



THE CREMATION SOCIETY

The cremation industry in Northern Ireland is undergoing a period of change. This one day seminar will discuss some of the issues facing the cremation sector.

BURIAL AND CREMATION: THE FUTURE MATTERS

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2019

9:30 – 16:00

Hilton Hotel, Belfast

Cost: £70 (plus VAT)*

Speakers:

- Professor Heather Conway – School of Law Queen's University – The Cremation Society
- Neil Sherrin – PlotBox
- Simon Rothwell – LifeArt (eco-friendly coffins)
- Professor Hilary Grainger OBE – University of the Arts London - The Cremation Society
- Paul Finnegan – Cruse Bereavement Care
- Simon Holden & Dr Caroline Sampson – Faunus Group
- Sandy Sullivan – Resomation & Liz Oakes – Water Cremation Ireland

Funerals are changing dramatically, and Northern Ireland is not immune to this. Increased demands for greater choice, a gradual movement away from the 'traditional' ceremony, and the growing debate around the environmental impact of funerals will influence burial and cremation here in the future. As calls increase for cremation to be more widely available, we will discuss both the challenges and opportunities that this presents.

The one-day seminar will also cover new methods of bodily disposal entering the funeral scene; new technologies; and will address the green burial debate.

Who should attend?

Funeral service professionals; representatives from local councils and local government; crematoria and cemetery managers; bereavement groups; those working in the death care industry.

*Price includes lunch and refreshments

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PROGRAMME

- 09:30 **Coffee and Registration**
- 10:00 **Welcome, introduction and overview**
- 10:15 **Dying for Change: Obstacles to and Opportunities for Burial and Cremation Law Reform in Northern Ireland**
Professor Heather Conway, LLB, PhD, Queen's University Belfast; Council Member, The Cremation Society
The social and cultural landscape of funerals is changing in Northern Ireland - perhaps more slowly than in the rest of the UK and Ireland, but it would be naive to think that change is not coming. This paper looks at the obstacles to and opportunities for burial and cremation law reform in Northern Ireland.
- 10:45 **Digitisation for Success**
Neil Sherrin, Head of Marketing, PlotBox
PlotBox is a cloud-based death care management solution that facilitates cemeteries in operating to world class standards. Neil will examine all aspects of digitally mapping your inventory, and how this can ultimately affect your bottom line, the risk your organisation is exposed to, and the business efficiencies you stand to gain.
- 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 **Innovation in the Coffin Industry**
Simon Rothwell, LLB (Hons), MBA, Managing Director, LifeArt
Due to improved material and manufacturing techniques, coffin manufacturing technology is now advancing on a global scale which reduces the environmental impact of cremation on the planet and provides affordable environmentally friendly coffins for the bereaved.
- 12:00 **Designs on Death: UK Twenty-first Century Crematorium Design**
Professor Hilary Grainger OBE, Professor of Architectural History, University of the Arts London; Chair, The Cremation Society
Crematoria are being called upon to play a wider role in contemporary society. This talk will consider recent design trends in the UK, their perceived weaknesses and successes and the future of the crematorium aesthetic in the context of further change, both within society and funeral practices.
- 12.30 **Questions**
- 12:45-13:45 **Lunch and networking session**
- 13:45 **Bereavement Care Today, Tomorrow and Yesterday**
Paul Finnegan, Director, Cruse Bereavement Care in Northern Ireland
Paul will discuss the challenges of providing bereavement care to address an ever increasing need and the strategies being employed to overcome these challenges.
- 14:15 **What is the environmental impact of current methods of human and animal body disposal, and what can we do to limit it?**
Simon Holden, Managing Director, and Dr Caroline Sampson, BMedSci, BMBS (Hons), FRCA, FFICM, EDIC, Consultant in Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Adult ECMO, Faunus Group
We are living in times where every industry and sector are under increasing pressure to vastly reduce their environmental impact. This presentation will discuss possible changes that can be made in the funeral sector to help facilitate its transition to greener operations.
- 14:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:00 **Why Water Cremation will be a part of mainstream end-of-life choice in Ireland**
Sandy Sullivan, BSc (Hons), Director, Resomation Ltd, and Liz Oakes, Water Cremation Ireland
A brief overview of where Water Cremation currently is, and a local perspective as to why it will connect with many Irish values.
- 15:30 **Questions / Panel Discussion**
- 16:00 **Close**

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Hilton Belfast, 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast, County Antrim BT1 3LP

£70.00 (plus VAT) (includes lunch and refreshments)

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Any Special Dietary/Access Requirements:

The fee for the event covers attendance, documentation, lunch and refreshments. The fee is £70.00 + VAT.

Please do not send cash or a cheque with the booking form – an invoice will be sent to you at the address given above.

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