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November 11 – 13, 2024 | Dublin, Ireland



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Welcome from President Higgins

European Grief Conference 2024, 11-13 November



Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann, may I extend my warmest regards to all those attending the second European Grief Conference. Cuirim fáilte romhaibh ar fad.

This Conference is an important one, a gathering of such depth and breadth, one that is testament to the power of coming together to bring science, practice, policy, education, and the arts into a single space, in solidarity, to share and to learn about a topic which speaks to the very essence of our shared humanity — grief, in all its complexity, in all its universality.

In Ireland, where each year some 300,000 people in our country are bereaved, we recognise the profound significance of grief, that grief is something that touches the full breadth of human existence, not only as a deeply personal experience but as one that shapes us collectively, as a society.

It is incumbent upon us, as a society, to ensure that those who encounter significant challenges in their grieving process, who struggle with their grief, those who have suffered the absence of an opportunity for final moments shared, are not left alone, but are gently guided towards the care and compassion that can help them find their way out of the darkness, with the appropriate care and services they need.

We must acknowledge, too, that while grief touches every life, it is not experienced equally by all. It is shaped by who we are, by where we come from, by our cultures and traditions, our background and circumstances.

I am heartened to see that this Conference will explore and give voices to the experiences of indigenous communities in Greenland, of families in Uganda, the stories of migrants, and

the stark inequities in bereavement care around the world.

Such rich personal testimony remind us that our efforts in shaping how we as societies understand and respond to grief must embrace diversity, inclusivity, and justice. These voices must be heard, for it is through acknowledging these differences that we can create systems of care that are both responsive and compassionate.

As President of Ireland, may I thank all of you for your dedication to this important work.

I have no doubt that this Conference will not only inspire, but will lead to real and meaningful change — change that reflects our shared commitment to building support systems that reflect the diversity and depth of human experience, in ensuring that no one, regardless of their background or circumstances, must navigate the difficult terrain of grief alone.

Let us continue to build bridges of empathy, of understanding, and of care, knowing that, in doing so, we contribute to a world that is more just, more humane, and more compassionate — one that truly cares for its most vulnerable in their time of need.

May I wish you all a most productive and enriching Conference.

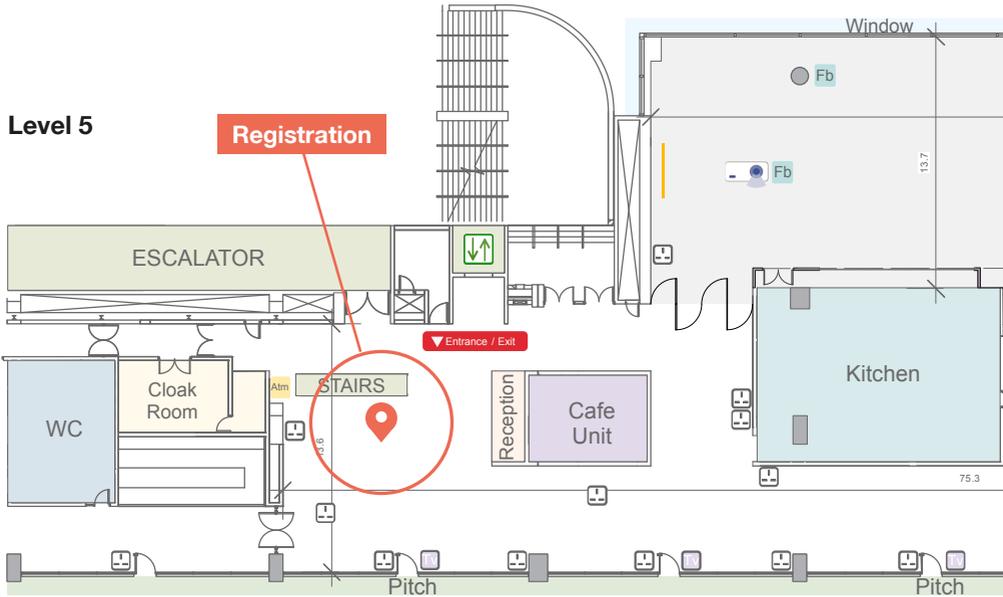
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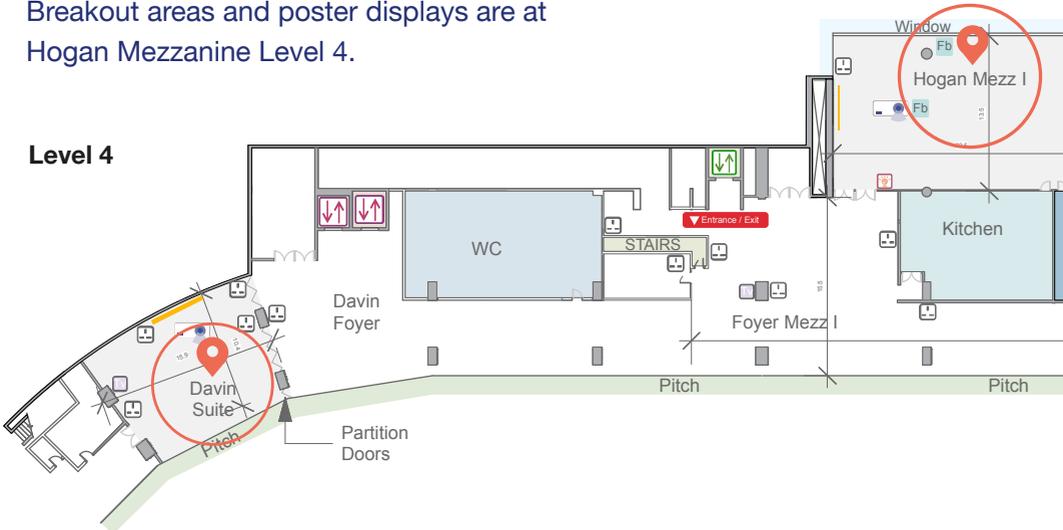
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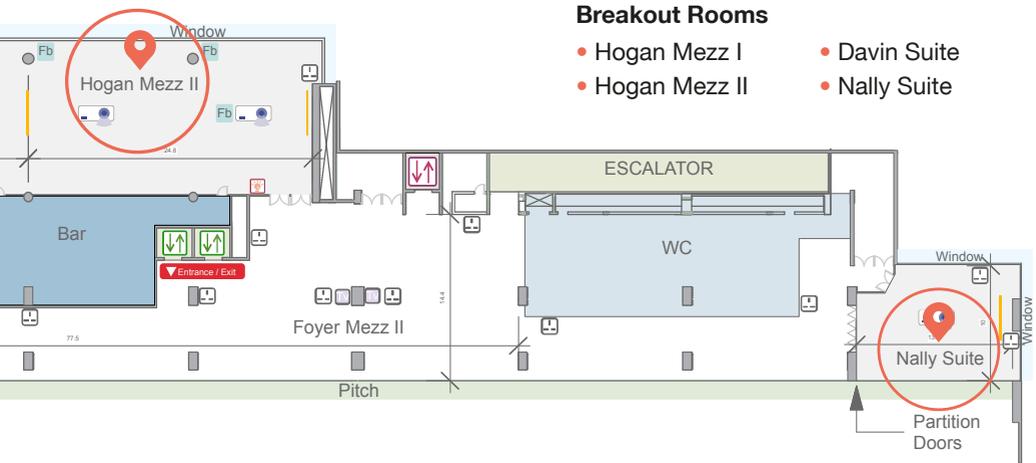
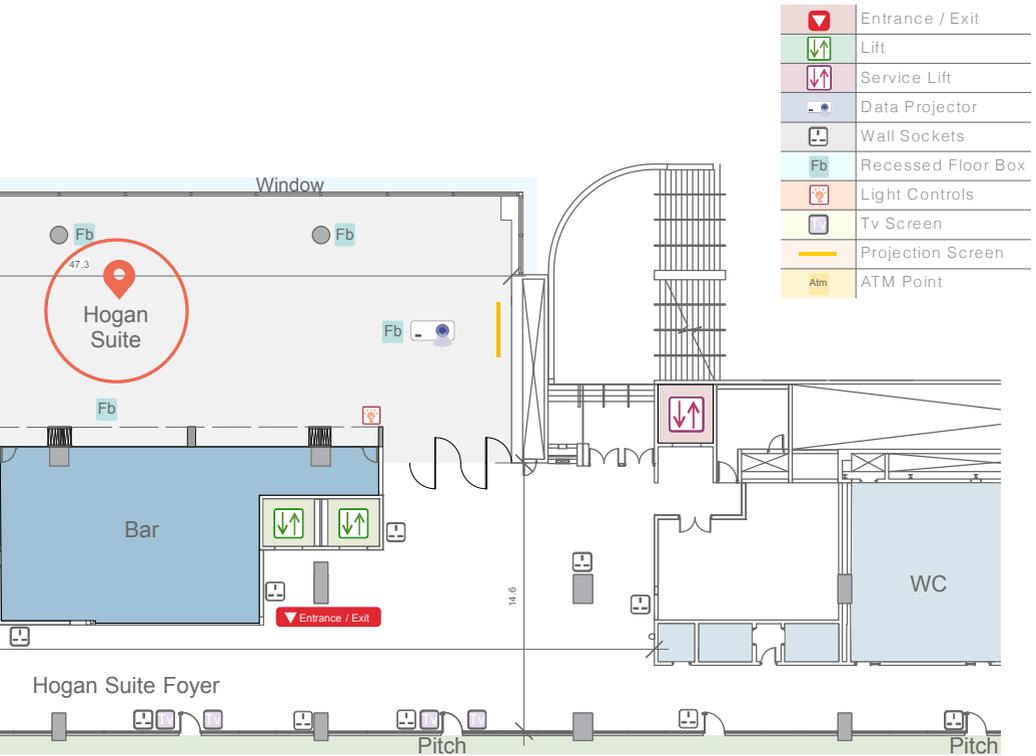
Floor Maps at Croke Park

