



Meet Our UN Representatives: Siobhán O'Connor

Dr. Siobhán O'Connor is a senior lecturer in the Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery, and Palliative Care at King's College London and an adjunct associate professor at Western University, Canada. Dr. O'Connor has a multidisciplinary background with bachelor's degrees in nursing and information systems from University College Cork, Ireland, and a PhD in health informatics from the University of Glasgow, United Kingdom. She has nearly 20 years of combined experience in industry, clinical practice, and higher education.

Dr. O'Connor's research focuses on co-designing, implementing, and evaluating technology in healthcare, with a particular interest in mobile and other digital health tools that can support patient self-management. Dr. O'Connor has received grants for digital health research from a variety of national and international funders such as the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), Medical Research Council (MRC), Innovate UK, the Burdett Trust for Nursing, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Nursing, Sigma Nursing, and the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

Dr. O'Connor has published extensively in her field, receiving an RCN Foundation Impact award in 2018 for research on the history of nursing informatics in the United Kingdom, and an Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar Award from Sigma Nursing in 2022 for her active scholarship in the Phi Mu Chapter in England. She is passionate about supporting nurses locally and globally to enhance their digital and artificial intelligence (AI) literacy so they can adopt and use a range of technologies in professional practice that enhance patient care and population health. She set up and leads the AI Nurses Network, a clinical research network on AI in nursing, and mentors nursing students in clinical informatics to strengthen the evidence base for utilizing digital and AI tools across all areas of the nursing profession.