



Faith in Older People

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Congratulations to Professor Mary Marshall, a member of FiOP's Board of Trustees, who has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the improvement of care and support given to people with dementia in Scotland. Mary received this award from Scotland's Dementia Awards, a partnership between Alzheimer Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland, NHS Health Scotland and Scottish Social Services Council, which celebrate the work of both professionals and community groups to support people with dementia and their families.

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. Focussing on:

Monday 4th February: Ageing in our society - how different communities consider care & ageing.

Monday 4th March : Death and dying - attitudes from different faith communities.

Monday 8th April : Healthy Ageing - what does this mean and how can we achieve it.

For more information, please contact FiOP by Tel 0131 346 7981 or Email: info@fiop.org.uk

Newly appointed to EIFA:

Iain Stewart is the new General Secretary of Edinburgh Interfaith Association. Previously a religious education teacher, then an interfaith worker for the Church of Scotland, involved in Scottish Interfaith Week and the Festival of Spirituality and Peace, Iain looks forward to bringing his experience to the association and to working more closely with the faith communities of Edinburgh, helping to create mutual understanding, trust and ultimately lasting friendships.

Julia A. Cato holds a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Her background includes women's issues, human rights, multifaith relations, communications and development, and writing. She currently works as a freelance consultant in Edinburgh and her recent clients include: the Festival of Spirituality and Peace, the Church of Scotland and the Edinburgh Interfaith Association.

National Care Standards consultations

Start date 31/10/2012 - End date 31/01/2013. The National Care Standards were introduced in 2001. Since then, they've not been reviewed. This consultation will ensure the standards meet the needs of service users as the care sector changes.

5th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality July 2013

FiOP and MHA, the Conference organisers, invite submissions for presentations and papers which address the topic of creativity and ageing within the conference themes of:

Ageing Gifts

Ageing Changes

Ageing Hopes

Our keynote speakers include Professor Elizabeth Mackinlay, Professor Susan McFadden, Professor John Swinton, John Killick, Claire Craig, Baroness Neuberger and Professor Phil Hanlon.

Please see conference website for further details: www.fiop-mha.events-made-easy.com

The Golden Age Project



Older people are acknowledged as the mainstay of the Church of Scotland Guild. In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Guild, a project entitled the “Golden Age” project has been agreed. This project combines and celebrates the three corner stone themes of the Guild - **Worship, Prayer and Action.**

The project will bring together 4 clusters of churches in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Lanarkshire and Inverness with the intention of finding different ways to encourage and enable the inclusion and celebration of older people in the Church. It is intended that a set of tried and tested training and development materials, which can be used by any Guild, Congregation or other group within the Church of Scotland and beyond, will be produced towards the end of 2013.

The project is being developed by the Guild in collaboration with Professor John Swinton, Aberdeen University and Faith in Older People and is lead by Dr. Harriet Mowat.

Books

Leadership for Person-Centred Dementia Care

Buz Loveday (2012)

Foreword by Professor Murna Downs

‘An invaluable tool for successfully challenging negative norms and practices, making our journey in planning and delivering excellence in dementia care purposeful, rewarding and focused on the person who places trust in our care.’ Farah Afshari, Director, Care and Support Shop Limited

Published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers

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Please note that FiOP only highlights the availability of books but does not stock them for sale.

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

New Research:

Experiences and support needs of lay proxies caring for a person with dementia

A recent Nuffield Funded study, found that the experiences of attorneys, guardians and deputies were much the same wherever they lived, as were their support needs. The general conclusion is that, in addition to the guide, lay proxies need carer education on decision-making and their duties under incapacity laws. However they often face systemic barriers to making best interest decisions.

A range of recommendations for policy and practice are set out in the research summary which are aimed at ensuring compliance with the principles that underpin incapacity laws. It is hoped that colleagues concerned to improve policy and practice will find the publications helpful.

The practical guide is available free of charge from Alzheimer's Society for England and Wales and Alzheimer Scotland for Scotland. Both can be down loaded from: www.alzscot.org/decisions If you have a problem opening the documents please contact Jenny Wilson at: jwilson@alzscot.org

Ewan Kelly: Personhood and Presence 'The Power of Caring Relationships'



This engaging and lively event was lead by Dr. Ewan Kelly around the topic of his book 'Personhood and Presence'. He placed a strong emphasis on caring and the importance of supporting carers but also the critical need for carers to take care of themselves so that they could maintain the resilience to continue to provide care. This was equally important for family carers and for professional carers as both can experience burn out. This gave rise to a discussion around

our cultural view that it is 'selfish' to consider yourself but there was general agreement that caring for the carer was essential. The discussion was broad ranging and included enabling people to talk about end of life issues; what constituted good listening; being a welcoming community and the importance of an individual's identity and history.

FiOP would like to arrange more discussions around a book or a particular topic and would welcome your ideas. Contact info@fiop.org.uk

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