

# THE DOCTORAL MIDWIFERY RESEARCH SOCIETY

Partnering with the Royal College of Midwives in 2010, the Doctoral Midwifery Research Society (DMRS) was first formed in 2007 by Professor Marlene Sinclair at the University of Ulster with a grant from the HSC R&D Division, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland

The overall aim of the society is to:

***“Advance midwifery practice through the promotion, development and dissemination of maternity care research regionally, nationally and internationally”***

## *Do I need a doctorate in midwifery to join?*

No, the DMRS is designed so that membership is open to anyone with a passion and interest in midwifery and maternity care research, so includes doctoral midwives, midwives, PhD students, midwifery, medical and healthcare students, policy makers, women’s groups, medical doctors, psychologists, sociologists and voluntary organizations can join

## *What can the DMRS do for me?*

As an independent organisation the DMRS offers you:

- A safe and friendly platform for you to disseminate your research face to face, via podcast, video and the Internet
- Professorial lectures by experts sharing their lived experiences of doing and using research An opportunity for interaction and networking with midwives, multi-professionals, policy makers, women’s community groups, voluntary organizations and international researchers from a wide range of backgrounds
- A chance to hear about new and emerging research
- Access to research resources
- Opportunities for universities and academic institutions to advertise up-coming events and conferences
- A forum to participate in research groups specific to the role of technology and motivational design

## *Will it cost me anything to join?*

DMRS membership is free, however there is a small charge ranging from £10- £25 to attend the one-day DMRS/RCM events, in order to cover administration and catering costs. Non-members will be asked to pay an extra £10 to attend meetings.

## *When and where does the DMRS meet?*

The DMRS meets three times each year in universities across the United Kingdom. Every three years we have an international conference - the next one will be in Europe in 2013. If your university would like to host a DMRS meeting in your local area – then please go to **[www.doctoralmidwiferysociety.org/Contact\\_Us.aspx](http://www.doctoralmidwiferysociety.org/Contact_Us.aspx)** and leave a message and contact details and we will get back to you.

## *How do I join the DMRS?*

To join the DMRS simply go to the DMRS website and complete the online registration form at **[www.doctoralmidwiferysociety.org/Membership.aspx](http://www.doctoralmidwiferysociety.org/Membership.aspx)**. Your name will be placed on the DMRS database and information of up-coming events will be emailed to you accordingly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT THE DMRS WEB-SITE AT  
[WWW.DOCTORALMIDWIFERYSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.DOCTORALMIDWIFERYSOCIETY.ORG)

