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I can’t afford to die: Managing the cost of dying in an ageing society
21 January 2014, 15.45 – 18.30
11 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QB

International Longevity Centre-UK, with the Institute for Policy Research and Centre for Death and Society at the University of Bath

How can the public, private and third sectors support the ageing population in managing the costs associated with dying, including the families and communities that people leave behind?

We know that death rates in England and Wales have fallen to their lowest recorded level. Figures published in 2012 revealed that mortality rates were the lowest ever recorded for England and Wales. Medical advancement has made significant improvements to death rates. As a result people are living longer, which requires larger incomes and pension pots to ensure these extra years can be afforded.

Yet whilst we have seen significant falls in the number of deaths, the cost of dying has steadily increased. A recent report revealed that the average cost of dying has risen to £7,622, representing a 7.1% increase on last year.

There are a range of products and services that contribute to this figure, including the funeral, probate, headstones and flowers. On average, the price of a typical funeral including non-discretionary fees and a burial or cremation is £3,456. This annual increase in the cost of dying is not a one off trend. The average cost of a funeral has risen by 80% between 2004 and 2013. The costs of dying are expected to continue to increase, reaching £4,300 within the next 5 years.

Unsurprisingly, the number of people who are struggling to meet these costs is growing. This year, over 100,000 people will struggle to pay for a funeral. With the average shortfall experienced £1,277, it has been estimated that across the country funeral poverty now stands at £131million, over 50% higher than the £85million estimated 3 years ago.

We know that the long term decline in death rates is about to reverse, with a projected rise in the number of deaths around 15-20% in the next two decades. We also know that right now, with some of the lowest death rates ever recorded, the safety nets provided by the State via the Social Fund Funeral Payment and local authority Public Health Funerals are under pressure. Their sustainability into the future is debatable.

Taking all this into account, it is imperative that the public, private and third sectors work together to support the ageing population – and the generations behind them - to prepare for the costs associated with death, both in terms of their own and their family members. The question we want to address in this event is how.

Through this event and report we will explore:

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• How have the levels of mortality changed over the past century and what are the future trends?
• How many people might be in funeral poverty?
• Will we see more people facing funeral poverty in the future?
• Can the cost of dying be reduced?
• Can the Social Fund Funeral Payment be rescued?
• How can the insurance industry support the costs of dying?
• How should the Government respond to the impending challenges?

Notes of the discussion will be published in a report by ILC-UK and the University of Bath following the event.

Programme:
15.45 – 16:00 - Registration
16:00 – 16:05 - Welcome, Baroness Sally Greengross
16:05 – 17:00 - Dr Kate Woodthorpe, University of Bath, ‘Further perspectives on the cost of dying’
17:00 – 17:40 - Discussion and Q&A
17:40 – 17:45 - Close, Baroness Sally Greengross
17:45 – 18:30 - Wine reception

Spaces are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment. For further information and to book, visit: http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/index.php/events/i_cant_afford_to_die

New CDAS Members, Associates and Students

We would like to welcome a new member, associate and PhD student to CDAS this month.

Dr Orla Byrne is a Prize Fellow in Entrepreneurship in the School of Management at the University of Bath. Orla’s work considers the entrepreneur’s experience of business failure, from the demise of their business to their learning, recovery and re-emergence. Her focus is on understanding the interplay of sensemaking, emotions and coping; the unfolding process of change; and the entrepreneur’s evolving sense of identity, throughout their involvement with business failure.

Dr Hannah Rumble, who has worked with CDAS over the past few years on a number of projects, has recently moved to the Department of Anthropology at the University of Aberdeen. She now becomes an associate of the Centre and we wish her well in her year in Scotland.

Renske Visser begins her PhD under the supervision of CDAS member Dr Kate Woodthorpe and Social & Policy Sciences’ Prof Tess Ridge. ‘Caring Costs at the end of life’ will explore end-of-life care in the UK and the way families negotiate the care of an ageing adult at the end of life. Who takes the responsibility for the caring and the costs of caring? How do intergenerational and intragenerational relationships develop during this period?
For more details on all our members, associates and students, visit the CDAS people pages: [http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/people/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/people/)

**Funerals: Religion, ritual and power**
This CDAS seminar is now available as a podcast via the CDAS website: [http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/past-events/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/past-events/)

**Death & Dying in the Media, Print and Internet**

**Foundation Degree in Funeral Service Graduation 2013**

We would like to congratulate the third cohort to graduate from the Foundation Degree in Funeral Services at the University of Bath.

