

Bereavement Education Conference 2025

Bereavement as a Kaleidoscope: An Inclusive Approach for All

Tuesday 11 November 2025 - Virtual Conference Programme

Chair: Dr Graham Whyte, Consultant in Palliative Medicine / Associate Postgraduate Dean for Grief and Bereavement, Marie Curie Hospice, Glasgow / NHS Education for Scotland

09:00 **Welcome - Conference Opening Reflections** **Mark Evans**
Head of Service for Spiritual Care and Bereavement Services / Professional Advisor Spiritual Care
NHS Lothian / Scottish Government

09:20 **Come What May: Learning From a Life in Disaster** **Professor Lucy Easthope**
Centre for Death and Society
University of Bath

10:05 **Is Everyone a Loved One? Social Science Explorations of Bereavement** **Dr John MacArtney**
Marie Curie Associate Professor
Social Sciences in Health and Illness Network (Lead)
Primary Care and Community Network, Warwick Medical School
Senior Visiting Fellow, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Design, and Architecture, University of New South Wales (UNSW)
Dr Kate Woodthorpe
Reader in Sociology
Director of Knowledge Exchange for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science
Director of Centre for Death and Society, University of Bath

10:50 **Break**

11:10 **Parallel Sessions (these will be repeated at 14:55)**
1. Prolonged Grief Disorder: What Is It, and How Can I Help? **Steven Millar**
Clinical Associate Psychologist
North London NHS Foundation Trust

2. Hospital to Home – a Collaborative Approach to Bereavement Support Following Pregnancy, Baby or Child Loss **Nicola Welsh**
CEO
Held In Our Hearts
Dr Helen Reid
Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Maternity and Neonatal Psychology (MNP)
NHS Fife

3. Silenced Trauma, Unresolved Loss: Creative Health to Bear Witness to Families of the Missing **Pascale Waschnig**
Doctoral Researcher
University of West London

4. Expanding the Language of Grief: Working with Bereaved Youth with Disabilities **Jennifer Wiles**
Director, HEARTplay Program and Camp Erin Boston
Good Shepherd Community Care

5. Pre-bereavement Support for Children and Families in Palliative Care **Jade Finlayson**
Child and Families Lead Practitioner
St Columba's Hospice Care

6. The Bereavement Journey® **Dr Roger Greene**
Deputy CEO, AtaLoss
Dean Roberts
CEO, Parish Trust / Part Time Hospital Chaplain

12:00 **Lunch Break / Poster Viewing**

Chair: Dr Ken Donaldson, Medical Director / Associate Postgraduate Dean for Grief and Bereavement, NHS Dumfries and Galloway / NHS Education for Scotland

13:00 **Poster Winners Announced**

Equitable Bereavement Care for All - Assessing the Bereavement Needs of Ethnically Diverse Groups

Dr Sabrina Bajwah

Clinical Reader, King's College London

Honorary Consultant Palliative Care, King's Health Partners

Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care, Policy and Rehabilitation

Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Palliative Care, King's College London

Dr Catriona Mayland

Senior Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Palliative Medicine

Division of Clinical Medicine, School of Medicine and Population Health

University of Sheffield

13:50 **Supporting LGBTQ+ People Around Bereavement**

Florence Oulds

to be confirmed

Eleanor Sanders White

to be confirmed

Equality Network

14:35 **Break**

14:55 **Parallel Sessions Repeated**

15:50 **Bereavement in the Context of Motor Neuron Disease**

Louise Gardiner

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Motor Neuron Disease

NHS Fife

16:30 **Closing Session in Conversation with Helen Fielding**, Novelist, Screenwriter and Journalist, best known as the creator of Bridget Jones

17:00 **Closing Remarks**

Chair