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**Bereavement Education Conference 2022: 'Creating more bereavement-friendly workplaces' promotional clip**

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Hello. If you are interested in exploring what we can do to make workplaces more supportive for people who've been bereaved, consider coming along to our breakout session at the NES Bereavement Conference this November. We will be exploring practical things that managers, HR departments and ordinary colleagues can do to make workplaces more supportive of people who are grieving. This will include looking at the bereavement- friendly workplaces toolkit which is freely available online and includes some ideas and practical resources that can be used to make a workplace more supportive for people who've been bereaved.

We'll highlight how the new Bereavement Charter Mark for employers can provide a guide and a motivation for organisations wanting to do better at supporting people within their organisation who are grieving. And we'll explore the importance of supportive workplaces, the extent to which people are affected by bereavement and the problems that people can face.

We've got four different speakers, all bringing slightly different perspectives to the topic. Paul Graham will share his experience, insights as Head of Spiritual Care at NHS Lanarkshire. Alison Bunce of Inverclyde Cares, will share her experiences of working with organisations in Inverclyde to help them to apply for the Bereavement Charter Mark. Jennifer Somerville, of Child Bereavement UK will share some of her insights from delivering bereavement training for workplaces and I'm Rebecca Patterson, and I work at the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and I'll be sharing some of the work that we've done as part of our 'Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief' initiative which is about trying to find ways to help people to gain skills, opportunities and confidence in supporting each other through bereavement. So if you're interested, come along. Its at 12 o'clock and it is session 5, and it's called 'Creating more bereavement-friendly workplaces'.

We hope to see you there.

The film was produced in October 2022 and can be found at <https://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/events/2022-conference/> or <https://vimeo.com/761112713>

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