



## MARY SEACOLE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS 2008

### For Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors

Mary Seacole was an amazing woman. She was strong, tenacious and determined. Born 1805 in Jamaica to a Jamaican mother and Scottish father, she had considerable skills as a doctress and nurse. During the Crimean war, she made a major contribution to nursing practice by nursing wounded British soldiers and demonstrating her commitment to inclusivity. Mary was, and is, an inspiration to nurses from all backgrounds. These awards are made in honour of Mary and in recognition of her leadership and outstanding contribution to nursing.

Jointly funded by the Department of Health and NHS Employers the awards provide opportunities for successful applicants to undertake a project, or other educational/development activity, to enhance patient/client-focused care that benefits the health needs of people from black and minority ethnic communities.

Applicants should be nurses, midwives or health visitors in clinical and professional practice in England. Development awards are worth up to £6,250 each. The professional organisations named below, the Department of Health and NHS Employers work closely together to ensure successful candidates are fully supported during their award year.

**The closing date for applications is 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Application forms with further details will be available to download from March 2008 on the Chief Nursing Officer's website <http://www.dh.gov.uk/cno> as well as the following participating organisations' websites:**

- <http://www.rcn.org.uk/membership/scholarshipsawards/rcnmembers>
- [www.rcm.org.uk](http://www.rcm.org.uk)
- <http://www.unitetheunion.com/cphva>
- [www.unison.org.uk](http://www.unison.org.uk)
- [www.nhsemployers.org](http://www.nhsemployers.org)

Or may be obtained by email from Bukola Samuel at the Department of Health on [bukola.samuel@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:bukola.samuel@dh.gsi.gov.uk). Completed forms must be returned to Bukola Samuel to arrive no later than 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