Registration and Plenaries will be held at Hogan Suite, Level 5.



Breakout areas and poster displays are at Hogan Mezzanine Level 4.





Welcome Speaker

Jarlath Burns

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) is Ireland's largest sporting organisation and is recognised as one of the greatest amateur sporting associations in the world. Founded in 1884, it is at the heart of all communities in Ireland and plays a hugely influential role in Irish society. Jarlath Burns is the 41st President of the GAA and has a long and active history with the organisation and within his own club community. A member of Silverbridge GAA Club in Armagh, he played for his county for 13 seasons and was a member



of the team that won the Ulster senior football title in 1999. Prior to being President, he has served as an administrator at national level and was chair of the inaugural Players' Committee set up in 2000. He has also served as Armagh's Central Council delegate and has sat on the GAA's Medical & Scientific Committee and Pitch Presentation Group and the Standing Committee on Playing Rules. Passionate about the Irish language and a fluent Irish speaker, he has served as a co-commentator on Irish television station TG4. Outside of the GAA, Jarlath Burns is a secondary schoolteacher and is principal of St Paul's in Bessbrook in Armagh.

Plenary Speakers

Level 0: Society: Grief Literacy, Advocacy & Community (Societal Grief Literacy & Awareness)

Prof Samar Aoun

Samar Aoun is Perron Institute Research Chair in Palliative Care at the University of Western Australia and Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science. Prof Aoun is an international leader in the promotion and advocacy of public health approaches to palliative care and led this approach for those living with grief and bereavement. She is known as an innovator and a champion of practice and policy translation of public health science for palliative care. Her work on social models in bereavement support has provided empirical evidence to strengthen the Compassionate Communities approach. Samar advocates for a person-centred health and social care. Her research programs on supporting family carers at end of life and the public health approach to bereavement care have informed policy and practice at the national and international levels. She co-founded and chairs the South



West Compassionate Communities Network in Western Australia (WA) and has led the Compassionate Connector Program, which offers the practical and social support needed by families with life limiting illnesses. The program significantly improved social connectedness and reduced hospital admissions. She currently chairs Compassionate Communities Australia. She is a member of Public Health Palliative Care International and the Public Health Palliative Care reference group of the European Association of Palliative Care. She served as member of the International Expert Advisory Group for the development of best practice statements in bereavement care in palliative care in Europe. She is a past president of the MND Association in WA and MND Australia. Among her awards: the Centenary Medal in 2003 from the Prime Minister of Australia; the 2018 Medal for Excellence from the European Society for Person Centred Healthcare; and, more recently, the 2023 WA Australian of the year.

Level 0: Society: Grief Literacy, Advocacy & Community (Societal Grief Literacy & Awareness)

Mr Dominic Campbell

Dominic Campbell is a cultural producer interested in the effects of creativity on society. He specialises in the use of celebration as strategy for transformation. He has led Irish Hospice Foundation's Arts and Cultural Engagement programme since its formation during the pandemic. He was formerly Director of Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's groundbreaking



celebration of creativity in older age, and of Ireland's St Patrick's Festival. Dominic is a Fellow of the Global Brain Health Institute for whom he is developing Creative Brain Week, connecting neuroscientists and artists to address "wicked and sticky" social and health problems. He is an Atlantic Fellow, and Co-founder of Creative Aging International. He is a contributor to the Jameel Arts and Health Lab collaboration, with 50 leading researchers producing five Lancet Global specials on the role of arts to reduce the impact of non-communicable diseases due in 2025.

