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Centre for Death & Society Newsletter

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Director's Note

Welcome to 2018's first CDAS newsletter.

This month's note will be short as I am currently marking essays and trying to manage a handful of CDAS related projects that I look forward to featuring in upcoming newsletters.

2018 is going to be a great year for CDAS. We are slowly but surely adding more content and features to the CDAS newsletter, which intrepid CDAS Manager Caron Staley has already revamped.

Please remember to submit an abstract for the [CDAS 2018 conference](#) June 8-9. The submission deadline is February 28. This year's conference theme is 'The Politics of Death' and I am really looking forward to the presentations. Booking has just



opened, all are welcome.

Happy 2018.

John Troyer, Director

CDAS News

CDAS Conference update

The 2018 CDAS Conference, ['The Politics of Death'](#) call for papers is still open and we are very excited about the range of abstracts already submitted from around the world.

The conference is now open for booking [via our online store](#). All delegates must book for the conference. Priced at £145 for both days and £80 for a single day, this includes all conference sessions, a conference pack, lunch and refreshments. As is usual with CDAS conferences, a get together to meet your fellow delegates will take place in a local pub on Thursday evening and an informal conference dinner will take place on Friday. Friends and family are very welcome at these social events.

The full call for papers, details about the conference, venue and accommodation as well as the booking link can be found [on the CDAS website](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at cdas@bath.ac.uk

D&D Community News

Latest 'More to Death' out now

The latest issue of the ['More to Death' magazine](#) is out now.

More to Death is the official magazine for [The Natural Death Centre](#) and is full of interesting and thought provoking articles.

Visit the [More to Death website](#) where you can read individual articles and subscribe to the magazine.

Gloucester Counselling Service (GCS) open day

03 February 2018, 10am - 1pm
The Old Town Hall Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 1AP

Are you interested in:

- Training to be a counsellor?
- Developing your own or your staff's listening skills?
- Finding out about counselling careers opportunities?
- Continuous Professional Development for yourself or your staff?

The GCS Open Day is a free event for anyone interested in finding out how GCS can help you develop personally & professionally. You may want to enhance your ability to listen and communicate – at work or in your life generally – or you may be considering a career in counselling.

We are offering Free Advice Sessions; come along & ask questions & learn about the best counselling training & career pathways for you. You can also find out more about our extensive CPD portfolio.

Come along for an informal, enjoyable morning where you can meet tutors, ask questions & get a feel how special it is to train with GCS.

To book a place contact Rachael Fry:

Email: training@gloscounselling.org.uk

Tel: 01453 766310

Web: www.gloscounselling.org.uk/training

A Disappearing Act: A comedy about the end of life

Single Shoe Productions are looking for organisations (whether theatres, or other institutions - healthcare, educational, etc) to host performances of their latest play, 'A Disappearing Act.' They are currently touring in the USA and are now booking a UK-wide tour for the autumn of 2018.

On request, the company is also available to deliver post-show talks and audience Q&A sessions that focus on the theme of the production and how it was created.

Information about the show can be found below and on [their website](#). If you are interested in discussing bringing the play to a venue near you, please contact [Bradley Wayne Smith](#).

The great magician, Philip Winterbottom, cordially requests your presence for his final act. Sadly, he's dead. So... he won't be there. But, he's left his son and assistant very clear instructions for his memorial. Join Philip's family and friends for one final disappearing act.

Combining cheesy magic, exuberant music & audience participation, A

DISAPPEARING ACT is a witty, inventive and sometimes awkward exploration of our mortality, the rituals we use to accept it and say goodbye to the ones we love.

Events

The Death Show

26 January - 25 February 2018

Multiple venues

It's time to talk about the D word: Death

The Death Show is a darkly comic journey of discovery and contemplation, exploring our universal relationships with death and dying. Why are we afraid of the inevitable? Why are we anxious about how we are remembered? Do we really need a tweet from the Dalai Lama to show the world we lived a good life? Drawn together by their shared fear of death "thanatophobes", Birmingham based theatre makers Lucy Nicholls and Antonia Beck, have had to come face to face with death in the making of this show; training with celebrants, shadowing undertakers, talking extensively with hospice patients, GPs and Palliative Care Nurses.

