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Cemeteries and Crematoria Seminar 2024



Thursday 25 April

The Edge Conference Centre, The Edge,
Riveredge, Wigan, WN3 5AB

Programme

9:30 Registration and Exhibition Viewing

10:30 *Session one*

Welcome by the chair

CLlr David Hughes, Flintshire Council

The results of APSE's State of the Market Survey - Cemeteries and Crematoria 2024

- Results of the survey
- Key finding and trends
- Future challenges for the bereavement sector

Vickie Hacking, Principal Advisor, APSE

A self-service booking system for Funeral Directors

- Background to the project
- Implementing the system
- The improvements and opportunities

Alan Sheldon, Head of Bereavement Service, Liverpool City Council

Cemeteries and Memorials Data

- How Confirm can record cemetery data for burial plot interred
- Owners and memorials
- Performing memorial inspections

Jack Parker, Product Consultant, Brightly (A Siemens Company), APSE Approved Partner

Audience question and answer session

11:30 Coffee & exhibition viewing

12:00 *Session two*

A first for East Riding of Yorkshire

- Background to the project
- Getting Lelley Fields Crematorium operational
- Operating the facilities, lessons learnt and future aspirations

Christine Walker- Kelley, Crematorium Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Conservation and repair at Sheffield General Cemetery

- The vision
- The Delivery Challenge: Funding, Timescales, COVID and overcoming opposition
- The next chapter: Future plans and sustainable management of the cemetery park

Stuart Turner, Service Manager, Sheffield City Council

Carbon footprint of memorialisation in cemeteries

- What is the scale of the issue?
- The ethical and ecological issues associated with imported memorials.
- The role of local authority cemetery managers

Justin Smith, Director, The CDS Group

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Lunch and Exhibition Viewing

14:00 *Session Three*

Burial, Cremation, and New Funerary Methods

- What is the problem?
- Overview of the project
- The next steps

Andrew Bazeley, Lawyer, The Law Commission

How funerals are changing and what is behind the change?

- Cost of living
- Demographic change
- Ritual change

Dr Kate Woodthorpe, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, University of Bath

Audience question and answer session

APSE Cemeteries and Crematoria Innovation Awards 2024

The three shortlisted finalised for the Innovation Award 2024 will be presenting an overview of their submissions.

Audience question and answer session

16:15 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. Facing a growing number of demands and challenges, ranging from; changing cultural needs, new environmental requirements, new land for burials, greater economic transparency and growing funeral poverty.

This seminar brings together expert speakers from local authorities and the wider sector who will share their knowledge and provide delegates with practical and transferable examples of how the challenges can be met. In addition, the event will provide the opportunity for delegates to network with colleagues.

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 Conference Centre,
The Edge,
Riveredge,
Wigan,
WN3 5AB**

Travelling to the venue:

By Train

Wigan Wallgate & Wigan North Western Stations
approximately 10 minutes walk

By Car

10 minutes drive from the M6
- Northbound - Jn 25
- Southbound – Jn 26

Booking Information

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

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

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