



The Role of Non-medical Professions in the Health Humanities: A Roundtable Discussion

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Hosted by Dr. Jessica Howell and Rachael Renaud
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(<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/groups/chh/about/index.aspx>). To this end, a roundtable discussion is convened to address the voices of non-medical professionals (nurses, midwives, dentists, pharmacists and allied health professionals) and the roles they play in the Health Humanities. The speakers also will be asked to address how Health Humanities methodologies and research methods can best 'uncover' and study these voices.

The speakers will address the facilitators' questions for one hour, followed by half an hour of discussion. Please join us afterwards for a wine reception. If you would like to attend, or for further information, please email jessica.howell@kcl.ac.uk.

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The Council Room is in the Strand Campus of King's College, second floor.