Level 1: Normal Grief General Awareness & Support (General Support & Information)

Prof Pamela Grassau

Pamela Grassau (BSW, MSW, PhD) is an Associate Professor at the School of Social Work at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Listening and learning for over 20 years in participatory action research with marginalized communities facing interlocking structural barriers while living with chronic and life-limiting illnesses, Pam has learned and written about how care, illness, dying, grief, and loss live within relationships, programs, services, teams, physical spaces, policies, and leadership. Bringing her community-based insights into palliative care education and research, Pam worked for 7 years with multi-professional palliative care clinicians, managers, administrators, and students to build knowledge, competencies,



practices, and guidelines that have improved care for patients and families living with advanced illness. Keen to reconnect with social work and co-lead community-based participatory action research, in 2019 Pam partnered with Compassionate Ottawa and four Ottawa sites (2 community health centers and 2 faith communities) to pilot in Canada the foundational Healthy End of Life Project (HELP), developed by Dr. Andrea Grindrod and colleagues at La Trobe University in Australia. *HELP: Ottawa* has advanced knowledge and understanding about how individuals, families, friends, neighbours, communities, workplaces, and faith communities can work collaboratively with social and health care resources, services, and providers, to deliver community-based, equity-focused, trauma-informed, compassionate care.

Level 1: Normal Grief General Awareness & Support (General Support & Information)

Ms Tina Graven Østergaard

Tina Graven Østergaard is the Head of International Cooperation at the Danish National Center for Grief (DNCG). DNCG, an independent organisation with nearly 25 years of experience, addresses all four tiers of the needs-based bereavement care model through research, practice, education/policy, collaborating closely with partners within Denmark and internationally. Over the past decade, Tina has been an integral part of DNCG's journey toward the strategic vision: "together in preventing grief from ruining life." She connects stakeholders across sectors, disciplines, and borders to foster initiatives for change and development aiming to bridge



gaps and meet the needs of bereaved people. Tina and DNCG were the local hosts of the highly collaborative inaugural European Grief Conference 2022 in Copenhagen, and they also serve as the host organization for the Bereavement Network Europe, establishing a membership organization bringing together researchers and practitioners in Europe and beyond. Moreover, Tina has in recent years dedicated substantial time to studying, reporting and working with loss, grief, and suicide bereavement in Greenland, part of the Kingdom of Denmark. Tina holds an MSc in International Development and Cooperation; and before transitioning to the public and mental health arena, she worked for many years in development collaboration with the Global South.

Level 2: Bereavement Support, Prevention & Risk Factors (Extra Support)

Prof Danai Papadatou

Danai Papadatou is an Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology at the National and Kapodistrian University in Athens. Her clinical experience, research interests, and publications focus on issues related to pediatric palliative care, childhood and family bereavement, community trauma, and the impact of caring for dying and bereaved people upon professionals. She is also the founder and chair of the Board of "Merimna", a non-governmental association for the care of children and families who encounter illness and death which provides pediatric palliative home care services and



bereavement support for children, adolescents, families, schools and communities in Greece. Since 2016, she has been involved in the training and supervision of field workers who support unaccompanied refugee minors and has been conducting extensive research in this field. She has received several international awards for her teaching, research, publications and community service in palliative care, death education, and childhood bereavement support, and has been currently appointed Chair of the National Committee for the Development of Palliative Care in Greece. She is a member of several international organizations, among them the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement, and has served as chair and member of its Board of Directors.

Level 2: Bereavement Support, Prevention & Risk Factors (Extra Support)

Dr Emily Harrop

Dr Emily Harrop is a palliative care researcher at the Marie Curie Research Centre, Cardiff University. Her research interests are: grief and bereavement; the support needs of family caregivers; experiences of living with advanced illness; and inequities and inequalities in palliative/bereavement care provision and outcomes. She recently co-led a large UK wide study investigating bereavement experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic and is a co-investigator/work-package lead in the new NIHR funded 'Equitable Bereavement Care for All (EBCA)' study, led by colleagues at Kings College London and Sheffield University. Emily is also Editor in Chief of *Bereavement: Journal of Grief and Responses to Death*.



Plenary Panelists

Level 3: Complicated Grief Reactions: Diagnosis & Treatment (Therapy Support)

Prof Maarten Eisma

Dr. Maarten C. Eisma is an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. His research focuses on clarifying the phenomenology, risk and protective factors, treatment and societal effects of prolonged grief. He has published over 90 scientific articles and book chapters. He is editorial board member of *Death Studies* and *Journal of Loss and Trauma*. He co-authored the first Dutch evidence-based multidisciplinary palliative care guideline on grief. In 2023, he received the Association of Death Education and Counseling Research Recognition Award for his contributions to the understanding of grief and bereavement.



Prof Martin Lytje

Dr. Martin Lytje is an Associate Professor at the Center for Crisis Psychology, University of Bergen, Norway and a Project Lead at the Danish Cancer Society. For the past 15 years, his research has focused on empowering children to identify their own needs, especially in defining necessary support during family crises like critical illness or bereavement. His expertise has guided childcare institutions in developing and maintaining bereavement responses, and he provides support and training to childcare professionals working with grieving children. Martin has authored numerous articles and books on children and grief, making significant contributions to this important field of study.



Level 3: Complicated Grief Reactions: Diagnosis & Treatment (Therapy Support)

Prof Manuel Fernández Alcántara

Manuel Fernández Alcántara is Associate Professor in the Department of Health Psychology at the University of Alicante, Spain. He serves as Vice-dean of Postgraduate studies, Transference and Internationalization of the Faculty of Health Sciences and is President of the End-of-Life Research Network (Red EOL). Manuel is a member of the research group PAI CTS-436 “Psychosocial and Transcultural Aspects of Health and Illness” from the University of Granada and is Managing Editor at the journal *Death Studies*. His main research lines include complicated grief, intervention programs related to grief and end-of-life, and disenfranchised griefs.



Ms Fiona Tuomey

Fiona Tuomey is the founder and CEO of HUGG, a national suicide bereavement charity, which she established two years after the death of her 11-year-old daughter to suicide. She established HUGG to provide peer support and resources to those navigating the complexities of loss through suicide. Fiona has successfully advocated for the inclusion of the ‘lived voice’ in the development of training, resources and policies in Ireland and, in conjunction with the National Suicide Research Foundation, in the publication of *AfterWords*: Ireland’s first survey of people bereaved by suicide in Ireland. She earned an MSc in Loss & Bereavement in 2018 from Irish Hospice Foundation and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. She frequently speaks at conferences and workshops, sharing her insights and experiences to promote a better understanding of suicide bereavement and its impacts on individuals and families.



Panel Facilitator

Prof Philip Dodd

Professor Philip Dodd is currently working as Mental Health Policy & Specialist within the Mental Health Unit of the Department of Health, leading the implementation of Sharing the Vision-Ireland’s mental health policy, and Connecting for Life, Ireland’s suicide and self-harm reduction strategy. He is also Clinical Advisor with HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention. He previously worked as HSE National Clinical Advisor and Clinical Group Lead (Mental Health), and prior to that worked as Clinical Lead for the HSE Mental Health of Intellectual Disability Service Improvement Programme. Professor Dodd is a Consultant Psychiatrist and full Clinical Professor at Trinity College Dublin. His clinical research interests include suicide prevention, grief and complicated grief and the mental health of intellectual disability.