- Claire Bell
- Jacquie Bingham
- Robert Bowater
- Kerry Jones
- Jayne Mace
- Tina McClelland
- Alison Pople
- Felicity Sankey

This group of students have studied topics such as ‘Children & Death’, ‘Green Issues’, Business Management and Ethical Issues in Practice’ and ‘Mass Fatalities, Disasters and Pandemics’. Students had to balance studying for the degree with working in the Funeral Industry, and the majority of their assignments had a practical application to the workplace meaning that their businesses directly benefitted from their studies. We would like to thank the National Association of Funeral Directors their continued support, in particular current President Simon Fisher and Education Development Manager Angela Allen for attending this year’s ceremony and reception.

You can watch the students graduate at [http://www.bath.ac.uk/ceremonies/2013/winter/ceremony/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/ceremonies/2013/winter/ceremony/), Ceremony 6 from 18.50.

**Colin Murray Parkes receives Honorary Doctorate from the University of Bath**

We are delighted to report that Colin Parkes has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. For Tony Walter’s oration at his graduation and Colin’s inspiring reply, go to [http://www.bath.ac.uk/ceremonies/2013/winter/ceremony/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/ceremonies/2013/winter/ceremony/) and watch Ceremony 6 from 38.25 through to 52.30.
You can view photographs of the entire Ceremony at http://www.flickr.com/photos/uniofbath/sets/72157638637852465/

AAA: Society for Medical Anthropology Special Interest Group, ‘Dying and Bereavement’

The Society for Medical Anthropology of the American Anthropology Association has approved its 10th Special Interest Group entitled Dying and Bereavement. Anyone can join the group without being a member of either the Association or the Society. The Group held its first meeting at the Annual Conference in Chicago. They have a list serve and a web page. On the web page various items of interest will be available. The group will provide resources for its members and mentoring for students. If anyone is interested in joining this group please send an email to Margaret_Souza@esc.edu with Interest Group as the subject.

Events, seminars, symposia and conferences

CDAS Seminar Programme

The Human Cost of Austerity
06 February 2014, 14.15 – 17.05
Building 3 East, Room 3.5, University of Bath

Speakers:
- David Stuckler (University of Oxford)
- Brendan Walsh (University College Dublin)
- Kate Woodthorpe (University of Bath)

About the seminar
Since the global financial crisis of 2007/2008 plunged much of the developed world into recession, governments have had to implement policy responses to address their shrinking economies and attempt to lead them back to growth and recovery. How best to achieve this is not just a theoretical debate for academics, the consequences of fiscal policy choices reach much further – affecting the health and well-being of whole nations. This workshop will explore how fiscal policy affects health, how poverty affects death and how death itself also affects poverty for those left behind. The workshop will be followed by a wine reception open to all attendees.

This event is presented by the Centre for Death & Society (CDAS) and the Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy (CASP) in the Department of Social & Policy Sciences at the University of Bath.

This event is free and open to the public, please book your free place with our online store.

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Post-Death control of Digital Assets
21 February 2014, 10.15 – 13.05
Chancellor’s Building, Room 4.16, University of Bath

Speakers:
- Andrea Pierce, Head of Legal Services at Kings Court Trust Ltd
- Dr. Wendy Moncur, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, University of Dundee
- James Norris, Creator of www.DeadSoci.al

We all know that we'll eventually die but very few people make plans for the entirety of their assets, especially digital ones. This CDAS seminar on the post-death afterlife of digital assets will examine how individual's can manage the full spectrum of 21st century property and the challenges posed by the digital world. The speakers will address everything from management of estates to controlling a person's post-mortem identity. Whether it's passwords, social networking accounts, or online property, the certainty of death opens up an entirely new world for living next of kin to negotiate after a person dies.

