



Faith in Older People

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Forthcoming Events

Edinburgh Interfaith Association

Civic Cafe events: FiOP is collaborating with the Edinburgh Interfaith Association on three civic cafe events to coincide with their monthly Community Meal:

Monday 8th April, 4.30pm: Healthy Ageing - what does this mean and how can we achieve it. The fee for each event is £5 and all are welcome to join us for EIFA's Community Meal at 6pm next door in the Church Hall, where the conversation will continue with panelists and other community guests.

For more information, please contact FiOP by Tel: 0131 346 7981 / Email: info@fiop.org.uk OR Email Julia Cato (EIFA) at julia@eifa.org.uk

Please book online at www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk

'Let's Talk' One Day Conference – Edinburgh, 16th May

Organised by Faith in Older People, in collaboration with the Church of Scotland Guild and Action on Churches Together in Scotland.

How should our churches adapt to an ageing population with confidence and how can we instil a greater openness about death, dying and bereavement? This ecumenical conference will look at supporting older people both practically and spiritually.

Communication & Dementia Courses - Invergordon

Spirituality course: 23rd April Day 1, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Communication workshop 1: 24th April Day 2, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Communication workshop 2: 1st May Day 3, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Communication workshop 3: 2nd May Day 4, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Communication & Dementia Courses - Perth

Spirituality course: 14th May Day 1, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Communication workshop 1: 15th May Day 2, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Communication workshop 2: 4th June Day 3, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Communication workshop 3: 5th June Day 4, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Training is a core activity for FiOP and we have continued to provide a range of training for congregations, health and social care staff and volunteers in different parts of Scotland. Encompassing dementia; memory boxes; communication and death and dying with a focus on the spiritual care element. Please contact info@fiop.org.uk to discuss your training requirements, which we can tailor to meet your specific needs.

Faith in older people promotes a better understanding of the importance of spiritual care, as an integral part of person centred care

5th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality Edinburgh, 7-10th July 2013

Early bird rate available until 31st March 2013

**Options for each parallel session now available to book online.
Spaces are limited, so please book your preferences early.**

**To book your place and register your preferences, go to:
fiop-mha.events-made-easy.com**

The conference will appeal to those with an academic interest or practical experience in the care industry or as informal carers. Both from a faith based or secular approach to spirituality.

Rabbi Wittenberg now confirmed as a Keynote Speaker on Wed 10th July:

He is the rabbi of the New North London Synagogue and takes a leading role in the development of the Masorti Movement for traditional non-fundamentalist Judaism in England. In 2008 he was appointed Senior Rabbi of the Assembly of Masorti Synagogues UK. He has a strong interest in pastoral work, particularly in the care of the sick and dying. He is deeply engaged in Jewish / Christian and Jewish / Muslim interfaith dialogue. He lectures widely and writes frequently for the Jewish and interfaith press. He has broadcast for the BBC on Prayer for the Day, and on Al Mustakillah television.

**The programme includes Master Classes, workshops,
academic papers and presentations on projects:**

Keynote Speakers:

Professor Elizabeth Mackinlay (Charles Sturt University);
Professor Susan McFadden (University of Wisconsin Oshkosh);
Professor John Swinton (University of Aberdeen);
Rabbi Wittenberg (New North London Synagogue);
John Killick (freelance writer); Claire Craig (Occupational Therapist)

Papers will cover a wide range of issues, including:

Finding meaning in later life; Dementia; Spiritual care planning; Reducing social isolation; Geotranscendence; The role of faith communities; Secular approaches and Findings from specific projects working with older people.

Workshops will include:

Quilting; Music; Story telling and Writing.

**For details of the conference programme, registration, venue & accommodation,
visit the website fiop-mha.events-made-easy.com**

Faith in Older People is very grateful for the financial commitment it receives from Trusts, Foundations and individuals. This helps us to plan our future and continue to expand the diverse range of work we do. If you would like to support our work by making a donation, please send a cheque, made payable to 'Faith in Older People', to the address below.

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