



MARY SEACOLE LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2008

For Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors

Mary Seacole was a strong, tenacious and determined woman with considerable leadership skills. 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 in recognition of her leadership, her visionary approach to diversity and her outstanding contribution to nursing.

Jointly funded by the Department of Health and NHS Employers the awards provide opportunities for nurses, midwives or health visitors in England to undertake a project, or other educational/development activity, to enhance patient/client-focused care. 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.

Each Leadership Award is worth up to £12,500 and we are currently seeking applications from nurses, midwives or health visitors in England.

The closing date for applications is 7th 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.unitetheunion.com/cphva>
- www.unison.org.uk
- www.nhsemployers.org

Or may be obtained by email from Bukola Samuel at the Department of Health on bukola.samuel@dh.gsi.gov.uk. Completed forms must be returned to Bukola Samuel to arrive no later than 7th May 2008.

