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Steps to Better Bereavement

Wednesday 30th September 10.30 – 1pm

Time	What	Who
10.30	Welcome and Introduction	Mark Hazelwood, CEO, SPPC
10.40	"Memorial" - a poem by Norman MacCaig	Video
10.45	Visioning a Grief Literate Society	Lauren Breen , Associate Professor, School of Psychology, Curtin University, Western Australia
11.05	Understanding the bereavement support needs and experiences of a population – learning from Ireland	Orla Keegan , Head of Education and Bereavement Services, Irish Hospice Foundation
11.25	Loss in the age of COVID-19: how bereavement services are responding and challenges for the future	Alison Penny , Director, Childhood Bereavement Network, and Coordinator, National Bereavement Alliance.
11.45	Audience Questions to the Presenters	
12.05	Introducing small group discussions	Mark Hazelwood
12.20	Small Group Discussions – what steps should lead to better experiences of bereavement in Scotland?	Delegates
12.45	Next steps and thanks	Mark Hazelwood
12.55	A live reading of her poem "Darling"	Jackie Kay , Scots Makar and Chancellor of the University of Salford
1pm	Meeting Ends	

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Speaker Biographies



Lauren Breen

Lauren is a registered psychologist and an Associate Professor in the School of Psychology at Curtin University, Australia. Her award-winning, applied research centres on end-of-life care and grief and loss. Most notably, she was successful in the inaugural round of the prestigious Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Research Awards for her project exploring family caregiving and bereavement. She has authored 15 book chapters and over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles. She is a Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement; a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement; a board member of the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement; and Managing Editor of *Death Studies*.



Orla Keegan

Orla is Head of Education & Bereavement Services at the Irish Hospice Foundation and has a background in psychology and health services research. She is course director for the MSc Loss & Bereavement/ MSc Loss & Bereavement (Counselling) run in Dublin with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). At the Irish Hospice Foundation she works with a team aiming to promote development of bereavement care and bereavement education in Ireland. She is co-chair of the European Association for Palliative Care Bereavement Taskforce and a member of the steering committee for Bereavement Network Europe.



Alison Penny

Alison is Director of the Childhood Bereavement Network, the hub for those working with bereaved children and young people across the UK. She is also Project Coordinator of the National Bereavement Alliance, a strategic collaboration of organisations and individuals working with bereaved people in England. She keeps the sector updated with relevant developments, and helps the field to develop consensus on key policy and practice topics, contributing to gains in national policy in bereaved people's interests. Alison has a particular interest in supporting bereavement services to demonstrate the effectiveness of

their work and is taking this forward as a PhD. She is an editor of the peer-review journal *Bereavement Care* and a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement.



Jackie Kay

Jackie Kay, MBE, CBE, FRSE is a Scottish poet, playwright, and novelist, known for her works *Other Lovers* (1993), *Trumpet* (1998) and *Red Dust Road* (2011). Jackie has won a number of awards, including the Guardian Fiction Prize in 1998 and the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book of the Year Award in 2011. Since 2016, she has held the position of Scots Makar, the national poet laureate of Scotland. She was

appointed as chancellor of the University of Salford in 2015