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APSE Cemeteries and Crematoria Seminar 2022



Thursday 17 November 2022

The Edge Conferencing, Riveredge, Wigan, WN3 5AB

Programme

9:00 Registration and exhibition viewing

10:15 *Session One*

Building Crematorium for a Greener Future

- Electric cremators the way forward? – what the data is telling us.
- Using the BREEAM criteria of **excellence** as a marker for sustainable design for future UK crematorium.
- Other green cremation technologies+ - how do they compare?
 - New generation electric cremation
 - Microwave
 - Hydrogen
 - LPG
 - Alkaline hydrolysis

Speaker: Justin Smith, Director, CDS Group

Developing a Range of holistic Grieving Spaces in a time of need.

- Identifying the needs of the bereaved.
- Developing tailored memorialisation spaces.
- Plans for future memorial spaces.

Speaker: Martin Birch FICCM(Dip), Operational Manager Bereavement & Registration Services for the City and County of Cardiff

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Coffee and exhibition viewing

12:00 *Session Two*

Economist, Ecologist, Empath – The Changing role of the Bereavement Service Manager – a discussion.

- In the 'old days'
- The widening role of the Bereavement Service Manager
- What does the future hold (partnerships, stakeholders and the bereaved).

Speaker: Andrew Bond, Service Manager - Environmental Education and Enforcement, Wigan Council.

Past, present, and future: how genealogy has changed through the years

- De-bunking pre-conceptions of 'heir hunting'
- A look at how the genealogy industry combines traditional research methods with modern technology
- Predictions for the future of genealogy

Megan Murphy, Public Sector Manager, Estate Research

Audience question and answer session

13:15 Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:00 *Session Three*

Results of the Welcoming Nature into Cemeteries and Crematoria Grounds Survey 2022

- What survey and why?
- Are we welcoming in nature to our cemeteries? - key findings
- Future uses of cemetery grounds.

Speaker: Wayne Priestley, APSE Principal Advisor

Increasing the opportunities for Nature in Wigan's Cemeteries

- Realising the potential – The COVID effect
- Developing wildflower and wildlife opportunities in cemetery grounds
- The benefits achieved and future plans.

Speaker: Kieran Sayer, Biodiversity Officer. Wigan Council

The MIST Memorial Inspection app / Monitoring Environmental Performance

- Developing a memorial inspection safety app
- Update on the pilot scheme progress
- Why introduce environmental indicators to the Bereavement Service

Speaker: Debbie Johns Head of APSE Performance Network

Audience question and answer session

15:30 Seminar close

Seminar Objectives

About the Seminar

Bereavement Services is a high-profile council service which, as well as meeting the needs of the bereaved, is under increasing pressure to become commercially self-sustaining and delivering value for money.

The service area is also facing changing cultural and physical requirements.

Increasing land-use demands are affecting the availability of land for burials and the land cemeteries do occupy, is increasingly expected to be managed in a way which conserves and preserves historical and cultural assets as well as providing increased opportunities for biodiversity.

Whilst these challenges have to be met, the heart of the service is still to ensure it considers its customers' needs at the most vulnerable time in their lives by providing respectful and affordable services

However, local authorities continue to find their budgets shrinking and, as such, managers and staff alike are having to look for ways to compensate against these losses, either through service efficiencies, generating new sources of income, or innovative service delivery methodologies such as partnership working. Added to these requirements is the relatively new task of ensuring services operate in an environmentally sustainable manner to meet climate change targets. Therefore, the challenges for Bereavement Services Managers are growing, and the need to be aware of the latest technology, efficiencies and innovations is now paramount.

APSE recognises this need and, through the provision of this seminar and its wider networking services, APSE can help elected members, managers and officers hear examples of how these changes can be brought about by highlighting best practice and innovation, which, together, will prove invaluable to the development of future Bereavement Services.

Therefore, this seminar is a **MUST ATTEND EVENT** for those officers and members who want to look at new ways of understanding and coping with cemetery and crematoria issues, whether these be financial, environmental, technological or social.



Booking Information

Who should attend?

- Service Directors
- Managers and officers (bereavement services, funeral services, cemeteries and crematoria, grounds maintenance, greenspace, climate change and environmental services)
- Policy advisors, accountants and lawyers
- Performance Management officers
- Health and Safety Managers
- Sustainability and environmental officers
- Trade Union representatives
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisation

Venue

The Edge

Riveredge

Wigan

WN3 5AB

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

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