

National Conference - Loss and Grief in our Diverse Community

Friday 5th July 2019 - Auckland
Auckland University Tamaki Campus

We invite you to join us for the Grief Centre's National Conference on Loss and Grief in our Diverse Community. Aotearoa New Zealand is composed of many diverse communities of people within our wider community - each with special qualities and experiences. We are delighted to bring together these prominent speakers for a unique opportunity to increase our understanding when supporting people from diverse backgrounds.

AGENDA

Registrations from 8am (tea/coffee available)

9am Karakia

9.15am Welcome

9.30am to 10.30am

Loss, Grief, and the Changing Face of Relationship and Family – *Margaret Agee*

10.30am to 11am MORNING TEA

11am to 12pm

Loss and Grief in the Disabled Community – *Susan Sherrard*

12pm to 1pm

Loss and Grief and the LGBTQI community – *Nathan Gaunt*

1pm to 2pm LUNCH

2pm to 3pm

Religion and the Loss and Grief Journey - *Mary Caygill*

3pm to 3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.30pm to 4.30pm

Loss and grief in Chronic, Long-term, or Terminal Illness - *Liese Groot-Alberts*

4.30pm to 6pm DRINKS RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

*The Grief Centre is pleased to be supported by
the School of Counselling, Human Services and
Social Work - University of Auckland*

**See over for further
information and Registration
details.**

About the speakers:

Margaret Agee

Margaret Agee, PhD is a counsellor, supervisor and counsellor educator who has worked with individuals, couples and families in a variety of contexts and has taught courses and presented workshops on family counselling and loss and grief. Her interests include fostering effective grief support within our contemporary family structures and culturally diverse communities, and for family and whanau members bereaved by suicide and other forms of trauma. Margaret is a Life Member of NZAC, a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grief Centre.

Susan Sherrard

Susan's passion is to improve the lives of disabled people. She identifies as a disabled woman, partner and mother. Susan has been working in the disability sector for over 30 years, in positions including working directly with disabled people and whanau, Disabled Person led Organisations, Community, Government and service providers. She has a Master of Arts in Nursing, and a Diploma in Psychotherapy. Susan's current role as a Project Lead is to provide leadership to the disability based projects being implemented by Te Pou o te Whakaaro Nui. She also provides advice and information from a lived experience perspective to the wider Te Pou team. Her aim is to work along side people to ensure they have the values, skills and resources to provide the support needed by others.

Nathan (Nate) Gaunt

Nate Gaunt is a Registered Psychologist and Counselling Psychologist. He has a background in general and forensic psychology, and is especially experienced in working with issues to do with sex, sexual-identity and orientation, gender, and unwanted and/or harmful sexual behaviours. Many of Nate's clients don't identify as heterosexual, or don't feel represented by traditional ideas of sexuality or gender. Nate is currently in private practice in Mt Eden, where he provides individual and relationship therapy, as well as supervision and consultation to other health professionals.

Mary Caygill

Mary Caygill is an Ordained Methodist Minister currently working at the St Paul's Methodist Church in Remuera. She has worked in three other Methodist Parishes in Auckland and Christchurch. Alongside this experience Mary spent over fifteen years teaching in the subject area of Pastoral Theology at the School of Theology University of Auckland and also St Johns Anglican and Trinity Methodist Theological Colleges in Auckland. She also has a dual background in Social Work and Nursing. As a pastoral theologian she has a vital interest and experience of working with individuals, families and communities as they work towards making meaning out of life experiences of loss and grief.

Liese Groot-Alberts

Liese was born in Fryslan, part of the Netherlands, and is now living in New Zealand. She is an international public and keynote speaker and training workshop presenter on topics relating to loss, grief and bereavement, palliative care, and self-care. Her own journey with loss underpins her deep commitment to working in this field. Liese is passionate about working with difference and finding strength, resilience and hope in connectedness.

Further Details and Registration:

Date: Friday 5th July 2019

Time: 9am - 4.30pm

Venue: University of Auckland Tamaki Innovation Campus, Corner Morrin & Merton Roads, St Johns, Auckland

Cost: \$199 plus GST – *please note this includes all refreshments, including morning and afternoon tea, a delicious lunch, and a drinks and nibbles reception at the end of the day.*

To register: Email events@griefcentre.org.nz to register or phone 09-418 1457 for further information.