



Faith in Older People

E-NEWSLETTER – September 2012

We are pleased to send you our latest E-Newsletter to tell you about our current news and events. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the previous issue. We continue to welcome your input (Email: info@fiop.org.uk) as we are keen to ensure that this e-newsletter does provide the information you want in a convenient format.

Forthcoming events

Creative Communication one day workshops

Aberdeen: Friday 28th September 2012; Aberdeen Arts Centre, 33 King Street

Glasgow: Friday 19th October 2012; St Stephen's Renfield Church, 260 Bath St

John Killick and Kate Allan

A fully participatory workshop, with illustrative activities and opportunities for discussion. It will appeal to everyone involved in supporting people with dementia, including those with an interest in the subject of spirituality. Fee: £65

Faith in Older People present:

Personhood and Presence - 'The power of caring relationships'

Edinburgh: Thursday, 18th October 2012 at 4.30pm; The Church Centre, Christ

Church, Holy Corner, 6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DD

Dr. Ewan Kelly, Head of the NHS Spiritual Care Unit in conversation with

Maureen O'Neill, Director, Faith in Older People

"The greatest asset which people in pastoral care offer in a caring relationship is themselves. Offering oneself to other people in order to provide companionship along the road of life, especially when the particular stage on the journey is one of anticipated or actual loss, is an act that is both challenging and yet potentially life enhancing for a carer."

The discussion will be based around Dr. Kelly's book on this important issue, which will be available at the event. Fee: £5

To book a place on these courses, please visit our website:

www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk or call us on Tel: 0131 3467981

FiOP is always pleased to discuss tailoring events and training for organisations to suit the audience. If you would like to discuss any specific training needs, please email us on: info@fiop.org.uk

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.

As well as academic papers the organisers warmly welcome presentations that share ideas for good practice, on-going projects, or examples of practical creativity in the care of older people.

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

Church of Scotland Guild – Golden Age Project

FiOP is pleased to be participating in this collaborative project between the Guild and Aberdeen University, which aims to pilot a method of encouraging the inclusion and celebration of older people in the Church. The project will be carried out during a 12 month period commencing in October.

Spiritual Care Mentoring Programme for Care Home Staff

The second year of this three year project funded by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation will commence in autumn of this year. The intention is to work with care homes in the Inverness area and we will be making contact shortly. If your care home would like to participate please contact: Maureen O'Neill at info@fiop.org.uk

Reshaping Care for Older People

This is the programme initiated by the Scottish Government in conjunction with CoSLA and NHS Scotland and is a long term strategic approach to delivering change so that the vision for the future care of older people in Scotland can be delivered. The programme is in the context of the demographic changes taking place with a significant increase in the number of older people. The programme's vision is **'that older people in Scotland are valued as an asset, their voices heard and older people are supported to enjoy full and positive lives in their own home or in a homely setting'**.

Our church and faith communities play a vital role in the support of older people and it is important that their role is highlighted and opportunities found to be represented on the 32 Partnership bodies set up in local authority areas in Scotland.

For copies of the Strategy and the establishment of the Change Fund please go to:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/care/reshaping/changefund>

FiOP is participating in a group set up by the Scottish Government to follow up the involvement of church and faith communities.

Books

At the end of life –

True stories about how we die

Edited by Lee Gutkind (2012)

“These essays bring honesty, clarity and even beauty to the end of life ...” Thomas R.Cole

Published by and available from:

Creative Nonfiction Foundation

5501 Walnut Street, Suite 202

Pittsburgh PA 15232

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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

The 3rd National Conference on Bereavement in a Healthcare Setting

The Many Faces of Loss: Tuesday 25 September in Dundee

Chaired by Professor Scott Murray MBE, and opened by Ros Moore, Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland. The programme includes Keynote Addresses from Dr Kenneth Doka, Professors Margaret Stroebe, Henk Schut and Tony Walter, with a wide range of breakout sessions.

For those not attending, a live interactive web cast will be available (registration required).

Visit the Conference Website at: <http://www.ncbhs.org.uk>

Service User and Carer Involvement in Social Work Education

The University of Edinburgh is looking for new members for their Service User and Carer Forum. This forum meets three times a year. Participation is on a voluntary basis and travel expenses are paid. The aim of the Forum is to ensure the perspectives of service users and carers are included on all of the social work courses at the University of Edinburgh.

For further information, please go to the link on our website (www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk)

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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