



### Unit for Development in Intellectual Disability (UDID) Annual Conference 2010

# What Do we Do with Death? Death, Dying and Learning Disabilities

Thursday 15th July 2010 • ATRiuM, University of Glamorgan

It is an unmistakable truth that people with learning disabilities will die. However, in terms of care provision towards the end-of-life, providing bereavement support or discussing the ways people with learning disabilities will be remembered, this unmistakable truth is disregarded. The conference seeks to bring together the different ways in which death and learning disability are connected and how mainstream and specialist services need to respond to this connection in relevant and sensitive ways. The conference brings together key speakers from the UK and Ireland and will set the basis for the launch of a research study on the end-of-life care needs of people with learning disabilities in Wales. The study was

funded by the Baily Thomas Charitable Fund. There will also be afternoon workshop/discussion groups on developing end-of-life care policies for people with learning disabilities; the impact of the death of a person with learning disabilities and bereavement support; funeral planning and remembrance; an introduction to palliative care for staff working in learning disability services. The conference will also have a period of quiet reflection and remembrance for people with learning disabilities who have died. Participants will be asked to submit the name of a person with learning disabilities who have died which will be read out with dignity and respect.

#### Speakers

**Dr Stuart Todd**, Senior Lecturer, UDID, University of Glamorgan,  
**Dr Clea Atkinson**, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, St Annes Hospice, Newport  
**Dr Rachel Davies**, University of Wales, Newport • **Professor Mary McCarron**, Trinity College Dublin  
**Dr Sue Read**, Reader, University of Keele • **Maria Parry**, Senior Lecturer, Care Sciences, University Of Glamorgan  
**Dr Jane Bernal**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Cornwall Partnership Trust Members of TRAC,  
**Ian Mansell**, Lecturer, University of Glamorgan (Conference Chair)

The conference will be held at ATRiuM, University of Glamorgan's Cardiff campus. It is centrally located within two minutes walk to shops and amenities of the city centre and close to the newly developed Cardiff Bay.

Cost: **£89** per person

If you have any queries please contact:

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