

Ending Well - A Celebration Of The Work Of The London Network for Nurses and Midwives

In 2011 the Florence Nightingale Foundation (FNF) entered a partnership with The London Network for Nurses and Midwives (LNNM) to deliver and fund Leadership and Research Scholarships and Small Grants for Nurses and Midwives working in London within the NHS. Five years on, the partnership is now at an end and with that comes the formal end to the LNNM, two decades after its founding. To mark this end, the partnership steering group decided that there should be a reflective report written and a celebration event hosted in honour of the LNNM and all of its achievements since 1999. As such, on Monday 27th June at the City of London Club, 60 founding members, working group chairs and members, scholars, small grant recipients and associates gathered together in celebration of the LNNM.

Following a networking lunch, Dr Geraldine Walters, LNNM Chair, provided a history of the Network and officially launched the report 'Celebrating the Past to Inspire the Future: Two decades of supporting Nurses and Midwives in London' written by the Foundation. Professor Dame Christine Beasley, who founded the Network in 1999 then shared her personal reflections, outlining the vision, the successes and the challenges faced over the years.

We were then presented with a showcase of the LNNM and FNF partnership, with presentations from Leadership scholar Jane Clegg and Emerging Leader Roy Tecson; Research Scholars Clarence Gwashavanhu and Lin Graham Ray; Small grant recipient Sherrie Barnes shared details of her Healthy Mother's project and the LNNM Homelessness Group shared its history, objectives and plans for the future. Professor Ursula Gallagher, former LNNM Chair, and Professor Trish Morris- Thompson, FNF Trustee, offered their reflections.

It was noted by many on the day that often when eras end, as they naturally do, there is a failure to mark those endings properly. On this occasion, the tremendous achievements of the LNNM were celebrated entirely appropriately, with a resounding sense of pride and respect and offering inspiration for the future.

Some feedback from the day:

"Thank you for organising a most enjoyable event. It is not often we recognise an ending - but yesterday was a fitting tribute to all those who had a vision."

"It was both inspirational and hugely enjoyable."

"A fantastic day... A really inspiring and fun event."

"It was a great way to end such a successful approach to maximising nurses' contribution across London."

"A great event and a very positive end to the Partnership."

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"Such an excellent event, as it was said, a dignified end to nearly 20 years."

A downloadable copy of the report is available on online:

<http://lnnm.florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk/content/page/8/>

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Photographs from the day are available to view here:

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