



About the Royal Society of Public Health

The Royal Society of Health, also known as the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health (RSPH), was established in 1876 following the landmark Public Health Act of 1875. Previously known as the Sanitary Institute (1876-1904) and the Royal Sanitary Institute (1904–55), it was created during a period of great change within the areas of public health provision and sanitary reform to which it contributed significantly.

During its first fifty years, the Society became the leading public health organization both in Great Britain and the rest of the world. It was soon renowned for events and conferences on pioneering and topical issues and developed qualifications for people working in public health professions. By the 1950s, the Society was a leading authority in its field, and was regularly consulted by governments and the international press on health-related issues. Since the 1970s, the Society has focused its activities on the most successful areas of its work - examinations, certification, and the journals *Public Health* and *Perspectives in Public Health*.

Today, RSPH is the longest-established public health organization in the United Kingdom. It is incorporated by Royal Charter completely independent of government and of any special interest. Members are academics, health professionals and practitioners who share an interest in promoting health through their daily work and come together through RSPH membership to provide cross-cutting, multidisciplinary perspectives on current health questions.

2023 Recipients of the APHA Honorary Membership

Wilma Reid, MSc.

Wilma Reid has recently retired as a trustee at the Royal Society of Public Health. During her term she chaired the both the Nomination & Governance and Public Health Workforce committees at RSPH. She worked in public health workforce development for almost 30 years and was latterly Head of Learning & Improvement in Public Health Scotland, the lead national agency for improving and protecting the health and wellbeing of Scotland's people. She is an experienced learning and development practitioner with senior and strategic leadership and management experience across the NHS, Higher Education and Third Sectors in Scotland. Wilma chaired the Scottish Public Health Workforce Development Group and was the Scottish

Government representative on the People in UK Public Health group which promoted collaboration across devolved UK administrations. She also led the Scottish Public Health Reform commission on the wider public health workforce and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Third and Community Sectors' contribution to public health, especially with a focus on reducing inequalities by taking a whole system working approach. Wilma now runs a coaching consultancy where the opportunity to support individuals in their personal and professional development aspirations contrasts with her more strategic development roles.