This show invites the audience to take time out to celebrate their own mortality. To laugh, cry, stick two fingers up at the grim reaper and discover why talking about death is ultimately life affirming. Through humour, conversation and reflection, *The Death Show* aims to encourage more people to think and talk about death, and looks to break down some of the taboos surrounding this universal subject matter. After all, everybody does it!

For more information and to book: <http://www.thedeathshow.co.uk/>

Dying Matters Awareness Week Launch

06 Feb 2018

This event is now fully booked!

For those who were unable to get tickets, we will be broadcasting a live video stream on the [Dying Matters Facebook](#) page of the opening session which will run from 10 - 10.20am. Tracey Bleakley Chief Executive, Hospice UK and Gary Rycroft Chair of the Dying Matters Forum will be sharing our future plans for Dying Matters and for the forthcoming Dying Matters Awareness week. The session will then be available to watch again via the Dying Matters and Hospice UK Facebook pages.

Choice at the End of Life, current practice and overseas development

09 February 2018

Royal Society of Medicine, London

The aim of this event is to explore how the concept of choice sits within current end-of-life practice and to question whether or not assisted dying is complementary or contradictory to the notion of person-centred care. The event hopes to bring together key figures from many sides of these important issues.

Recently there has been a cultural shift away from paternalism and towards the empowerment of patients to make decisions about their own care. Nowhere is this change more pertinent than at end of life.

Palliative medicine has always led the way in treating people as individuals and we can now see this being embedded in other specialisms. Despite the uptake of planning tools such as Advance Decisions and Lasting Powers of Attorney being low, campaigns to encourage the public to think about and plan for their own death are growing.

Read more and to book: <https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/>

Bereavement Research into Practice – Carers and Bereavement

12 March 2018

Hospice House, London

Join us for a day of networking and learning for bereavement researchers and practitioners, with a focus on carers and grief. The free seminar will be a chance for bereavement researchers to share their findings with practitioners, and for practitioners to help shape the future of bereavement research.

Speakers include Dr Gail Ewing on identifying carers needs using the Carers Support Needs Assessment Tool, Dr Kirsten Moore on preparation for end of life and grief before death amongst family carers of people with dementia, and Dr Steve Marshall and Dr Katherine Bristowe on the bereavement experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or trans people who have lost a partner. [Book your free place via Eventbrite.](#)

End of Life Care: Addressing the issues and meeting the challenges

21 March 2018

Open University, Milton Keynes

Registration is now open for this inaugural conference.

The theme of the conference is addressing the issues in end of life care and the ways in which the health, social care and academic community can and are mitigating the impact of these challenges. The conference will focus upon inequalities, tackling variations and addressing the practical issues in meeting the needs of individuals towards the end of their life. The conference will update delegates on the challenges of fulfilling a dying person's needs within a care setting and focus on social action and peer mentoring projects within the community. There will be an opportunity for delegates to engage in roundtable activities with members of the Death and Dying Group about BBC2's 'Time to Live'. This programme followed the journey of twelve individuals through their diagnosis of a terminal illness and living and coping with dying.

Read more and to book: <http://wels.open.ac.uk/research/conferences-and-events/end-life-care-conference>

Everyday Compassion: Supportive responses to dying and bereavement by schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces

25 April 2018

Renfield St Stephen Centre, Glasgow

The Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief are hosting a major national conference to showcase and explore current thinking and practice relating to public health palliative care.

The conference will bring together experts from across Scotland and the UK and will be a chance to explore this diverse field from various angles. Sessions announced so far include the following:

- Compassionate Communities
- Death education and bereavement support in schools
- Socio-economically disadvantaged communities
- My Power of Attorney Campaign

The conference will launch a new report by [Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief](#) and the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, looking at practical next steps for Public Health Palliative Care in Scotland, including exploration of:

- Compassionate Workplaces
- Death Literacy
- Funeral Poverty
- Scaling up Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief work.