For further information as it becomes available and to book, visit our events page: http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0012.html

Green Fuse Funeral Celebrant Training
09-10 January and 04-05 April 2014
Devon
£1650

Learn to write and lead beautiful funerals with heart and soul reflecting the life, beliefs and values of the person who has died. Fully accredited training with Green Fuse.

Tel: 01803 840779
Web: www.greenfuse.co.uk/training.htm

'Death in Scotland, from the medieval to the modern: beliefs, attitudes and practices'
New College, University of Edinburgh,
31 January - 02 February 2014

This interdisciplinary conference has been organised to accelerate interest and research into Scottish death studies.

Forty-two papers are drawn from the disciplines of anthropology, archaeology, art history, architecture, folklore, funeral history, history, landscape and design, literature, material culture, medical history, poetry, sculpture, sociology and theology.

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Plenary speakers:

- Professor Jane Dawson, John Laing Professor of Reformation History, Edinburgh University: "With one foot in the grave": death in life and life in death in Reformation Scotland’.
- Professor Richard Fawcett, O.B.E., School Of Art History, University of St Andrews: ‘The architectural setting of prayers for the dead in later medieval Scotland’.
- Dr Lizanne Henderson, Lecturer in History, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Glasgow: ‘Fairies, Angels and the Land of the Dead: Robert Kirk’s Lychnobious People’.
- Professor Sarah Tarlow, Director of the Centre for Historical Archaeology, University of Leicester: ‘Beliefs about bodies: contradictions and conundrums in early modern Scotland’.

Other contributors and speakers include:
Professor Ian Campbell (University of Edinburgh); Professor Steve Driscoll (University of Glasgow); Dr Rosemary Hannah (Glasgow); Professor Hilary J. Grainger (London College of Fashion); Professor Ronnie Jack (University of Edinburgh); Professor Nigel Llewellyn (Tate Modern, London and Sussex University); Dr Julie Rugg (York University); Professor Andrew Spicer (Oxford Brookes University).

Two plenary panels will discuss ‘Children's Deaths’ and ‘Conference observations and recommendations for future research’

For full details of the conference programme and how to book go to: www.facebook.com/deathinscotland

**Death Salon**

10-12 April 2014
Barts Pathology Museum, London

Death: “The act of dying; the end of life or the state of being dead.”
Salon: “A periodic gathering of people of social or intellectual distinction”
www.deathsalon.org

Following the successful Death Salon LA conference, Death Salon UK will be held at Barts Pathology Museum in April 2014 (10th/11th/12) The press on the US event was very positive http://deathsalon.org/media/ and the organisers feel that now is the time to open up similar dialogues here in the UK.

The conference will begin with an informal cabaret style event on the Wednesday night and the three following days will loosely fit the pattern of preparing for death, death itself and after death. Further details will be available at www.deathsalon.org when confirmed.
Culture and Diversity in End of Life Care
12 May 2014
LOROS Hospice, Groby Road, Leicester, LE3 9QE
Cost: £85.00 (Early Booking discount available)

We know that differences across societies and cultures have an impact on the way in which individuals, families and communities experience illness. Inequalities remain apparent and can create significant challenges for those facing the end of their life, as well as for those caring for them. As health and social care professionals, we should seek to have a good awareness of the cultural and lifestyle aspirations of patients in our care. However, this is not always achieved; instead we are often left feeling “professionally paralysed” as we struggle to gain insight into the patient’s perspective and feel anxious in case we cause offence if we get it wrong.

Topics include
• Involving people with learning disabilities
• Increasing our awareness of working with traveller communities
• Delivering care with dignity in the prison environment
• Involving children and young people in discussions around death and dying

This workshop is suitable for all health and social care staff, registered staff – members of MDT, non-registered – support staff working in health or social care, social care staff (including domiciliary care, day care, and residential care), doctors, clinical nurse specialists, community matrons, and admin staff

For further information and to book, visit the LOROS website: http://www.loros.com/hospice/Default.aspx?id=459726

Call for papers

Pain, Illness, Trauma and Death in Childhood
University of Greenwich, Centre for the Study of Play and Recreation, with the Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past and the London Network for the History of Children
01 February 2014

Pain, illness, trauma and death are intrinsic to the shaping of childhood and to the experience of being a child. In the past, pain could be perceived as beneficial, either in forming character or bringing the subject closer to God. In the present, the enormous popularity of “misery memoirs” raises questions as to why the theme of abuse has such resonance in the twentieth and twenty-first century western world.

