

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE

is a small voluntary organisation which aims to enhance the quality of life and well-being of older people by working with those providing practical, pastoral or spiritual care

IMPORTANT UPDATE **FiOP and the Corona Virus**

We hope that you are keeping well and that you have the support that you need in these difficult times.

Sadly, we have taken the decision, in line with the guidance from the UK and Scottish Governments, that we should postpone all our events for the next two months. We will ensure that anyone who has booked to attend will receive a full refund or please advise us if you wish us to transfer the fee to a new date later in the year. This decision pertains to:

- Mental health and the church on 2nd May in Edinburgh
- The Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture on 7th May in Edinburgh
- The Power of Singing on 29th May in Dumfries

We will reschedule these events and are continuing to plan for activities in the autumn.

Our work will be carried out from home as far as possible and we will be answering emails and anyone wishing to talk to Maureen O'Neill, Director can call on 07932 158697 or email at Director@fiop.org.uk.

Perhaps I could encourage you to undertake our on-line learning for spiritual care or download our Learning Resource 'One Step at a Time' on dementia and faith communities.

We will use the time to review and reflect on our activities and welcome suggestions for what we could do in the future.

In the meantime, we are so grateful to our health and social care staff who are managing to care for so many people during this strange and somewhat overwhelming time and all those who continue to volunteer during this time.

Maureen O'Neill
Director
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I wanted to make you aware of the below information has now been published on NHS inform. Grateful if you could disseminate this to your colleagues and respective members;

The translated posters on NHS inform for download, along with the communication toolkit:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-professionals>

British Sign Language videos on YouTube and embedded:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/translations/languages/british-sign-language-bsl/illnesses-and-conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

Easy Read documents:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/translations/formats/easy-read/coronavirus-covid-19>

The Scottish Government is offering support to communities. For further information see below:

<https://www.gov.scot/news/helping-communities-affected-by-covid-19/>



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