- Death education and bereavement support in schools
- Compassionate Communities
- Wills, Power of Attorney, Advance Directives
- Media Awareness Campaigns
- Supporting socio-economically disadvantaged communities

The conference will be of interest to anyone who wants to create more supportive environments relating to death, dying and bereavement in Scotland, including those working in schools, community development, palliative care, NHS, hospices, social care, human resources/employers, public health, care homes, care at home, policy-making and academia.

Tickets, priced £20, can be booked [via Eventbrite](#) or for more information see the [SPPC website](#)

Cremation & Burial Communication & Education 2018

11-13 June 2018

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead, Bottle Bank, Gateshead, NE8 2AR

The Cremation Society and the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities are pleased to announce the details of the Cremation and Burial Communication and Education (CBCE) 2018 event, just a few months away. This top class event will provide the most up-to-date and relevant information to the sector. Relevant speakers will provide you with latest progress reports on the key issues facing our sector and will ensure you are up to date with changes that impact upon your service.

Full details will shortly be available at www.cbce.org.uk

Calls for Papers

Nineteenth Colloquium on Cemeteries

18 May 2018

University of York

This event takes place in York every year and comprises a day meeting between scholars with an interest in cemeteries, burial and disposal of the dead more generally. Disciplines that are routinely represented include historians, art historians, sociologists, anthropologists, cultural geographers, historical archaeologists, conservators and policy analysts. The Colloquium generally draws international

speakers. A key aspect of the meeting is its informality and the time dedicated to question and debate. This is a highly valuable forum in which to present new and emerging research.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to: Dr Julie Rugg, Cemetery Research Group, email: jr10@york.ac.uk. Please ensure that the abstract is in Word format. Queries about the event should in the first instance be directed by email to the address given.

Jobs and study opportunities

Developing Skills to Support Complex Discussions in End of Life Care

21st & 28th February and 7th and 14th March 2018, 13.30 - 16.30 (You must attend all four dates)

Rowans Hospice, Purbrook, Waterlooville, Hampshire
£200 per person

This experiential training programme will draw upon your existing experience, knowledge and skills in end of life communication; providing an opportunity to explore the puzzles you will have experienced in your clinical work and develop new strategies for addressing these challenges.

This course will support practitioners:

- To communicate effectively with patients, family members, carers and the bereaved on complex issues relating to end of life care, death, dying and bereavement – NHS KSF (level 4)
- To provide emotional support to patients, carers and the bereaved and identify when a person requires referral to a specialist service – Level 2 of the NICE Model of Psychological Assessment and Intervention

Your learning will be facilitated through the delivery of a modular programme, which will require participants to take skills learnt in each session and put these into practice between sessions. There will be opportunities to reflect on your experiences of trying new communication strategies at each training session. Participants will record their learning through completing a course workbook, which will demonstrate how they achieved stated outcomes.

This course is suitable for Doctors, Allied Healthcare Professionals, Social Workers and Nurses. Having some form of difficult or complex conversations in end of life care within job role is a course requirement.

Further information: www.rowanshospice.co.uk/complex-discussions-in-end-of-life-care-course/

Grace Ellert, Education Administrator: grace.ellert@rowanshospice.co.uk

PABBS evidence-based Suicide Bereavement Training

11 or 12 April 2018

Manchester

Cost: £250 + VAT per person

- Informed by a three-year study conducted at the University of Manchester
- funded by the National Institute for Health Research (Research for Patient Benefit Programme)
- First of its kind internationally
- A one day highly interactive workshop delivered by two practitioners and includes 8 films, workbook and a 60-page manual for future reference

The aim of the training is to provide professionals with an opportunity to build their confidence and skills caring for those bereaved by suicide.

Further information:

https://suicidebereavementuk.com/sites/default/files/documents/PABBS_training_competencies.pdf

<https://suicidebereavementuk.com/sbuk-training>

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Visit the [CDAS website](#) to view a full calendar of events

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