

The Forum's vision

An active network that enables sharing of knowledge and influences the development of education for health and social care practice.

Aim of the Forum

To support those involved in both education and practice to develop educational initiatives that reflect the health and social care agenda, and the advancement of the member's knowledge and expertise.

About NLPF

The NLPF was established in 1994 to provide a National network for people with joint education and practice roles. The Forum was formed in response to the growing demand for effective partnerships between practice institutions and education providers and the growing number of roles at the interface between theory and practice. This is a very exciting time for the Forum. Following the 2004 NLPF Conference, Professor George Castledine accepted the position of President of the NLPF. George, who has a joint education/practice role, is keen to raise the profile of the Forum so those individual practitioners are able to access support and share good practice ongoing across the UK.

National conference

The Forum's National Conference has gone from strength to strength. It provides the opportunity to network and to recharge the batteries. It enables practitioners to keep abreast of research activities and to provide advice on developing posts. The 2004 Conference held in Bournemouth was a resounding success.

Comments from participants included:

"The best organised and relevant 'educational' conference I have attended"

"Really motivating to have other peoples 'visions' of the way forward"

"Excellent day. Well done to the organising team. Helped to raise enthusiasm to go on with the LP role and advance it even further"

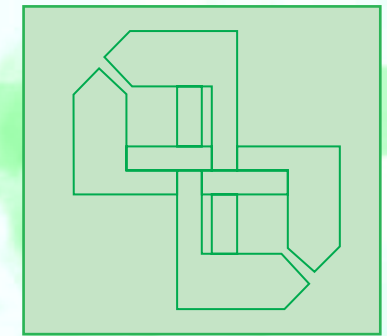
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How to join:

Annual subscription £15.00

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for
all educators
in
clinical
practice

**An established Forum
which will appeal to**

Lecturer Practitioners
Nurse Practitioners
Practice Educators
Practice Development
Professionals
Nurse Consultants
Allied Health Professionals
Training Professionals
Senior Clinical Managers

Forward from the NLPF president

Since the demise of the clinical tutor there has always been a struggle within the nursing profession to link up nursing theory and practice. I am sure therefore that many senior nurse managers will welcome the support of a special forum whose aim it is to encourage not only more initiatives between service and education, but the continued development of joint appointments and clinical teachers.

I know from my own experiences over the past twenty years or so that such posts require not only specially prepared individuals but committed managers who support the role. Unfortunately there are still many problems in recognising the valuable contribution that clinical educators can make. There is still no recognised career structure or approved progression from practice educator to clinical professor. The benefit of the development of an organisation like this one, is that it will help to promote good practice and raise not only the morale of staff, but will encourage high standards of practice linked with evidence based education.

I would urge you to support this initiative and encourage those nurses interested in developing their clinical care with sound knowledge to become members. We would also be keen to hear from any senior managers or educators who would like to support the group.

Yours Sincerely

Professor George Castledine

President, National Lecturer Practitioner Forum

Benefits of membership

Access to a national database

As a member of the Forum, you will have access to the NLPF website, where you will be able to search the database of practitioners by name or by speciality. The Forum has been able to put members in touch with others in similar roles at different stages of development, to share knowledge, experience and on-going projects. The NLPF website enables members to post examples of local initiatives and published work to share with colleagues.

Regional networking groups

The Forum is also developing a series of regional networking groups. We have found that often individuals are not aware of the many similar roles in their own locality. The Forum is able to link people to provide support and information.

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National networking at the interface between education and practice

This is a great time to become a member of this National network. The promotion of inter-professional learning, new models of education design and delivery, the need for clinical expertise within flexible, responsive and relevant education programmes means that there has never been a more exciting time to be right there at the interface between education and practice. As a member of the NLPF you will have the chance to directly influence the future development of the Forum and help the Forum itself influence national policy.

Application Form

(please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Clinical speciality _____

Area of expertise _____

Clinical interests/projects _____

Work details, please complete in full:

(primary contact address) _____

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof) _____

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You will receive an email or letter confirming your membership along with your unique access password so that you can start networking with other NLPF members.

Please return completed form to M&K Update at the address overleaf