

Kickstart your Dying Matters Planning 2019 event

Thursday 7 February 2019 – Hilton Manchester Deansgate, Manchester

Programme

9.30	Arrival / Registration / Coffee	
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and introduction – Tracey Bleakly, CEO of Hospice UK ‘Death is life – planning for 2.8 million better deaths in Greater Manchester’ – Jon Rouse, Chief Officer for the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership A welcome from headline sponsors Dignity	
10.35 – 11.20	Workshop 1a Death Café – led by Stephanie Owens, Senior Communications Officer, Hospice UK	Workshop 1b Ask a Death Doula – led by Mandi Weston, Death Doula
11.20 – 11.35	Tea break	
11.35 – 12.20	Workshop 2a Grave Talk – led by Tony Bonser, Dying Matters Champion, Writer and Speaker on End of Life Care	Workshop 2b Ask a Funeral Director – led by Rosie Grant, Funeral Director, Natural Endings
12.20 – 13.15	Lunch / Exhibition / Networking	
13.15 – 13.45	The Bolton Hospice, Hospice UK Dying Matters 2018 Award winners - Vicki Guest, Senior Educator & Angela Egerton, Educator, Bolton Hospice During Dying Matters Awareness week in May 2018, Bolton Hospice hosted a free course aimed at staff in local schools and nurseries called Supporting Families & Children through Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Vicki and Angela will talk through their project, what they learned and share how it can be used elsewhere.	
13.45 – 14.30	Workshop 3a Death Café – led by Stephanie Owens, Senior Communications Officer, Hospice UK	Workshop 3b Will Making and Probate – led by Gary Rycroft, Solicitor and Chair of the Dying Matters Forum
14.30 – 14.45	Tea break	
14.45 – 15.25	Workshop Facilitators’ prepared remarks and Q&A Throughout the day you’ll have taken part in a variety of workshops just as members of the public would at a Dying Matters event. In this session, you’ll have a chance to ask questions about the practical aspects of putting on your own Dying Matters events and how to involve local solicitors, death doulas, funeral directors and more. Chair: Toby Scott, Head of Communications and Campaigns, Hospice UK	

15.25 – 15.55	The Departure Lounge - Holly Rogers, Communications and Engagement Manager, Academy of Medical Sciences, will explain about this new initiative that will run throughout May 2019, talk through the resources available and show how you can include it in your Dying Matters activities
15.55	Close - Gary Rycroft, Chair of the Dying Matters Forum