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Cemeteries and Crematoria Online Seminar



Thursday 16 November 2023

Online Event

Programme

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10:30 Session one

Welcome by chair

Clr Corall Jenkins, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste Management, Open Spaces and Parks, Nottingham City Council

An award-winning approach to achieving environmental and financial sustainability

- Developing and embedding strategies to tackle industry wide issues
- Implementing environmental sustainability in the service
- What's been achieved and a vision for the future

Jacqueline Landy, Head of Bereavement Services, Lambeth Council

Improving performance in the Cemetery and Crematoria Service

- Background to the award-winning service in Middlesbrough
- Digitalisation, people, and service development
- The future goals and aspirations for the service

Marcus Vickers, Operations Manager, Middlesbrough Council

Ensuring the workforce is fit for the future

- Identifying the skill gaps in the current workforce
- Developing a workforce plan
- Embedding new skills in the service

Lee Snashfold, APSE Associate

Audience question and answer session

11:45 Virtual Break

11:55 Session two

From down under to across the pond: insights from the UK, US, Australia, and New Zealand

- Exploring diverse approaches to cemetery and crematoria management
- How the different countries remember, and honour loved ones
- Insights into community engagement, digitalisation, and memorialisation practices

Niall Adams, Solutions Consultant, PlotBox

Managing tourism in cemeteries located in a UNESCO World Heritage Site

- The impact of tourism on Edinburgh's cemeteries
- Introducing measure to mitigate the impact
- Challenges and success of introducing a cemetery tour guide registration scheme

Jane Matheson, Bereavement Operations Manager, City of Edinburgh Council

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Virtual Break

13:10 Session three

Review of Crematoria Guidance PGN (5/12)

- Buckinghamshire Councils' Crematoria Service
- Overview of the Technical Working Group reviewing the guidance
- Key aspects of the guidance and the impact on local authorities

Olu Sokoya, Environmental Protection Officer, Buckinghamshire Council

Recycling metals for the benefit of local charities

- Background to the initiative
- Developing procedures and communication with bereaved relatives
- Benefits to the community and the council

Adrian Clarke, Head of Registrars, Coroners and Bereavement Services, North Yorkshire Council

Environmental sustainability and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

- Organisational overview
- Transitioning to a more sustainable way of working
- Managing the sustainable transition

David Richardson, Director of Horticulture, Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Audience question and answer session

APSE Update

An overview of ASPE events, briefings, and information relevant to the Cemeteries and Crematoria services.

Vickie Hacking, Principal Advisor, APSE

14:15 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 a growing number of demands and challenges, ranging from; changing cultural needs, new environmental requirements, new land for burials, greater economic transparency and more recently growing funeral poverty as the cost of living crisis becomes more extreme.

To meet these demands Bereavement professionals are having to learn new skills which not only address the needs of the service and its users but also completely new areas of work such as managing which conserve and preserve historical and cultural assets as well as providing increased opportunities for biodiversity.

This online seminar brings together a range of expert speakers who will share with delegates their knowledge and experience of how they are meeting the demands being placed on the service and the innovative approaches that are being adopted to achieve the best outcomes for the service and wider community.

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

This is an online event to be held on Microsoft Teams

A link and joining instructions will be circulated a few days prior to the event.

Booking Information

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation.

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