Midwifery Societies: empowering student midwives to improve maternity outcomes

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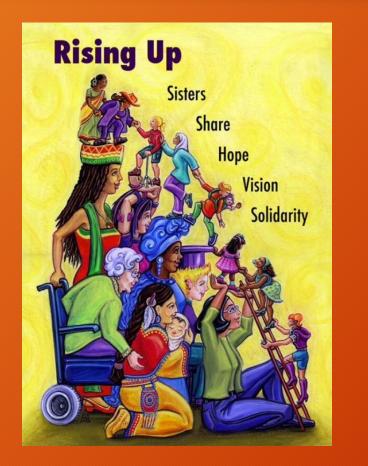
University of Bradford Midwifery Society

Rise of midwifery societies

- Growing across the country
- Support from university union
- RCM affiliation
- Working together



Why do we need midwifery societies?



• Challenges of university life

• Unity

• Bridge the gap

• Voice of the future

#TeamBradford

- #Team Bradford
- City of Bradford
- Born in Bradford study





MICROBIRTH

REVEALING THE MICROSCOPIC EVENTS DURING CHILDBIRTH THAT COULD HOLD THE KEY TO THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

UoB Midwifery Society events Microbirth film All the events have actually inputted into my work during year 3. They led me to be more critical of my own practice and bringing together people from outside uni and host trusts was key to this. The Microbirth event was particularly relevant to my dissertation and the lively discussions following the showing of the film gave much food for thought. I don't believe I'd have done as well or been as confident in my practice without these events being available to me on my doorstep

Carina, 3rd year student



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I personally found the roar event wonderfully motivating. Resiliency and strength will get us through so many difficulties not only as students and practitioners but as women. Fantastic uplifting event!

Joanne, 2nd year student



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Positive about pregnancy

Denis Walsh Mark Harris Debi Gibson Kati Edwards Waterbirth workshop £20 non-members "uob mid soc"

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Guest speakers including; Jacque Gerrard, Joy Kemp, Melanie Cooper, Louise Ackers, Paula O'Reilly & Elaine Uppal.

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...over the last year I have come to view the events as - not just 'extra'- but as an essential part of the course. I found the baby lifeline CTG training day to be especially enlightening, and helped me realise the importance of scrutinising standardised guidelines. This has already contributed towards making me a more questioning (and therefore autonomous) student, positively impacting my practice. Thank you UoB midwifery society

Jessica, 3rd year student

As a band 6 midwife on labour ward, it's been really invigorating coming to these events. It makes me remember what I was passion about when I qualified, and reminds me not to lose sight of that.

- Alumni

- Professional development

- Shared interests + passion = creative force of like minded individuals.

Get involved!

Rebecca, band 6 RM

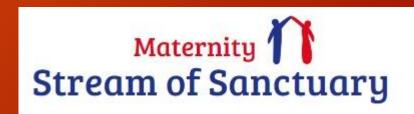
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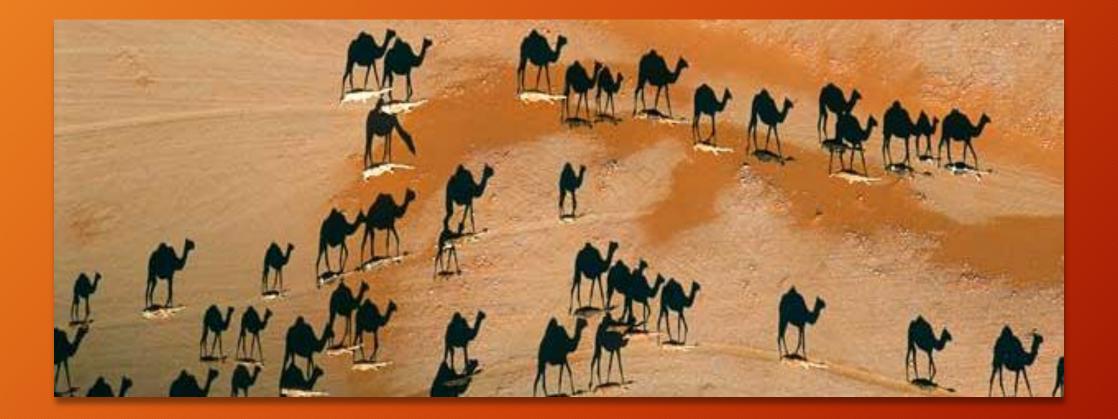
Charity involvement

- Nominated charity MAMA Academy
- Antenatal Wallet scheme
- Perfectly good airplane
- Maternity Stream, City of Sanctuary









Thank you for listening

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