



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION



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The CNF is pleased to announce that the bi-annual CNF professional journal: The Commonwealth Nurse is now available free online from its own website: <http://www.thecommonwealthnurse.com>. The complete journal or individual articles can be downloaded. Back issues are also available. The CNF Board has been keen to make the journal more widely available and also to provide a journal which nurses and midwives can access to publish their papers. The focus for the next issue will be on maternal and child health. Papers for submission should be received no later than 30 November. Author guidelines and submission instructions are available on the journal website.

## FREE ONLINE CONFERENCE Maternal and Child Health 2 November 2013

The conference is joint effort between midwifery students at Oregon Health Sciences University and Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing with support from the Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery (GANM). The conference topics are:

### 7:00 AM EST

*Birthing on Country*

Presented by: Tracy Martin, Principle Midwifery Advisor for Western Australia

### 9:00 AM EST - TBD

### 11:00 AM EST

*Postpartum Hemorrhage*

Presented by: Deborah Armbruster, Senior Maternal Health Advisor USAID

### 1:00 PM EST

*Home Based Life Saving Skills*

Presented by: Maggie Alexander, Oregon Health Sciences University

Participants need to pre-register for the conference by clicking on the link: [https://nursingjhu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_5i4MwaunzLzPKeh](https://nursingjhu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5i4MwaunzLzPKeh)

The link for participating in the conference will be sent out to those who pre-register. People who cannot participate in the conference will be sent on request a link to access the recorded presentations.

There will be an online discussion following the presentations. Further information is available from:

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## Last days CALL FOR ABSTRACTS CLOSES 31 OCTOBER

The 'Call for Abstracts' for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Nurses Conference: *Nurses and midwives - agents of change*, to be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, UK 8-9 March 2014 closes 31 October 2013. For more information or to submit an abstract go to the CNF website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2014>.

Conference  
**2014**  
Commonwealth Nurses Federation

**NURSES AND MIDWIVES:  
Agents of Change**

2nd Commonwealth Nurses Conference  
Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 March 2014  
London United Kingdom

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The abstracts should demonstrate a contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of citizens of the Commonwealth in the following areas:

- maternal and child health care
- mental health care
- acute and chronic health care
- public health and primary health care

**Abstract submission**

Email your abstracts (of no more than 300 words) to the Commonwealth Nurses Federation at [cnf@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:cnf@commonwealthnurses.org) by 31 October 2013.

## ADVANCE NOTICE for CNF members



## CNF 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Meeting 2014

Venue: Royal College of Nursing  
20 Cavendish Square London

Friday 7 March 2014  
Hosted by the CNF and the RCN

**Nurses and midwives: agents of change**

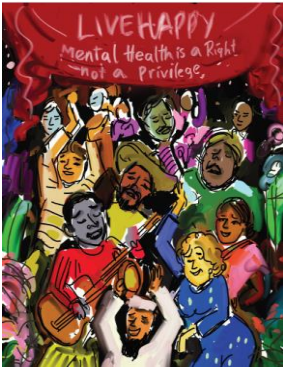


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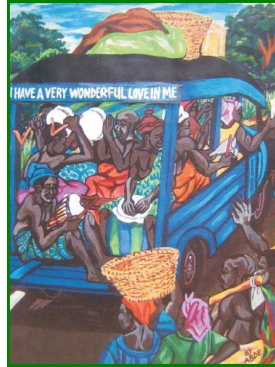
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## BasicNeeds BasicRights

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES



Mental Health Care  
An Introductory Manual for  
Training General Health Personnel



Essential Skills  
for Mental Health Care  
Dr Jim Crabb and Emma Razi

Basic Needs is a UK based charity that works in the developing world to end the suffering of mentally ill people. By enabling people with mental illness or epilepsy to live and work successfully in their communities, Basic Needs aims to give hope to the thousands of people who struggle daily with a lack of treatment and the stigma surrounding their disease. Basic Needs work is based on the philosophy of building inclusive communities, where mentally ill people, through development, realise their own rights. Called the *Model for Mental Health and Development*, Basic Needs addresses both people's illness and their poverty to lead to a sustainable recovery, giving them access to community based treatment so their illnesses can be stabilised and they can get back to a normal life. Basic Needs works to build the capacity of communities, partner organisations, and primary health care workers to help stop the stigma surrounding mental illness and by providing opportunities for sustainable livelihoods, Basic Needs gives mentally ill people a chance to work and contribute to their family income. Find out more about the work of Basic Needs at: <http://www.basicneeds.org>

## SOUTH AFRICA DEVELOPS NATIONAL CPD PROGRAM FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES



The CNF was delighted to be able to provide technical assistance to the South African Nursing and Midwifery leadership in the development of a national continuing professional development framework for nurses and midwives. Led by the South African Nursing Council, and with support from the Ministry of Health and Chief Nursing Officer, the Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa, the North West University (Mafikeng Campus Mmabatho) and other senior academics, the sixteen member South African CPD Committee met over four days in August in an intensive which resulted in a draft document for dissemination to nurses and midwives and other stakeholders for comment. The development of the national CPD framework was made possible by funding from the African Regulatory Collaborative (ARC) and local partner, I-TECH.



## COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE'S FORUM

10-14 November Sri Lanka

Registration now open



The Commonwealth People's Forum 2013 is organised by the Commonwealth Foundation, and hosted by a consortium of Sri Lankan civil society organisations with support from the Government of Sri Lanka. It is the single biggest opportunity for civil society to engage with Commonwealth leaders on global development issues. Held every two years in the run up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), it brings civil society representatives together to discuss key issues facing the Commonwealth. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.cpf2013.org>.

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