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**Bereavement Education Conference 2022: 'Creating a humanities resource bank for bereavement – pointing to writing, poems, arts and movies' promotional clip**

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If I had a picture behind me, you'd probably recognise Ian Rankin, Inspector Rebus, dark side of Edinburgh Oxford Bar.

But at this here: <https://www.scottishmedicalhumanities.org/human/category/death/> you can read his short, very personal account of the devastating impact of the terminal illness and death of his mother both from his diary at the time and from looking back 38 years later. This is one of ten posts at the Scottish Medical Humanities website around death and bereavement and you can see the others are here: <https://www.scottishmedicalhumanities.org/human/death-from-the-other-side-of-the-bed/>

I'm Neil Turner, Consultant Kidney Doctor at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and I'll be joined by Dr Eleri Williams, who's a Consultant in Acute Medicine at St. John's Hospital in Livingston. She worked on this project and during her Scottish Clinical Leadership Fellowship. The website aims to provide resources so, writing, poems, illustrations, video, music, in a way that can bring these things to the aid of anyone in any specialty, even if they don't know they need them. They're intended to support healthcare professionals, healthcare students, but also patients who are facing difficult situations, by dealing with the experience, not just the hard medical facts. We'd love to get some more ideas, so here's what we're going to do for the workshop.

We'll first of all go over a little bit more information about what we're doing than just here and then we'll break into groups - each will have an example of one of these things, a video, a poem, a bit of writing, a comic, that might feature on the website. Then we'll get you to think whether it might be useful, what you want to say about it, who it would help. You'll discuss it and write some thoughts down on a template that we'll have prepared and that will make it really easy to share everyone's work at the end with everybody. We hope that some will be nearly ready to make into publications on the website itself without too much trouble. It'd be brilliant if you could join us - if you've time, have a look at the range of posts on there to show the different directions that things can go. And we look forward to seeing you on November the 24th.

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/765733664>

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