Topics include, but are not restricted to:
• Contributions from history, sociology, anthropology, archaeology, literary studies, psychology, philosophy, geography or health studies;
• Pain, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, including that inflicted by children
• Discipline and punishment
• Analysis of the ways changing patterns of illness shaped the experience of childhood
• Methodological approaches (such as the history of the emotions) or different sources (such as visual or material culture) for analysing the experiences of children and their carers
• Children's experiences of war, including the First World War

Please e-mail abstracts of 250-300 words to playandrecreation@gre.ac.uk The conference is free, but registration (via this e-mail address) is required. First Deadline: 30th November 2013. Second deadline: 20th December 2013.

First Death Online Research Symposium
09-10 April 2014
Durham University Centre for Death and Life Studies, Durham University, UK

Keynote speaker: Professor Tony Walter, Director of the Centre for Death and Society, University of Bath, UK.

As digital media have become an integral part of our everyday life, so have also death and our afterlife become inextricably interwoven with technology. Marking the formation of the international research network Death Online Research, this first Death Online Research Symposium will focus on current research into the digital mediation of dying, death, mourning and personal legacy, in order to explore and discuss how online connectivity is changing how, when and where we engage with death. We invite presentations within the following areas: online memorial sites; grief and social media; mobile technologies in graveyards; the digital afterlife and digital inheritance. We welcome other relevant perspectives on the impacts digital technology has on the context of death in the 21st century.

Paper abstracts of 400 words should be submitted to deathonline@itu.dk by 05 January 2014. For further information, please visit www.deathonlineresearch.net.

15th Annual Cemetery Colloquium
15-16 May 2014
University of York

The Cemetery Colloquium held annually at the University of York will, in 2014, change to a two-day event and take place on the 15th and 16th May. On the 15th May we will be hosting a day seminar to explore good practice and innovation in cemetery and churchyard interpretation, which will be a day dedicated to discussing practitioner experience in public-facing engagement activity. Key speakers have already been engaged, but space remains in the schedule for additional presentations for half-hour slots. Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be sent to julie.rugg@york.ac.uk by the end of March 2014. Cemetery Friends groups are particularly invited to attend.
The 15th Annual Cemetery Colloquium will take place as usual at King's Manor, York on the 16th May 2014. This entirely cross-disciplinary event seeks papers on the subject of cemeteries, churchyards and other burial spaces and is a particularly good forum to discuss emerging research. Postgraduate papers are most welcome. Again, abstracts of no more than 200 words should be sent to julie.rugg@york.ac.uk by the end of March, 2014.

**Images of Afterlife**
22-24 October 2014
University of Turku, Finland

The interdisciplinary conference ‘Images of Afterlife’ aims to discuss the cultural imagery of death and afterlife from various perspectives, such as anthropology, history, linguistics, religious studies, arts studies, social sciences, health care, psychology and psychiatry, in various cultural and historical contexts. We welcome a broad spectrum of papers, which illustrate and analyze theoretical approaches to cultural representations as well as to individual experiences of death and afterlife. The representations can include stories, beliefs, conceptions, customs and rituals, as well as works of art and literature. We are also interested in various methodologies that can be applied in the study of the images, including multidisciplinary methodologies.

Topics for papers may include but are not limited to:
- Religious and spiritual images of afterlife
- Images of afterlife in art
- Mythic topographies of the otherworld
- Secular conceptions of afterlife
- Afterlife conceptions as sources of comfort and hope
- Beliefs about persistence of the mind after death
- Mind, soul and consciousness
- “Good” and “bad” death
- Suicide and afterlife
- Euthanasia
- Organ transplantation
- Death, afterlife and multiculturalism in health care
- Agency in afterlife
- Marginalized discourses of afterlife
- Interaction with the spaces and agents of the afterlife
- Spirits, souls, ghosts, wraiths, apparitions, revenants
- Near-death experiences and deathbed visions
- Afterlife: popular (pseudo-scientific) discourses vs. legitimized doctrines

The conference is organized by the research project Mind and the Other – An Interdisciplinary Study on the Interactions of Multiple Realities (funded by the Academy of Finland) in collaboration with the Finnish Death Studies Association.