Programme Schedule

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2024

17.30-18.30	Registration open at RCSI
18.30-20.00	WELCOME Reception at Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2024

8.00-9.00	Registration is open and submission of slides for oral presentations, Croke Park Conference Centre
9.00-10.00	Official Opening EGC 2024 (Hogan Suite) Welcome Address by Jarlath Burns, President of the GAA Tribute to Colin Murray Parkes
10.00-11.00	Level 0: Society: Grief Literacy, Advocacy & Community (societal grief literacy & awareness) PLENARY SESSION (Hogan Suite) Speaker: Prof. Samar Aoun (Australia): Back to the Future: A community-led approach to responding to grief Speaker: Dominic Campbell (Ireland): Sense-Making?: Knowledge making in grief through a national Arts and Cultural Engagement programme
11.00-11.15	Coffee on the go/move to next location

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11.15-12.45	RESEARCH	PRACTICE	POLICY & EDUCATION	SUICIDE I	WORKSHOP* (90 MINUTES)
	Hogan Suite	Hogan Mezz I	Nally Suite	Hogan Mezz II	Davin Suite
11.15-11.35	Reducing Negative Social Expectations and Loneliness after Bereavement: Results of a randomized controlled trial Presenter: Caroline Wanza	Sustaining bereavement education in the workplace: social work initiatives from Switzerland Presenters: Aurélie Jung and Marc-Antoine Berthod	National Bereavement Support Provision for All Who Need It Presenter: John Moss	Navigating Practical and Emotional Challenges in the Aftermath of Suicide Loss Presenter: Willi Heuse	A grief festival in Nova Scotia Presenter: Susan Cadell Chair: Eric Clarke

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11.35-11.55	<p>“It has alienated me”: The perceived role of shame and stigma in complicated grief following termination of pregnancy for fetal anomaly</p> <p>Presenter: Áine Aventin</p>	<p>Documentary series - Walking through loss</p> <p>Presenter: Susana Esteves</p>	<p>Photovoice as a Research and Educational Tool in Grief Education</p> <p>Presenter: Polyxeni Stylianou</p>	<p>Finding Hope and Healing After Suicide: Designing and delivering a suicide postvention activity to adults bereaved by suicide using an iterative approach</p> <p>Presenter: Fiona Tuomey</p>	
11.55-12.15	<p>Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA): Exploring Palliative Care Physicians’ Grief Experiences in the hospice context</p> <p>Presenter: Jonna Kayatz</p>	<p>Encouraging supportive workplaces, communities and schools: societal approaches to grief literacy and awareness in Scotland</p> <p>Presenter: Rebecca Patterson</p>	<p>Articulated Response to COVID-19 pandemic in Grief and Bereavement in Europe: Insights from the AURORA@ COVID19-EU Project</p> <p>Presenter: Daniela Nogueira</p>	<p>Effects of the Civil Guard “PPAP” in the prevention of pathological grief due to suicide</p> <p>Presenters: Gemma De La Cruz Moreno and Maria Cristina Boo Paradela</p>	
12.15-12.35	<p>Changes in the experience of non-pathological grief over time</p> <p>Presenter: Lene Holm Larsen</p>	<p>‘Onuments’ as an invitation for grieving in public places</p> <p>Presenter: Uus Knops</p>	<p>LightsOut: A Universal Mental Health Promotion Program Making Grief Easier</p> <p>Presenter: Robyn Minty</p>	<p>Talking to children bereaved by suicide – ‘Safe Harbour’ a suite of resources to support families and professionals</p> <p>Presenters: Maura Keating and Niamh Crudden</p>	
13.00-14.00	<p>Lunch in the lobby (bring your lunch along to the poster area)</p> <hr/> <p>POSTER PRESENTATIONS Authors will be available to discuss posters 13.30-14.00: Practice and Policy/Education</p>				

14.00-15.00	<p>Level 1: Normal Grief: General Awareness & Support (general support & information)</p> <p>PLENARY SESSION (Hogan Suite)</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Pamela Grassau (Canada): “Truth-Telling” and Coming Out in Dying, Grief and Loss</p> <p>Speaker: Tina Graven Østergaard (Denmark): Grief in Greenland – Collaborative Social Action focussing on loss & grief in a society living with the reality of one of the world’s highest suicide rates</p>
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Coffee on the go / move to next location

PARALLEL SESSIONS

15.15-16.45	RESEARCH	PRACTICE	CHILDREN I	RESEARCH II	WORKSHOP* (90 MINUTES)
	Hogan Suite	Hogan Mezz I	Hogan Mezz II	Nally Suite	Davin Suite
15.15-15.35	<p>Bereavement of a spouse in the context of deep and continuous sedation until death: An IPA analysis</p> <p>Presenter: Yasmine Chemrouk</p>	<p>The grief Van: Healing grievors and sensitizing communities for coping with grief</p> <p>Presenter: Valentin Rodil Gavala</p>	<p>‘Standards for Supporting Bereaved Children and Young People – A Framework for Development’ 2023. Irish Childhood Bereavement Network (ICBN)</p> <p>Presenter: Sonia Rennicks</p>	<p>In Contact with Grief: Affectionate Touch and Intimacy in Bereaved Parents</p> <p>Presenter: Deniz Ergun</p>	<p>Exploring the Neurodiversity of grief</p> <p>Presenter: Ally Pax Arcari Mair</p> <p>Chair: Catherine Tierney</p>
15.35-15.55	<p>‘Grief is a very important subject of life’: Public and parental views on grief education and support for bereaved children in UK schools</p> <p>Presenter: Silvia Goss</p>	<p>Digital bonds in grief intervention: exploring ethical boundaries</p> <p>Presenter: Sara Albuquerque</p>	<p>How children and the remaining parent experience outcomes and mechanisms of change in grief therapy for parental loss</p> <p>Presenters: Line Engel Clasen and Thomas Mackrill</p>	<p>Body memory and continuing bonds</p> <p>Presenter: Allan Køster</p>	

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<p>15.55-16.15</p>	<p>How can we better support people who experience pregnancy loss <24 weeks in the workplace? Insights from a mixed-methods study conducted in the Republic of Ireland</p> <p>Presenter: Marita Hennessy</p>	<p>Bereavement Accompaniment Training - Taking the Pyramid Model to Church</p> <p>Presenter: Neal Thomas Dunnigan</p>	<p>Bibliotherapy with Grieving Children</p> <p>Presenter: Korie Leigh</p>	<p>Attachment styles, Lingering Attachment and Prolonged Grief: A Longitudinal Study</p> <p>Presenter: Maarten Eisma</p>	
<p>16.15-16.35</p>	<p>Enhancing Bereavement Awareness in Initial Teacher Education to Support Learning for All</p> <p>Presenter: Anna Lise Gordon</p>	<p>‘Bereaved NI’ – A new innovative website for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Presenter: Leona Laverty</p>	<p>Implementing routine outcome measurement in services for bereaved children and young people: barriers and facilitators</p> <p>Presenter: Alison Penny</p>	<p>Predictive Variables of Prolonged Grief Reactions During the Covid-19 Pandemic</p> <p>Presenter: Andrea Redondo Armenteros</p>	
<p>16.35-17.15</p>	<p>POSTER PRESENTATIONS Authors will be available to discuss posters 16.45-17.15: Practice and Policy/Education</p>				
<p>19.00-22.30</p>	<p>SOCIAL PROGRAMME: Informal social get-together with dinner and Irish music at Arlington Hotel. Pre-booked tickets only.</p>				

