

Action for Sick Children Norah Rees Award

For over 40 years Action for Sick Children has championed the cause of sick children, involving children, young people and their families in the planning and provision of their healthcare. Action for Sick Children wishes to celebrate the charity's part in helping to achieve high standards of service for children and to promote research and development in this field. Action for Sick Children has received a small legacy from the estate of the late Norah Rees. In order to acknowledge this gift, the charity has decided to create the Action for Sick Children Norah Rees Award for the best Master's dissertation from a nurse that furthers Action for Sick Children's aims and values.

What is the Norah Rees Award?

Action for Sick Children is offering a prize of £500 for the best Master's dissertation by a nurse.

Who is eligible?

All nurses who completed a dissertation as part of a Master's degree between June 2005 and 2008 can apply for the Norah Rees Award.

How can the award help?

The recipient of the Norah Rees Award will gain publicity for their work including the opportunity to present their study at the Action for Sick Children Annual Conference. The degree in which the Award winning dissertation is completed will also benefit from the prestige and publicity. Award winners will be able to include the Award on their C.V.s as national recognition of their work.

How will the winner be selected?

The Norah Rees Award will be presented for the best postgraduate dissertation that contributes to the Action for Sick Children Millennium Charter, incorporated into the European Association for Children in Hospital Charter. The Charter is included in this leaflet and further details are on the Action for Sick Children website www.actionforsickchildren.org

Action for Sick Children Millennium Charter

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All children shall have equal access to the best clinical care within a network of services that collaborate with each other.

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Health services for children and young people should be provided in a child centred environment separately from adults so that they are made to feel welcome, safe and secure at all times.

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Parents should be empowered to participate in decisions regarding the treatment and care of their child through a process of clear communication and adequate support.

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Children should be informed and involved to an extent appropriate to their development and understanding.

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Children should be cared for at home with the support and practical assistance of community children's nursing services, unless the care that they require can only be provided in hospital.

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All staff caring for children shall be specifically trained to understand and respond to their clinical, emotional, developmental and cultural needs.

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Every hospital admitting children should provide overnight accommodation for parents, free of charge.

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Parents should be encouraged and supported to participate in the care of their child when they are sick.

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Every child in hospital shall have full opportunity for play, recreation and education.

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Adolescents will be recognised as having different needs to those of younger children and adults. Health services should therefore be readily available to meet their particular needs.