Abstracts should be sent to imagesofafterlife@gmail.com by 28 February 2014.
Further information about the conference, social programme, travel and accommodation in Turku will be soon available on our web page http://imagesofafterlife.wordpress.com.

**Human remains and violence: an interdisciplinary journal**

Manchester University Press is pleased to announce the launch of a new biannual publication *Human remains and violence: an interdisciplinary journal*. The editors are inviting submissions for publication with the first issue commencing Spring 2015.

*Human remains and violence* draws together the different strands of academic research on the dead body and the production of human remains en masse, whether in the context of mass violence, genocidal occurrences or natural disasters. Inherently interdisciplinary, the journal publishes papers from a range of academic disciplines within the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

*Human remains and violence* is the first dedicated, international, peer-reviewed journal to explore the social and scientific legacy of mass violence by studying how different societies have coped with the large numbers of dead bodies left behind. By analysing the status, value and uses (political, social, technical or religious) of human remains in post-human induced disasters and natural catastrophe environments, the journal will examine what we can learn about societies from their treatment of, and attitudes towards, human remains.

The journal will publish pioneering research into dead bodies, whether generated by natural disasters or orchestrated by violent organisations or states (mass violence, war, terrorism, police brutality), and their treatment by the different actors (archaeologists, forensic anthropologists, humanitarians, lawyers, the military and the police). It will draw upon a vast range of case studies to further the understanding of the role of each actor and reflect critically on the current approaches adopted towards human remains within different disciplines.

**Call for papers**

*Human remains and violence* will publish academic articles (max. 8000 words), critical commentaries (max. 2000 words) and book reviews (max. 1500 words). Please send your papers for review to l.radford@corpsesofmassviolence.eu. Potential contributors should consult the journal’s guidelines which can be found on the publisher’s website. The submission deadline for considering articles for the first issue in Spring 2015 is 01 July 2014.

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**Jobs, Research and Study Opportunities**

**PhD Studentships on offer in the Humanities at University of Bath**

The University of Bath are delighted to announce that the [South, West and Wales (SWW) Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP)](http://www.bath.ac.uk/hss/doctoral-training-partnership-studentships.html), of which we are a member, has been awarded in excess of £14 million of funding from the Arts & Humanities Research Council. The SWW DTP will recruit and train more than 200 fully-funded doctoral students over the next five years. 50 fully-funded studentships are available for September 2014, to be awarded competitively across the Arts and Humanities disciplines.

Award holders will benefit from participation in a dynamic collaboration between eight leading research universities (Aberystwyth; Bath; Bath Spa; Bristol; Cardiff; Exeter; Reading; Southampton) and non-academic partners representing the arts, heritage, media and government sectors.

**Apply for a studentship**

The SWW doctoral programme will train a new kind of researcher to reshape the output and impact of Arts & Humanities research over the next decade. Students will benefit from a dedicated programme, the Professional Arts & Humanities Researcher, offering unrivalled access to prestige organisations such as:

- the BBC
- English Heritage
- National Library of Wales
- National Trust
- British School at Rome

Local partners include the Roman Baths and Pump Room, the Holburne Museum, and Arnos Vale Cemetery.

The programme is designed to raise the aspirations of students by equipping them with the skills needed to become future leaders in academia and industry.

The University of Bath has a supervisory capacity in AHRC-facing subject areas of roughly 25 potential PhD supervisors, including researchers who are leaders in their fields. They are located mainly in Modern Languages (French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, European Studies), and History and Politics, with smaller numbers in the History of Architecture, and Cultural Studies (including the Centre for Death & Society).

We have particular expertise in interdisciplinary and praxis-oriented work on political cultures and identities, European memory politics, contemporary European history, cultural diplomacy, analysis of narratives and discourse, environmental humanities, text and image, digital design, architectural history, and heritage and conservation.

We invite interested candidates to [make contact with a potential supervisor](http://www.bath.ac.uk/hss/doctoral-training-partnership-studentships.html) at the University of Bath.