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2024

8.00	Arrival at Croke Park & coffee will be served				
9.00-9.45	Networking event – organised speed networking with conference colleagues				
10.00-11.00	<p>Level 2: Bereavement Support: Prevention & Risk Factors (extra support)</p> <p>PLENARY SESSION (Hogan Suite)</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Danai Papadatou (Greece): Life in liminality: The challenges of living ‘betwixt and between’ worlds among unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors in Greece</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Emily Harrop (UK): Equitable bereavement care for all: Exploring bereavement experiences, support needs and service provision in ethnically diverse communities in the UK</p>				
	Coffee on the go/move to next location				
PARALLEL SESSIONS					
11.15-12.45	RESEARCH I	PRACTICE	POLICY & EDUCATION	RESEARCH II	WORKSHOP* (90 MINUTES)
	Hogan Suite	Hogan Mezz I	Nally Suite	Hogan Mezz II	Davin Suite
11.15-11.35	<p>Exploring EMPOWER-Grief Intervention in Preventing Prolonged Grief in Relatives of Cancer Patients</p> <p>Presenter: David Dias Neto</p>	<p>Enhancing Support for Bereaved Parents: The Implementation and Impact of Online Support Groups</p> <p>Presenter: Trine Giving Kalstad</p>	<p>A community-led group learning intervention for grief and bereavement in Uganda’s rural communities</p> <p>Presenter: Eve Namisango</p>	<p>Identifying PGD: A three-tier approach to identifying and diagnosing Prolonged Grief Disorder (PGD) in ICD-11 and DSM-5-TR</p> <p>Presenter: Maja O’Connor</p>	<p>Navigating Grief: Assisted Dying and the Impact on Bereaved Families</p> <p>Presenter: Birgit Wagner</p> <p>Chair: Avril Easton</p>
11.35-11.55	<p>Being a Sibling of a Subsequent Child</p> <p>Presenter: Ronit Leichtentritt</p>	<p>Funeral Directors’ Experience of Providing Funeral Services in Ireland During COVID-19</p> <p>Presenter: Suzanne Guerin</p>	<p>The Grief and bereavement pyramid: from research to applications and back: cultural sensitive education for implementation into existing and new infrastructures</p> <p>Presenter: Ruthmarijke Smeding</p>	<p>A multicentre randomised controlled trial testing the superiority of Prolonged Grief-Specific Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy over Present Centered Therapy for Prolonged Grief Disorder</p> <p>Presenter: Rita Rosner</p>	

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11.55-12.15	<p>Examining Distinct Approaches to Making Meaning Following Bereavement: How do Grievers Attempt to Live Meaningfully with their Grief?</p> <p>Presenter: Evgenia Milman</p>	<p>National Grief Support Helpline</p> <p>Presenter: Marta Maria Rouba</p>	<p>Bereaved by Drug-Related Death: Enhancing Support and Education through Digital Learning Resources</p> <p>Presenters: Sari Kaarina Lindeman and Aina Helen Løberg</p>	<p>Nothing about them, without them! Assessing and treating prolonged grief in children using co-creation</p> <p>Presenter: Lonneke Lenferink</p>
12.15-12.35	<p>Physical and mental health impacts of suicide bereavement: Findings from a national household survey in Ireland</p> <p>Presenter: Grace Cully</p>	<p>A national project to enhance bereavement practice in counselling in primary care</p> <p>Presenters: Anne Dodd and Catherine Tierney</p>	<p>Developing an eLearning Programme to enhance competence for Level 2 bereavement service providers in Ireland</p> <p>Presenter: Amanda Roberts</p>	<p>Assessing Support Needs and Barriers for Bereaved Parents and Siblings in Primary Health Services</p> <p>Presenter: Iren Johnsen</p>
Lunch in the lobby (bring your lunch along to the poster area)				
13.00-14.00	<p>POSTER PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>Authors will be available to discuss posters 13.30 - 14.00 Research</p>			

Level 3: Complicated Grief Reactions: Diagnosis & Treatment (therapy support)

PARALLEL SESSIONS					
14.00-15.30	RESEARCH	PRACTICE	CHILDREN II	SUICIDE II	WORKSHOPS* (2 X 45 MINS)
	Hogan Suite	Hogan Mezz I	Hogan Mezz II	Nally Suite	Davin Suite
14.00-14.20	Grief-focused cognitive behavioral therapies: What do we know and where to go from here? Presenters: Malene Hoffmann Buskbjerg and Maja O'Connor	Group therapy for young refugees with prolonged grief disorder Presenter: Anna-Maria Rummel	Grief and loss among migrant youth in the Netherlands Presenter: Mienke Van Der Brug	Identifying the needs of young people and their families bereaved by suicide Presenter: Grace Cully	Working with difficult images and intrusions in bereavement Presenter: Alba Payàs (45 Min.) Chair: Manuel Fernández Alcántara
14.20-14.40	Grief and Culture: a framework for assessment and treatment planning Presenter: Clare Killikelly	Should We Be Concerned about Those Who Abandon or Refuse Support in Grief? A Comparative Risk Analysis Presenter: Alexandra Coelho	Acceptability and usefulness of a self-management mobile app for adolescents in grief – an internal pilot study Presenter: Rebecca Rhodin	“I’m ashamed to say it publicly, but in my 12-year-old brain I felt relief”: Disenfranchised Grief Following Father’s Suicide Presenter: Světlana Nedvědová	
14.40-15.00	Cross-national analysis of the prevalence of prolonged grief disorder Presenter: Anna-Maia Rummel	Grief Counselling with people in prison – the challenges and possibilities Presenter: Liz Gleeson	The Development of Psycho-educational Grief Books for Children, Teenagers and Young People Presenter: Niamh Finucane	Grief following suicide or physician-assisted dying due to mental suffering: a mixed methods study in bereaved life partners Presenter: Geert E. Smid	Imagery rescripting in the treatment of prolonged grief disorder Presenter: Franziska Lechner-Meichner (45 Min.) Chair: Manuel Fernández Alcántara

