

Palliative Care Workshop – Speakers Biographies



Claude Chidiac, MSc, CNS, FHEA

Claude Chidiac is a Lecturer in Palliative Care at Saint Francis Hospice, UK, and Programme Director Palliative and End of Life Care at London South Bank University. He is a Clinical Nurse Specialist whose current work has been focusing on palliative and end of life care for marginalised populations, with a specific emphasis on gender and sexual minorities. Claude is currently the principal investigator of a funded research project on developing and evaluating a training programme on culturally competent palliative and end of life care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. He developed a national e-learning programme for e-LFH, a Health Education England Programme in partnership with the National Health Service and professional bodies, to support affirmative palliative care for LGBT people. He is appointed as the clinical champion of palliative and end of life care for gender and sexual minorities across several regions in London and Essex. Claude has been involved in a number of consultations to support and provide expert advice to organisations about delivering affirmative palliative care for LGBT people. His current work is presented as ‘Excellent and Best Practice Example’ in a national report (forthcoming, 2018) on the government’s six commitments to improve end of life care in the UK.



Professor Kathryn Almack

Kathryn Almack is Professor of Health and Family Lives in the School of Health and Social Work at the University of Hertfordshire. She is a sociologist whose research has had a substantial focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) older people, ageing and end of life care. She is published widely in this area and she is currently editing two books on 1] Intersections of Ageing, Gender, Sexualities and 2] Addressing gaps in current knowledge about the lives of older LGBT people (forthcoming, 2018). Findings from her research have also fed into a number of government consultations about inequalities in end of life care and been used to develop new resources for policy makers, health and social care professionals and carers. She has been involved in a number of consultations and action research projects with LGBT people and those who work with them, in collaboration with key end of life care organisations in the UK. Kathryn have a previous background in community development work and maintains a strong commitment to user involvement in research.