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**Bereavement Education Conference 2022: 'Death in Custody: Supporting those affected by bereavement in prison' promotional clip**

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Hi, I am the Reverend Jill Clancy and I am the full-time Facilitating Chaplain at HMP Barlinnie in Glasgow. I've worked there now for over five years full-time, previously I worked part-time while a Parish Minister in HMP Kilmarnock since 2013. So therefore, my ministry for nearly ten years now, has been with prison staff and inmates, a job which I love very much.

I've been asked to share with you at my workshop, how we support those affected by bereavement in prison. I'll speak about what it's like for a prisoner when they find out their loved one has died. How are they able to process this news, the decisions they and the prison make, if they are able to attend the funeral. If that's not an option, how then can we support the prisoner mark their loss in their own way. We'll then think about death in custody, whether that's through natural causes, drug-induced or sadly, dying through suicide. What part the Chaplain plays in that process and how it affects the prison. How it affects other prisoners and their families. I'll share with you how we mark this loss and how we can help those affected by their death journey through their grief.

Finally, I'll touch on the effects unprocessed grief has on many in our care, how it manifests itself and how we can enable the person in our care to begin to deal with their loss and perhaps open up about the pain for the very first time, which in turn, helps them manage their life or at least understand why they've ended up in our care.

I look forward to sharing with you - this is part of my everyday life but perhaps what goes on behind the walls of a prison has never been something that you have ever considered before. Well, my workshop will hopefully get you to remember those in our prisons. Thank you, and I hope to see you then.

The film was produced in October 2022 and can be found at

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