough) and the **DATING** Project (Diversity, Attrition and Transition Into Nursing), both undertaken by the Mary Seacole Centre for Nursing Practice at Thames Valley University

Intended Audience:

The conference will be of interest to staff involved in:

- Recruitment and retention of students in Faculties of Nursing and Midwifery
- Education
- NHS Workforce Planning
- Diversity and Equality issues within the NHS and the Higher Education sectors

Conference Content:

Outcomes and lessons learnt from the **CANDLES** Project.

This 2 year project was funded by the Thames Valley Strategic Health Authority and Slough Primary Care NHS Trust and completed in September 2005

Findings of the **DATING** Project.

An analysis of the outcomes of nearly 2,000 student nurses who registered with Thames Valley University between 1999 and 2001. This NHS Employers-funded study investigated completion rates and transition into practice by age, gender, ethnicity, country of birth and academic qualifications on entry to the course

Speakers to include:

- Professor Elizabeth Anionwu, **CANDLES & DATING** Project Director
- Mrs Haseen Mughal, Co-ordinator/Outreach Worker
- Individuals who benefited from the **CANDLES** Project
- Members of the **DATING** project research team

Group work will examine the implications for Higher Education Institutes and NHS workforce planning in respect to the promotion and monitoring of the diversity of students in:

- * Recruitment and outcomes of applications to nursing and midwifery education programmes
- * Completion rates
- * Transition into practice

Fee £45 [includes coffee/tea + lunch]. Further details will be available shortly.

To register your interest please contact

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