

Virtual International Day of the Midwife 5 May 2010

Last year [Deborah Davis](#) and I organized and facilitated the 24 hour Virtual International Day of the Midwife. It was a last minute experiment that was very successful in a limited way. The [feedback](#) we received was that midwives were very keen to be involved, but needed more time to organize themselves.

So here we are, calling for expressions of interest for this year's 24 hour virtual [International Day of the Midwife](#) which will be on May 5th 2010. Would you like to give a presentation, write a paragraph, make a video or podcast, or do anything that can be published on the Internet - tell us about your life as a midwife or student, or an issue that affects your practice as a midwife or interests you? Or, would you like the opportunity to just get together with midwives and have a general discussion or tell stories?

Aim of the 24 hour event

The aim of the 24 hour virtual IDM is to provide access to asynchronous and live online events that will suit midwives in every time zone.

What does it involve?

What we would like you to do is organize an online event of some sort to fit a time zone of your choice. The event can be real time/live, or asynchronous. In a word...anything goes! Here are a few ideas of what you may like to think about:

- present a live talk/presentation in a virtual classroom
- host a live chat or discussion
- share stories with student midwives
- make a video, post it on [YouTube](#) and get a discussion going
- post a PowerPoint presentation on [SlideShare](#)
- add some information about midwifery, pregnancy or childbirth to [Wikipedia](#)
- host a conference in Second Life
- post a photo about midwifery on [Flickr](#)
- make an [Animoto midwifery video](#)
- make a midwifery [Wordle](#)
- start off a conversation in a midwifery [Facebook group](#)
- write a [blog post](#)
- record a podcast

What do I do next?

If you are interested in taking part, [have a look here at the wiki](#) which will give you more information:

<http://internationaldayofthemidwife.wikispaces.com>

Have a think about what you would like to do, and what time zone would suit you. Either [add your details to the wiki](#), contact us by email: sarahstewart07@gmail.com or deborah.davis@uts.edu.au

I don't think I can take part because I do not speak English very well

You do not have to use English for your presentation or session. In fact, it would be fabulous if we had some events in languages other than English so that we can reach even more midwives.

What other ways can I help?

If you don't feel you can take responsibility for a virtual event, there are a few more ways you can help:

- advertise the event to as many midwives as you can, midwives you know face-to-face and online
- pass on the information about this event to anyone you think may be interested in being involved in organizing an event
- volunteer to be a facilitator on the day which means you are responsible for the running of at least one live event - we are especially interested in having people facilitate live sessions at times when we'll be fast asleep in New Zealand and Australia
- volunteer to be back-up help on the day
- and if you are a midwifery geek, you can volunteer to be on-call to help with technology issues

Here is our Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Virtual-International-Day-of-the-Midwife-May-5-2010/288941025829?ref=mf>

On Twitter we are @IDM2010 : <http://twitter.com/IDM2010>

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