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15.00-15.20	<p>Older bereaved individuals' experiences of cognitive behavioral therapy for complicated grief reactions (CBTgrief): A qualitative multistaged focus group approach</p> <p>Presenter: Christina Buur</p>	<p>What do grief counsellors need to know about mental disorders? A German Delphi study to identify relevant curricular content</p> <p>Presenter: Bettina Doering</p>	<p>Prolonged Grief Disorder in Children: Cognitive behavioural correlates and treatment</p> <p>Presenter: Paul Boelen</p>	<p>Maternal Suicide: Is being a mother no longer a protective factor against suicide?</p> <p>Presenter: Katerina Kavalidou</p>	
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15.45-16.45	<p>PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION (Hogan Suite) 'Prolonged Grief Disorder': Exploring perspectives</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Maarten Eisma (The Netherlands): Prolonged grief disorder: An overview</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Martin Lytje (Denmark): Prolonged Grief Disorder - Impact on children</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Manuel Fernández Alcántara (Spain): Neuroscience of prolonged grief disorder</p> <p>Speaker: Fiona Tuomey (Ireland): Navigating the Shadows: Understanding the Impact of Prolonged Grief on Everyday Life</p> <p>FACILITATED DISCUSSION Chaired by Prof Philip Dodd</p>				
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157	Postvention as Prevention: Grief Support after Suicide for Children and Adolescents	Janet	Mccord
223	Plural understanding of dying awareness: experiences from Bangladesh	Ilias Kamal	Risat
249	Suicide 101: Suicide Education for the Bereaved by Suicide	Janet	Mccord
300	Implementing Grief Support in Schools: A Pilot Project at Eduardo Gageiro School Group, Lisbon-Portugal	Alexandra	Coelho

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40	A Primary Care Approach to Bereavement	Lynsey	Bennett
88	The Grief Map: piloting a new measure which identifies the span of grief from resilient to vulnerable and locates that diversity within levels one to three of the 'Grief Triangle' to determine appropriate support responses	Linda	Machin
150	Working with bereaved parents to create Level 1 Bereavement Support eLearning resources for newly bereaved parents (0-12 months post death) and staff who are communicating with them	Breffni	McGuinness
208	Grief Retreats – "The place of retreat"	Susana Gonçalves	Esteves
231	Touching grief: The role of bodywork in bereavement counselling	Aleksandra	Hoffmann
297	Improving knowledge and understanding of bereavement support in the UK: the development and implementation of the Grief Support Guide	Emily	Harrop

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84	Service response in the wake of a Traumatic Event: A study of the National Counselling Service (NCS) response in the aftermath of the Creeslough tragedy, Donegal	Sinead	Duggan
92	Comprehensive Palliative Care and Thanatological Support Experience at Clinica Hospital Constitucion, Monterrey, N.L. Mexico: An Interdisciplinary Approach from Emergency Room to Home	Laura Yael	Mares Ureña
111	Peer Support Groups: Results from a pilot programme for Health Service Executive Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention in Ireland.	Siobhán	McBrearty
120	The Social Context of Grieving: Understanding Bereavement Following Drug-Related Deaths in Norway	Kristine Berg	Titlestad
151	The use of customised creative arts legacy memory making (Level 2) in a bereavement care pathway to help parents cope with the death of their child from a life limiting illness	Breffni	McGuinness
160	Stories That Move – Telling And Reaching Out With Stories About Losing A Child	Trine Giving	Kalstad
174	“It’s not counselling, it’s conversations and that’s usually all that’s needed” A Service Evaluation of a Hospital Based, Volunteer Led, Bereavement Comfort Call Service	Julie	Wilson
183	DolCare: pilot programme for professional grief intervention into the Barcelona Official Council of Nursing	Núria	Gorchs Font
186	‘Walk and Talk’ Bereavement Group in Galway Hospice Governed Services – Nature as the backdrop to a open-ended bereavement support group	Christina	Warnock
188	Enfranchising Suicide Grief; Facilitating Continuing Bonds with an Annual National Hybrid Suicide Bereavement Remembrance Service for Families, Community Groups and Professionals	Fiona	Tuomey
194	Health care professional’s grief: efficiency of a training intervention to facilitate emotional management in advanced illness, end of life and grief	Noemí	Morales
199	Supporting the Child with Intellectual Disabilities: A new framework	Anne	Staunton
214	Shaping and promoting bereavement policy in Portugal: a local government innovative program in Ílhavo	Artur	Pires

228	Challenges in Grief Meetings at the Nonprofit Organization Fukuoka Children's Hospice Project in Japan	Ayaka	Fujita
262	BLUE CHRISTMAS – AN EVENT SUPPORTING THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING AT CHRISTMAS	Ann	D'Arcy
281	Adapting a Bereavement Service during COVID to Continue Providing Support to Bereaved Relatives	Niamh	Finucane
290	A service of Remembrance for Pregnancy and Child Loss - responding to a changing cultural landscape	Ann	Doherty
306	Developing and reviewing standards and guidance for the bereavement sector: an example from England	Alison	Penny

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23	'At the end of the road': navigating grief in contexts of involuntary childlessness	Claire Maria	Flahavan
57	From tacit to shared knowledge. A competency development model targeting healthcare professionals' communication with bereaved individuals in acute settings	Annemarie	Dencker
78	Pregnancy After Loss: A Psychological Perspective	Kathleen Rose-Penkala	Massmann
203	Presentation of the Bereavement Unit of the Hospital Pedro Hispano of the Local Health Unit of Matosinhos and research results on the prevalence of Prolonged Grief Disorder (PGD) and its relationship with other psychological and somatic complaints in a sample of referred patients	Rui Alexandre	Devesa Ramos
210	Writing and grieving: Writing as a therapeutic tool in grief psychotherapy at the Danish National Center for Grief	Karen Margrethe	Kirketerp
212	Adapting complicated grief therapy for use with people with intellectual disabilities: An action research study	Damien	O Riordan
236	Between Pregnancy and Pain	Ana Luísa	Félix
299	EMPOWER-Grief: An Acceptance-Based Cognitive-Behavioral Program for Preventing Prolonged Grief Disorder	Alexandra	Coelho
316	"The power of group therapy through the voices of the bereaved: A pilot study in a Portuguese sample	Joana Isabel	Soares

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75	Grief-literate and human-oriented urban development - Campus Vivorum as a laboratory and experimental field for the transformation of cemetery and mourning culture	Günter	Czasny
161	A website for grieving young people and their social network	Trine Giving	Kalstad
245	Suicide prevention is prevention: The design and implementation of a national suicide bereavement programme of work	Oliver	Skehan
247	Knowledge Translation in Action – Learning from COVID-19 - 'Time to Reflect' A Case Study	Avril	Easton
303	Bereavement is Everyone's Business - Two years of progress towards the recommendations of the UK Commission on Bereavement	Alison	Penny

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227	A New Approach to Death Education at University: A Digital Storytelling Case Study	Jennifer Moran	Stritch
275	Enabling conversations about death, dying, bereavement and grief in a medical school curriculum	Eric	Clarke

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255	Localising Grief Awareness Training for the global Ukrainian Community	Liz	Gleeson
271	Postgraduate education in bereavement - building communities	Antoinette	Stanbridge

