

PALLIATIVE CARE  
AND LEARNING DISABILITY

# LET'S FACE IT

*How education can help in the face of death*

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2008

DOROTHY HOUSE HOSPICE CARE, WINSLEY, BRADFORD ON AVON, WILTSHIRE BA15 2LE

COST: £50.00

This conference is for practitioners who wish to learn more about the role that education can play in improving end of life care for those with a learning disability. It will also examine the value of differing teaching and learning approaches in this sphere of practice. It would be particularly relevant for those with a role in educating others or practitioners who wish to gain a greater appreciation of this aspect of care.

#### SPEAKERS INCLUDE

**Dr. Irene Tuffrey-Wijne**

*Research Fellow,*

*St. George's, University of London*

**Linda McEnhill**

*Project Manager, Widening Access,  
Help the Hospices*

**Noelle Blackman**

*Assistant Director, Respond*

**Amelia Jones**

*Advanced Nurse Specialist, Learning  
Disability Community Team*

#### FEATURING

**Our Voice Theatre Company, Trowbridge**

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# COURSE PROGRAMME

9.00<sub>AM</sub> ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9.30<sub>AM</sub> WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

**Sarah Whitfield (Chairperson)**

*Chief Executive, Dorothy House Hospice Care*

9.40<sub>AM</sub> THE EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES WHO HAVE CANCER: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

**Dr. Irene Tuffrey-Wijne**

A discussion of the findings from a research project

10.15<sub>AM</sub> OUR VOICE THEATRE COMPANY

A local theatre group of people with learning disabilities who will act scenes highlighting common experiences of death and bereavement

**Ian Clark and members of the theatre company**

*All of the scenes are written by the company and are based on true stories*

10.55<sub>AM</sub> COFFEE

11.15<sub>AM</sub> HOW DO I FEEL AS A PRACTITIONER AND WHAT CAN I DO?

**Amelia Jones**

11.30<sub>AM</sub> END OF LIFE CHOICES

Service users will show how being supported in making their own choices for their care at the end of life can be empowering

**Amelia Jones and members of the End of Life Choices Group**

12.00<sub>PM</sub> ASSISTING PROFESSIONALS FROM PALLIATIVE CARE AND LEARNING DISABILITY SETTINGS TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN SUPPORTING BEREAVED PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

An exploration of how staff might work therapeutically with bereaved service users through a bereavement course

**Noelle Blackman**

12.25<sub>PM</sub> CLOSING REMARKS

**Sarah Whitfield**

12.30<sub>PM</sub> LUNCH

## WORKSHOPS

1.00<sub>PM</sub>

In the afternoon there will be an opportunity for participants to attend two workshops from the following:

### NOMINAL GROUP TECHNIQUE

A method of finding out from people with learning disabilities what they think is important in end-of-life care.

**Dr. Irene Tuffrey-Wijne**

### A TEACHING STRATEGY - SCULPTING

Implementing an experiential learning approach and involving service users in a two day course on death, dying and bereavement for staff.

**Amelia Jones and Denise Heals**

### GOLDFISH BOWL

A technique offering an opportunity to explore and develop skills in communication through an interactive learning approach.

**With Our Voice Theatre Company**

4.15<sub>PM</sub> CONFERENCE CLOSES





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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY 9 MAY 2008

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		<i>Delete as appropriate</i>				
First Name:		Place of work:				
Job Title:						

Address for correspondence:	
Postcode:	
Work telephone:	Fax:
E-Mail:	Home or mobile contact number:

Please specify any special dietary requirements:
Do you have any special needs? <i>Please specify, e.g. wheelchair access:</i>

Please indicate your preferences for the afternoon workshops. Write First, Second and Third in the appropriate boxes	
Nominal group technique	
A teaching strategy - sculpting	
Goldfish bowl	

Who is paying the £50 fee? <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>	Myself	Employer <i>(Give details below)</i>	Other <i>(Give details below)</i>
Please give full details and address where the invoice for the conference should be sent:			
Cheque for fee enclosed <i>Tick if appropriate</i>	<i>Please make cheques payable to Dorothy House Hospice Care</i>		
Signed:	Date:		

Return completed form to:  
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