Submit an online application to [attend the SWW DTP Open Day](http://www.bath.ac.uk/hss/doctoral-training-partnership-studentships.html) in Bristol on 22 January 2014 (applications open in mid-December, and the deadline is 13 January 2014).
Online Suicide Memorials: Meaning Making, Making Sense, and Managing Trauma

Research team: Dr Jo Bell and Dr David Kennedy

This is a University of Hull research project looking specifically at suicide memorialisation on the Internet. We want to investigate how the internet is changing the experiences of those whose lives are affected by suicide. We also want to explore how health practitioners can positively engage with the online environment to support those whose lives are affected by suicide.

The research has the support of PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide (a national charity working to prevent suicide in young people) and Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (a self-help organisation which exists to meet the needs and break the isolation of those bereaved by the suicide of a close relative or friend). The project has been made possible by a grant from the Wellcome Trust. It has been approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Ethics Committee at The University of Hull.

Our research involves face-to-face interviews with owners of suicide memorial sites. We want to understand what motivates and inspires them to create such sites. How do they perceive the benefits of doing this and what are the wider implications for understanding suicide grief and the role that the internet can play in that?

We envisage that our research will make positive contributions to the understanding of suicide grief and will therefore have implications for postvention (and counselling practice). Our research will allow those who feel able to share their experiences to influence the future care of bereaved individuals and shape the responses of professionals in supporting those affected by these sudden deaths.

We are very interested to hear from anyone with experience of setting up their own websites in memory of loved ones who have died by suicide. If you would like to find out more about our project or would like to take part please get in touch with Dr Jo Bell at:

School of Social Sciences, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RX
E-mail: j.bell@hull.ac.uk
Tel: 01482 466304

Marie Curie palliative and end of life care research fund

The Marie Curie Cancer Care Research Programme was established in 2010 to help address gaps in research funding and support the wider palliative care community. The charity awards up to £1 million of academic research funding each year.

This year they are looking to fund research in one of three areas:
- Pain control at home;
  Many studies show that the preferred place of death for most people is their home, but symptom control at home can be challenging.
• Symptom control at the end of life;
  Marie Curie has an ongoing interest in improving the management of symptoms at the end of life and is particularly encouraging applications for research on artificial hydration and nutrition at the end of life.
• Addressing the needs of potentially excluded groups at the end of life;
  Research has highlighted inequality in end of life care for a number of groups, relating to age, gender, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race (ethnicity), religion or belief, sexual orientation, cognitive impairment, culture or lifestyle, socio-economic status, mental capacity, diagnosis, location and setting where care is received as well as choices patients make about their care.

Dr Bill Noble, Marie Curie Medical Director, said: “As the leading end of life charity and major research funder, Marie Curie is committed to addressing gaps in evidence with high quality research. We know that our £1 million annual contribution towards improving palliative and end of life care research makes a huge difference to researchers and to the ultimate beneficiaries – patients, their families, carers, and the professionals who support them. We have been increasingly impressed with the strength of applications received during our annual calls and we hope that our latest call will address important issues around pain control at home, symptom management and inequality in end of life care.

How to apply
Marie Curie has changed the application process this year, applicants must now first complete an outline application, which must be submitted by 17 January 2014.

Applications are welcome from scientists, clinicians or healthcare workers in UK universities, medical schools, hospitals and research institutions. Applicants are advised to read the guidance notes and advice to applicants from the Marie Curie Research Programme Funding Committee before applying. For further information on research themes, application criteria and guidance, visit the Marie Curie website.

Research Development Service South West: Research Retreat

RDS South West is offering a unique opportunity to researchers in health and health care across the South West of England. Your team could win a place on the Residential Research Retreat, which will be held at the Ammerdown Conference Centre, near Bath in Somerset from 1 June to 6 June 2014 inclusive. The deadline for applications is 1pm Friday 17 January 2014.

The Retreat provides an opportunity for research teams to develop high quality research proposals suitable for submission to national peer-reviewed funding schemes. The aim of the Retreat is to provide the environment and support to promote rapid progress in developing proposals over a relatively short time period. This Retreat is open to health professionals and academic partners working within the South West.

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### Events Calendar

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