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20	A Model for Suicide Bereavement: Based on a Meta-Ethnography of (Male) Adult's Experiences and Postvention	John	Whitebrook
153	Pooling data to boost scientific research on prolonged grief: the MARBLES project	Paul	Boelen
220	How Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy (PAP) may help with Prolonged Grief Disorder (PGD)	Susan	Cadell
270	Negative Cognitions after the Death of a Close Person: Time-Varying and Time-Invariant Components and Their Associations with Prolonged Grief	Marjolein Anne	Missler

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68	Developing best practice guidelines for research with the bereaved: Practitioner perspectives	Elizabeth Imogen	Fair
113	Daily life after the death of a loved one: A systematic review of Experience Sampling Method (ESM) and daily diary studies	Deniz	Ergun
116	Perceptions of death of Finnish parents following the traumatic death of the child	Anna Liisa	Aho
117	Exploring Posttraumatic Growth in Individuals Bereaved by Suicide: A Secondary Data Analysis of a National Survey	Eve	Griffin
126	Death of a loved one during the corona restrictions in Finland - Experiences of relatives and consequences of the restrictions	Anna Liisa	Aho
134	The grieving process of siblings of homicide victims	Anna Liisa	Aho
135	Parents' grieving process after the death of a child from substance abuse	Anna Liisa	Aho
143	Probing prolonged grief and the cultural caveat: Dimensional self-construals mediating the link between individualism-collectivism of cultural context of origin and grief norms in a multicultural sample	Blev Lauren	Lavoux
163	Tattoos: Inked in importance in grieving and healing	Susan	Cadell
165	An Exploration into Stage Models of Grief: The Impact of Stage Thinking on Bereavement Outcomes	Kate Anne	Avis

175	Organizing funerals in old age. The framework of a negotiation and its effects on mourning	Alexandre	Pillonel
237	Preserving Grief: Letters to a Bereaved Mother in 1929	Elaine	Peppard
238	Lost after loss - Bereavement, loneliness and suicide?	Oliver	Skehan
256	What can we say about Covid-19 bereavement experiences in Ireland from a public health framework perspective?	Orla	Keegan
264	Models and Theories of Grief and Chronic Pain: A Scoping Review	Marian Myatt	Clarke
267	Improving awareness and literacy around Bereavement & Grief in the workplace and providing guidance towards the introduction of a Bereavement Policy	Siobhán	Clarkin
308	Using first person inquiry to research professional practice	Margaret	McGoldrick

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50	Coping with Loss: Insights into Support Experiences Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Eunice	Barbosa
59	Obstacles and Facilitators in the Grieving Processes During the Pandemic in Spain: a Qualitative Study	Andrea	Redondo-Armenteros
73	Development and validity of the MyGrief scale: A measure for assessing grief processes in bereaved adults	Line Helbo	Schierff
86	Bereaved people's experience of care provided at end-of-life: findings from Ireland's first National End of Life Survey	Donnacha	O'Ceallaigh
102	Support in bereavement processes in cases of suicide or substance-related death in childhood: a systematic review	Monika Alvestad	Reime
122	Several losses, one bereavement? Biographical elements in the grieving experience of persons aged over eighty	Marc Antoine	Berthod
124	Positive life changes after the traumatic death of a child - the parents' perspective	Anna Liisa	Aho
125	Negative life changes experienced by parents after the traumatic death of a child	Anna Liisa	Aho
184	Neural, Endocrine and Immune Interactions During Grief and Bereavement: A Systematic Review	Sophia Rose	Evstigneev
197	Adult sibling bereavement in the Netherlands: social support, meaning and lived experiences of grief and loss	Martine	Leutscher

204	Grief Rumination: The Mediating Link Between Guilt, Pending Issues, and Bereavement Outcomes	Sara	Albuquerque
206	Exploring the Therapeutic Role of Alternative Tribute Practices in Bereavement: A Longitudinal Study during the Pandemic	Sara	Albuquerque
272	Making the Case for Good Grief and Bereavement Care in the Workplace: A position paper for employers, employee representative organisations and policymakers	Amy	Gibney
295	Addressing the social determinants of health in grief and loss theories and models: A scoping review	Pamela Anne	Grassau
313	Is grief universalism reviving amid digital commercialisation?	Mórna	O'connor

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81	The Child Attitude to Grief Scale. Assessing grief in bereaved children and young people; a validation study	Noreen	Hopewell-kelly
83	Experiences of Norwegian families attending to online courses of therapeutic writing after the death of a child	Olga	Lehmann
114	The My Grief mobile app for bereaved parents: a randomised controlled trial	Rakel	Eklund
118	Exploring Grief: An In-Depth Analysis of Bereavement Counselling in the Initial Phases of Loss	Angela Maria	Mackey
119	The role of public policy for grief support in the case of stigmatised deaths	Hilde-Margit	Løseth
127	The relatives' experiences of corona-era funerals in Finland	Anna Liisa	Aho
128	Grief, help and support for bereaved persons who use illicit drugs	Lillian Bruland	Selseng
132	Bereavement support for parents and siblings who have experienced traumatic death of a child in Finland - the perspective of grief experts	Anna Liisa	Aho
133	The possibilities of an online support application to support parents who have experienced the death of a child - the perspective of grief experts	Anna Liisa	Aho
202	An Exploration of bereaved parents' support needs following pregnancy Loss	Brenda	Casey
219	A rapid review of the evidence on internet-based interventions for bereavement support	Anne	Finucane
226	"Even More Than Standing, They're Flourishing": The Experiences of Bereaved Family Members Volunteering on a Bereavement Programme	Suzanne	Guerin

235	Development of a logic model describing how online Acceptance and Commitment Therapy can improve bereavement outcomes	Anne	Finucane
242	Developing an evidence-based Competency Framework for Level 2 Bereavement Service Providers	Amanda	Roberts
246	Practitioner perspectives on the use of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) for bereavement support	Anne	Finucane
266	Addressing the need for a social network-centric approach to bereavement support	Øyvind Reehorst	Kalsås
279	Co-creation of a specialised training programme in bereavement support: filling the gap in the training needs of Portuguese professionals	Cristina	Felizardo
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19	'You just wear a mask': An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis study to explore the impacts of bereavement by suicide among UK peer support group members	John	Whitebrook
28	Recognizing Dementia Grief in Carers of People with Dementia- an Empirical Study about Mental Health Providers' Attribution of Grief and Loss in Germany	Lena	Rupp
32	Prolonged Grief Disorder: Controversy and problematic conceptions	Lars Petter Sødal	Bergsmark
43	A therapist-supported internet-based intervention for bereaved siblings: A randomized controlled trial	Birgit	Wagner
44	Efficacy of an Online-Group Intervention after Suicide Bereavement: A Randomized Controlled Trial	Birgit	Wagner
47	Could music therapy be of value in protecting against complicated grief?	Lisa	Graham-Wisener
52	Impacts of suicide bereavement on men: A systematic review	Karl	Andriessen
54	Measuring prolonged grief in daily life in two ecological momentary assessment studies: Is it acceptable and feasible?	Lonneke	Lenferink
61	Differences on prolonged grief, loss-integration and post-traumatic stress depending on kinship: a cross-sectional study	María Nieves	Pérez-Marfil

