

Kickstart your Dying Matters Planning 2019 event

Thursday 7 February 2019 – Hilton Manchester Deansgate, Manchester

Workshops

Delegates will be able to participate in up to three workshops and to help with event planning, please indicate your preferences when completing the online booking form.

Workshop 1a and 3a 'Death Café'

There are thousands of Death Cafés around the world each year, offering a place for people to raise anything they want about death and grief. They are a great way to use an established, successful formula for a Dying Matters event. In this workshop you'll take part in a Death Café, and see why they are so popular.

Workshop 1b 'Ask a Death Doula'

Death doulas are trained, non-clinical people who work to support a dying person as death approaches. It's a new and often misunderstood role, but one that is growing in popularity. This workshop offers a chance to find out more about death doulas, ask questions and see why the public is so curious about it.

Workshop 2a 'Grave Talk'

Grave Talk is published by the Church of England and offers a card-based setting to discuss a wide range of issues to do with dying, death and grief. It offers a structured yet informal form of conversation that many people like, and has grown rapidly in popularity since its launch. You'll take part in a shortened Grave Talk session and see why its flexible format has gained so many fans.

Workshop 2b 'Ask a Funeral Director'

The funeral sector has changed enormously in only a couple of decades, with the rise of alternative funerals and new offerings from established funeral companies. At the same time, the cost of funerals is a growing concern for many. Q&A sessions with funeral directors and behind-the-scenes tours of funeral homes have become very popular events during Dying Matters Awareness Week. This session will let you ask your own questions and understand why people love having an opportunity to ask their own.

Workshop 3b 'Will Making and Probate'

There are a lot of myths and misunderstandings about wills and probate, and solicitors often offer will clinics or similar for Dying Matters Awareness Week. In this session, you'll have a chance to ask your own questions, find out why making a will is so important and what can go wrong when there isn't a will.