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New documentary launched for International Nurses and Midwives Day

What it means to be a nurse or midwife in Tasmania and the dedication and commitment brought to the roles is explored first-hand in a new documentary to be launched today (Thursday, 12 May).

The Heart of Nursing is a 40-minute documentary presenting the stories of nurses, midwives and nursing academics working in Tasmania.

The film's release coincides with International Nurses and Midwives Day today.

The documentary investigates the way nurses view their role and explores the impact of public storytelling on this vision from the perspective of the nurse, the nursed and the audience.

It was led and directed by Dr Nicolás Goc from the University of Tasmania's School of Social Sciences, in association with Dr Kim McLeod (School of Social Sciences) and School of Health Sciences' colleagues Professor Ken Walsh and Associate Professor Liz Cummings.

"The documentary celebrates nursing practice through the voices of the nurses and midwives," Dr Goc said.

"It is hoped the insightful and poignant stories of the nurses and midwives will inform and educate nursing and midwifery students, and will also engage the wider community in understanding and appreciating nursing's role in health care."

The project was supported by the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Health Organisation – South Liaison Committee.

It was funded by a 2015 University of Tasmania Cross-disciplinary Incentive Grant.

The film will be utilised for teaching and research purposes, with it ultimately being made available to the public.

The launch will be attended by the Royal Hobart Hospital's Executive Director of Nursing Coral Paton, University of Tasmania researchers and health care professionals.

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