



The 'Being Ready' project was set up to address the needs of trans and gender diverse people during all stages of dying, death and bereavement. GIRES have created this evidence-based training for professionals who work with the dead, dying or bereaved so they are ready to meet everyone's needs, and be more trans and gender diverse inclusive.

Book places here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/gires-being-ready-training-74673268323>

Dates and locations:

- [21st February 2024 – Exeter](#) – closing date 5th February
- [6th March 2024 – Cardiff](#) – closing date 1st March
- [13th March 2024 – Manchester](#) – closing date 8th March
- [20th March 2024 – Norwich](#) – closing date 15th March
- [27th March 2024 - Eastbourne](#) – closing date 22nd March
- [3rd April 2024 – Birmingham](#) – closing 29th March
- [10th April 2024 - Portsmouth](#) – closing 4th April

This unique interactive training has been built around the experiences of trans and gender diverse people, and has been guided by what death dying and bereavement professionals told us they wanted to learn more about.

You'll meet Angie McLachlan's [Ichabodies – death dummies™](#) and see them demonstrate compassionate, appropriate care for trans and gender diverse people who have died. Using the Ichabodie's stories we will illustrate the challenges and barriers they face, and what good care looks like.

About the training

- ✓ Buffet lunch and light refreshments provided
- ✓ Learning resources included
- ✓ Delivered in person, in 9 cities in England and Wales

We will cover:

- Introduction to trans and gender diversity
- Admin- data collection, the law and good practice
- End-of-Life and Palliative care experiences
- Death registration, including coroner involvement

- Care of the body of a person who has died
- Funerals and memorials
- Bereavement care
- Navigating conflict
- Signposting to appropriate services
- Safeguarding
- Inclusive policy



About the trainers

Ash Hayhurst (he/him) is a GIRES trainer and funeral professional. He has been the Being Ready Project Lead since 2021 and is the author of the Queer Funeral Guide, published in 2019. Ash has experience in teaching, residential care work, funeral arranging and mortuary assistance. He has been a guest at a number of conferences speaking about his work.

Angie McLachlan (they/them) has over 30 years of experience in death care, is a care of the body tutor and retired embalmer. Angie also created The Ichabodies – death dummies™ and has built two bespoke models for the Being Ready training. They have undertaken most of the practical tasks relating to funerals, including being a premises inspector for a Funeral Trade Organisation. Angie is a member of the British Institute of Embalmers and the Dying Matters Coalition.



Training Schedule

- 9:30am Registration, tea and coffee
- 12:00 Light buffet lunch
- 14:45 Refreshments
- 17:00 Training ends

Contact being.ready@gires.org.uk if you have any questions about the training.

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We welcome anyone who works in any capacity in death, dying or bereavement care. This training may be of particular interest to people who work in the following areas:

- Bereavement care
- Chaplaincy
- Coroners' courts
- Funerals
- LGBTQIA+ support and advocacy
- Mortuary work
- Older people's advice and support
- Palliative/end-of-life care
- Patient advice and liaison services
- Register Offices

Please share this flyer with your networks to help us reach more people who will find this training beneficial!

Following the roll out of this training this is what our attendees say about the Training:

"A truly unique and mind-blowing session"

President, Kent Area National Association of Funeral Directors

"I thought the whole day was fantastic"

Community Development worker

"Having people from each stage of death care in one room meant that we could all problem-solve together"

Funeral staff

"A thought-provoking day, really worthwhile"

Death Doula

I have will say I have done a lot of CPD and this is the best training not just content wise but training wise. It was funny and warm and informative and honest.

Celebrant



Average rating - 4.8/5 stars