99	Finding Meaning in Grief: Psychological Adjustment to Bereavement	Margarida	Ferreira De Almeida
148	A mixed-method pilot study of guided internet-delivered cognitive behavioural therapy for prolonged grief in Sweden	Frida	Berglund
168	Therapist-guided versus self-guided online grief-specific cognitive behavioral therapy for adults bereaved during the COVID-19 pandemic: a randomized controlled trial and a controlled trial	Lyanne	Reitsma
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180	Singularities of the grieving process of family members of Covid-19 victims	Gislaine Leoncio	Motti
201	Behavioural and psychological interventions for complicated grief and trauma following perinatal loss: A systematic review and narrative synthesis	Áine	Aventin
215	Drug-related deaths: addressing a contemporary risk for families, communities, and services	Daniel	O'Callaghan
225	Staff education and training interventions regarding pregnancy loss and perinatal death bereavement care: A scoping review	Marita	Hennessy
229	Healthcare professionals' discussion of loss and grief with parents of children with life-limiting severe neurological impairment: A scoping review	Elaine	Brennan
241	Me after you: Self-concept clarity and prolonged grief disorder	Lonneke	Van Tuijl
260	Symptoms of prolonged grief in Ukrainian refugee families	Marjolein Anne	Missler
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280	An Investigation of the Unique Challenges Associated with Suicide Loss: Highlighting Grief Rumination	Kailey	Roberts
291	Adapting Meaning-Centered Grief Therapy for Parents Bereaved by Suicide	Madeline	Rogers
304	Support for children and young people bereaved by suicide: views of children, young people, parents/carers, practitioners and service managers	Alison	Penny
307	Education and training opportunities on bereavement care for perinatal loss for maternity staff in the Republic of Ireland: A mapping study	Marita	Hennessy

Social Programme



Welcome Reception at RCSI

Please join us at the historic buildings of Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland for an opening reception for European Grief Conference 2024.

Time & Date:

18.30 to 20.00 on Monday, November 11, 2024

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RCSI, 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

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19.00 to 22.30 on Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) is a national charity that addresses dying, death and bereavement in Ireland. We were founded in 1986, and our vision is an Ireland where people experiencing dying, death and bereavement are provided with the care and support that they need.

We believe that support through bereavement nurtures healing and resilience. As leader in the development of end-of-life and bereavement care, we work in collaboration with bereavement care providers and charities to provide information, resources and programmes for individuals, families, communities and workplaces.

Leading on national collaborative projects, we have developed the Adult Bereavement Care Pyramid as a framework for policy, planning and provision of bereavement care across Ireland. With support from the statutory service charged with care for children (TUSLA), we host the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network as a supportive platform for those supporting bereaved children. Through our Bereavement Support Line, we offer a confidential space for people to speak about their loss, and signpost them to additional supports if needed.

We provide a range of training and education programmes in bereavement and loss, including postgraduate programmes through our university partner, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. International and European collaboration is something we value highly, and networking is a core part of our work.

We are delighted to be the host for the second European Grief Conference in Dublin.

Visit [hospicefoundation.ie](https://www.hospicefoundation.ie) and [bereaved.ie](https://www.bereaved.ie) to learn more.



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Danish National Center for Grief

The Danish Centre for Grief

The Danish National Centre for Grief (DNCG) is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to advance treatment, research and education within the field of grief. The center is dedicated to supporting not only bereaved people across ages, but also families and young carers with critically ill family members.

Appointed by the Danish Board of Health, DNCG spearheads efforts to gather and disseminate information about complicated grief reactions and relevant evidence-based treatment. Accordingly, the DNCG disseminates information about grief and grief reactions to health care providers as well as members of many other professions through training programs, lectures, and publications.

The center also works to increase awareness about the needs of bereaved people on a broader scale, that is within the general population, in places of employment, and among policy and lawmakers. As a treatment facility with multiple locations throughout Denmark, the DNCG offers specialized

treatment to bereaved people of all ages and the families and young carers of critically ill family members.

In addition, DNCG coordinates volunteer-based peer-to-peer grief support initiatives including support groups, a grief helpline, and mentoring programs. Approximately 80 volunteers are involved in running these programs. In close collaboration with partners in Greenland, we work on different initiatives supporting bereaved people as well as building knowledge among professionals.

Finally, DNCG collaborates with universities, institutions, and organizations within Denmark and abroad to improve the lives of people facing serious illness and death within their families. We are therefore proud and happy to serve as the administrative host organization for Bereavement Network Europe as well as one of the founding partners behind the European Grief Conference, including the local host for the inaugural EGC 2022 in Copenhagen.

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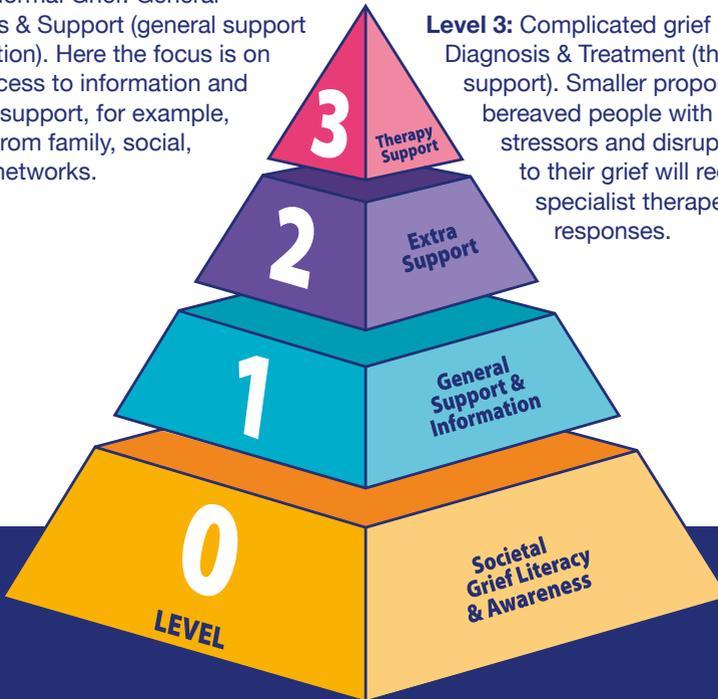
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Level 0: Grief Literacy, Advocacy & Community (societal grief literacy & awareness). Here public education about grief empowers individuals, communities, and decision-makers to increase the public's understanding of bereavement and support needs of bereaved persons.

Level 1: Normal Grief: General Awareness & Support (general support & Information). Here the focus is on having access to information and adequate support, for example, available from family, social, and care networks.

Level 2: Bereavement Support: Prevention & Risk Factors (extra support). A range of identifiable risk factors contribute to the fact that some bereaved people need additional organized support, for example in the form of peer-led groups, psycho-education in community settings.

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