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Grant planning & networking workshop

Thursday 8th May 2025, 9am – 4:30, IN PERSON

Room 1.55, Edinburgh Futures Institute,
University of Edinburgh, 1 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9EF

Dr Anne Finucane, University of Edinburgh / Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh

Dr David Gillanders, University of Edinburgh

Dr Lissette Aviles, University of Edinburgh

Prof. Liz Forbat, University of Stirling

Dr Naomi Richards, University of Glasgow

Dr Louise Moore, Marie Curie

Research Support Office Staff, School of Health in Social Science, University of Edinburgh

MAIN is proud to host a one day in person event in Edinburgh. The purpose of this event is to bring people together who are interested in collaborating to submit funding bids for research and knowledge exchange / impact projects in the broad theme of mental health, well-being, advanced illness, end of life and palliative care. The event is open to researchers and practitioners who are interested in being involved in research. We hope this event will attract a mix of early career researchers, experienced researchers, academics and clinicians, as well as final year doctoral students. The event is free, funded by Marie Curie as part of MAIN. It is limited to 40 places, which will be allocated partly on a first come / first served basis, but we will also review registrations to ensure we achieve a good mix of delegates. Delegates will need to arrange their own transport and accommodation. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. We may have two £300 bursaries available for early career researchers who might otherwise have no access to funding. You can indicate on the registration form if you would like to be considered for one of the bursaries (Bursary applications need to be submitted by 18th April). The agenda for the day and the link to register is below.

If you would like to join us for this day, please complete this short registration form by 30th April:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/edinburgh/maingrantmay2025>

Outline of the Day

Time	Detail	Lead
09:00	Coffee and Registration	
09:15	Welcome Brief presentation of MAIN and overview of the day Icebreaker (Research Speed Dating)	David Gillanders
10:00	Brief presentation of the research priorities exercise	Anne Finucane
10:15	Maximising the impact of your research with policy makers when writing your bid	TBC
10:30	Forming teams focused on specific areas of interest Working on the research ideas and methods	David Gillanders & facilitators
11:30	Coffee break	
11:45	Working on the research ideas and methods (continued)	Group work
12:45	Brief feedback: elevator pitch: idea and method	Groupwork / Feedback
13:15	Lunch	
14:00	The funding landscape	School of Health in Social Science Research Office Staff
14:20	What makes a good application? (Presenting remotely)	Dr Louise Moore Senior Research Manager, Marie Curie
14:35	Explore who could be a good funder for your project	Groupwork
15:15	Tea break	
15:30	Feedback from funding search	
15:45	Next steps - committed actions / obstacles and how you are going to deal with them	David Gillanders / Groupwork
16:10	Feedback on next steps	Feedback on groupwork
16:25	Closing remarks	Anne Finucane

Presenters / Facilitators:



Dr Anne Finucane, University of Edinburgh / Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh

Dr Finucane is a Marie Curie Senior Research Fellow in Clinical Psychology at the University of Edinburgh and Honorary Research Lead at Marie Curie Hospice Edinburgh. Anne has 15 years' experience in conducting research involving people with a terminal illness, their families and staff involved in their care. Her particular interest lies in the development, evaluation, and implementation of cost-effective, scalable psychological interventions to support wellbeing amongst people approaching end-of-life.



Dr David Gillanders, University of Edinburgh

Dr David Gillanders is a Clinical Psychologist and Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology at the University of Edinburgh. His research programme applies Psychological Flexibility and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to cancer survivorship, as well as terminal illness, end of life caregiving, and bereavement.



Dr Lissette Aviles, University of Edinburgh

Dr Lissette Aviles is a Lecturer in Nursing Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Lissette has over 10 years' experience in conducting research involving people, families and staff at the end of life in the context of organ donation and transplantation. Her areas of interest include development of evidence and theory to inform education, practice and policymaking relevant to end-of-life care. Lissette has expertise in systematic review methods, qualitative methodologies and ethics.



Prof. Liz Forbat, University of Stirling

Prof Liz Forbat is a research psychologist at the University of Stirling and family psychotherapist in independent practice. Her research and clinical expertise is focused on families living with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. She has 20+ years research expertise using quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods approaches in cancer, dementia, ageing and adult and paediatric palliative care. She has written extensively in each of these fields. Prof Forbat has won a national award for her service user involvement methods.



Dr Naomi Richards, University of Glasgow

Dr Naomi Richards is Director of the End-of-Life Studies Group at the University of Glasgow. She is a Senior Lecturer in Social Science and is a social anthropologist by training. Over the last decade she has been funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to undertake empirical and theoretical investigations into the UK right-to-die debate, the phenomenon of old age rational suicide and she is currently Principal Investigator for Dying in the Margins (2019-2023), a qualitative visual methods study which aims to uncover the reasons for unequal access to home dying for people

experiencing poverty and deprivation. She is also currently funded by the Royal Society of Edinburgh to co-organise the DeathWrites Network, supporting 30 writers based in Scotland to write and publish powerful, accessible work on the subject of dying, death and grief. Dr Richards also teaches multiple courses on the End-of-Life Studies Programme (PGCert/PGDip/MSc)



Dr Louise Moore, Marie Curie

Dr Louise Moore is a Senior Research Manager in the Research, Management and Impact Team at Marie Curie. She is responsible for the allocation and management of Marie Curie research grants on palliative and end of life care, including project grants awarded as part of the Marie Curie Research Grant Scheme, Research Impact Fund and commissioned research.

Staff of the Research Support Office, School of Health in Social Science, University of Edinburgh

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