

PERRON INSTITUTE **SYMPOSIUM**

2022 | TUESDAY
2 AUGUST

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES
REFRAMING PALLIATIVE CARE

Harry Perkins Institute McCusker Auditorium
6 Verdun St, Nedlands WA 6009

2.00 - 5.30pm Symposium
5.30 - 7pm Sundowner

TO REGISTER: in person or online

<https://www.perroninstitute.org/perron-institute-palliative-care-symposium/>

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PROGRAM

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| 2:00-2:05pm | Welcome address Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA Minister for Health and Mental Health |
| 2:05-2:10pm | Overview of the symposium sessions Professor Samar Aoun |
| 2:10-2:25pm | Importance of Compassionate Communities Video Presentation by Professor Allan Kellehear |
| 2:25-2:35pm | From global to local: Welcome to Compassionate Communities in palliative care Dr John Rosenberg |
| 2:35-3:15pm | Supporting the terminally ill: The Compassionate Communities Connectors program Professor Samar Aoun |
| 3:15-3:55pm | Palliative Care major blind spots and the new essentials Dr Julian Abel |
| 3:55-4:20pm | Implementation of the Compassionate Albany Charter Associate Professor Kirsten Auret |
| 4:20-5:00pm | Lancet Commission on the value of death: Bringing death back into life Dr Libby Sallnow |
| 5:00-5:30pm | Panel discussion, all speakers |
| 5:30-7:00pm | Sundowner |



OUR PRESENTERS

Professor Allan Kellehear Clinical Professor, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, University of Vermont. Allan founded the 'new' public health movement in palliative care – variously known as 'health promoting palliative care', or 'public health approach' to palliative care, or the 'compassionate communities' movement. He is also Associate Director of the charity 'Compassionate Communities UK' and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. Allan has authored 25 books in this field including *Compassionate Cities: public health and end of life care* (2005), *The Inner Life of the Dying Person* (2014), and *Visitors at the End of Life: Finding meaning and purpose in near-death phenomena* (2020). Allan is the co-editor of the recent publication of the *Oxford Textbook of Public Health Palliative Care*.



Dr John Rosenberg is the President of Public Health Palliative Care International (PHPCI) and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine at the University of the Sunshine Coast. In his role at PHPCI, John leads a global association that promotes social approaches to the care and support of dying people, their carers and those who grieve. This includes Compassionate Communities and promoting equal partnerships between healthcare services and communities. His welcoming address will provide a focus for the discussions to follow at the Symposium, exploring the global context of public health palliative care and how communities all over the world are applying this approach to their local settings.



Professor Samar Aoun is Perron Institute Research Chair in Palliative Care at the University of Western Australia, Head of Palliative Care Research at Perron Institute, and Adjunct Professor at La Trobe University. Prof Aoun is an international leader in the promotion and advocacy of public health approaches to palliative care and led this approach for those living with grief and bereavement. She is known as an innovator and a champion of practice and policy translation of public health science for palliative care. Her work on social models in bereavement support has provided empirical evidence to strengthen the Compassionate Communities approach. She co-founded and currently chairs the South West Compassionate Communities Network and leads the Compassionate Connectors Program in partnership with WACHS. Samar is the Chair of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA. She is a member of Public Health Palliative Care International and the Public Health Palliative Care reference group of the European Association of Palliative Care.



Dr Julian Abel is the Director of Compassionate Communities UK and a retired consultant in Palliative Medicine. Over the last 10 years he has become increasingly involved in finding ways of building compassionate communities around people at end of life. He developed a new model of primary care combined with compassionate communities that has been effective in reducing population emergency admissions. He is an international lead in the field and has worked with the major end of life organisations in the UK, including the National Council for Palliative Care, Hospice UK, Marie Curie Cancer Care and the different iterations of the National End of Life Programme for NHS England. He is the co-editor of the recent publication of the *Oxford Textbook of Public Health Palliative Care* that looks beyond the traditional symptom-focused view of palliative care to emphasise the crucial roles of culture and community in death, dying, loss and caregiving.



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Associate Professor Kirsten Auret is Associate Professor of Rural and Remote Medicine at the Rural Clinical School (RCS) of WA (UWA) and Clinical Director of Palliative Care for WA Country Health Service - a role that oversees the governance of rural public palliative care services, currently caring for over 1,000 patients in their homes, residential aged care facilities and local hospitals. She is also a Visiting Senior Staff Specialist in Palliative Medicine and General Medicine at the hospitals of the Great Southern and at Albany Community Hospice and leads the rural research program in palliative care within the RCS. She has been a contributor to the Great Southern Compassionate Communities project since its inception in 2018, as it sought to increase patient and carer awareness of local palliative care options and facilitate greater community awareness of their own resources that can support end of life care at home.



Dr Libby Sallnow is a palliative medicine physician at Central and North London NHS Trust and an academic working at St Christopher's Hospice, UK, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, University College London, UK and the WHO Collaborating Centre in Community Participation in Palliative Care, Kerala, India. She was the lead author for the 'Lancet Commission on the Value of Death: bringing death back into life.'



ABOUT THE PERRON INSTITUTE

The Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science is Western Australia's longest established medical research institute, proudly celebrating our 40th Anniversary in 2022.

In her role as Head of the Palliative Care Research Program at Perron Institute, Professor Samar Aoun's work focuses on the core issues of the Compassionate Communities approach to care such as building community capacity; developing models of integrated care which mobilise community assets; improving primary care engagement; increasing partnerships between formal and informal care networks; improving models of care for non-cancer conditions such as motor neurone disease and other neurodegenerative conditions; increasing support for family carers, grief and bereavement support; and improving the community grief and death literacy around end-of-life and palliative care.

"Our overall aim is for palliative care to be accessible to everyone, everywhere, with the community as an equal partner in providing quality health care at the end of life, to address inequalities that lead to skewed provision of end-of-life care."