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# Bereavement - what helps?

Free online panel discussion on bereavement, as part of Grief Awareness Week.

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Wed, 7 December 2022, 13:00 – 14:00 GMT

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Location

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**Dr Erica Borgstrom**, Senior Lecturer in End of Life Care and the lead for **Open Thanatology** - the OU's interdisciplinary research group on death, dying, loss and grief, chairs an online panel discussion looking at different strategies for dealing with bereavement.

The panellists will share their research and practice to discuss bereavement from different angles, including gender, social media, and cultural norms.

This will be followed by your chance to ask the panellists questions.

### About the speakers:

• **Dr Korina Giaxoglou** - *Senior Lecturer in Applied Linguistics and English Language, The Open University, School of Languages and Applied Linguistics*

Korina focuses on how stories and emotions are shared on social media, and she is currently researching how social media mourning has changed the way we share grief.

• **Dr Kerry Jones** - *Senior Lecturer in End of Life Care, The Open University, School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care*

Kerry researches end of life care across the life course, including stillbirth neonatal death and parental bereavement, and more recently has focused on men's experience of perinatal death.

• **Andy Langford** - *Clinical Director for Cruse Bereavement Care and PhD Candidate, The Open University, School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care*

Andy is a qualified and BACP accredited Integrative Counsellor, currently undertaking an PhD with The Open University focusing on bereavement support delivered over the telephone.

• **Dr Jane McCarthy** - *Honorary Associate, The Open University, Faculty of Art and Social Sciences*

Jane is a family sociologist who is particularly interested in how people experience bereavement in their everyday lives, and the limitations of current approaches and models rooted in largely white communities of practice.

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