




## EVENT PLANNER FOR AUTUMN 2023

DATE	EVENT	REGISTER
<p>Wed 18 October 4.30pm by ZOOM</p> <p><b>This event is FREE</b></p>	<p><b>SPIRITUAL CARE – DISCOVERING MEANING, PURPOSE AND HOPE</b></p> <p><b>to present the framework and to open discussion on the potential of faith communities to embed spiritual care in our health and social care services.</b></p> <p><b>Rev Mark Evans</b>, DCS, Professional Advisor in the Scottish Government (Participation Team) who led the development of the framework will be giving this seminar for Faith in Older People (FiOP).</p> <p><b>This year so far has seen the publication of the Scottish Government Spiritual Care Framework and Delivery Plan:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/2023-09-27-discovering-meaning-purpose-and-hope-through-person-centred-wellbeing-and-spiritual-care-framework-2023-2025/pages/2-3.aspx">Discovering meaning, purpose and hope through person centred wellbeing and spiritual care: framework - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</a></p> <p>Faith in Older People (FiOP) was a member of the Advisory Group and was pleased to Co-chair the Education Sub-Group with Gerrie Douglas Scott.</p> <p>The Framework reflects the considerable developments resulting from the increased professionalism in spiritual care over the last twenty years. It firmly establishes the role of spiritual care as an integral part of health and social care provision.</p>	<p><b>TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – register <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p><i>The link to join the event will be sent to you closer to the date of the event.</i></p>
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<p>Tues 24 October 4.30pm by ZOOM</p> <p><b>A donation to this event would be appreciated</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE ANNUAL MALCOLM GOLDSMITH LECTURE 2023</b></p> <p>FiOP is delighted to welcome <b>The Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland</b>, as our 2023 Lecturer. <b>Further details will follow.</b></p>	<p><b>TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – register <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p><i>The link to join the event will be sent to you closer to the date of the event.</i></p>







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<p>Wed 15 November 4.30pm By ZOOM</p> <p><b>This event is FREE</b></p>	<p><b>FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE AND INTERFAITH SCOTLAND JOINT EVENT: TACKLING LONELINESS AND ISOLATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p>This online conference is being held to highlight the issue of loneliness by discussing the Scottish Government Policy on Loneliness; the action that faith communities do and can take to tackle loneliness and to explore proposals for the future. The Government Strategy has been up-dated and the link is below. We know that faith communities play a significant role in supporting people who feel lonely and isolated, so it is important we take this opportunity to consider the issues and differing roles.</p> <p> Scottish Government Riaghaltas na h-Alba</p> <p><a href="#">Social isolation and loneliness: Recovering our Connections 2023 to 2026</a> A Plan to take forward the delivery of A Connected Scotland – our strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections. <a href="http://www.gov.scot">www.gov.scot</a></p> <p><i>"Of course, the Scottish Government cannot end loneliness by itself. Tackling this public health crisis is a shared responsibility across society and requires a shared commitment. From Scottish Government, local government, NHS Scotland, communities, the private and third sectors, and down to each of us as individuals, everyone has a part to play".</i></p> <p><b>(The above is an extract from the introduction to the recent update on the Scottish Government Strategy, by Christina McKelvie - Minister for Equalities and Older People (at the time))</b></p>	<p><b>TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – register <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p><i>The link to join the event will be sent to you closer to the date of the event.</i></p>


Online


## TACKLING LONELINESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Discussing the Scottish Government's policy on loneliness and exploring ways for faith communities to tackle loneliness

 4.30-6pm  
15th November
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 Interfaith Scotland
  Faith in Older People



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<p>Thurs 30 November 4.30pm By ZOOM</p> <p><b>A donation to this event would be appreciated</b></p> <p><b>Please save the date</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE GIFT OF AGE CONFERENCE</b></p> <p>Faith in Older People undertook a major and unique survey of the contribution of older people within and from our faith communities.</p> <p>The overall aim of the research was to identify and better understand the contribution made by older people in faith communities to volunteering, community well-being and citizenship, highlighting the voluntary 'ministry' which lies at the heart of Christian faith, and is also echoed in all other faiths.</p> <p>To achieve this, we had the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the extent to which older people sustain faith communities through voluntary service</li> <li>• Learn about the impact from the experience of the current 'lockdown' on older people undertaking voluntary service</li> <li>• 'Map' the needs, contribution, and potential of older volunteers in faith communities</li> <li>• Identify examples of innovative and challenging practice, particularly ones which have developed in response to the pandemic, exploring how sustainable they are in practice</li> </ul> <p>The research was supported by the TOR Christian Foundation, and we want to ensure that the research is disseminated as widely as possible and that individuals and different faith communities have the opportunity to learn about the outcomes and to hear about a range of initiatives that are undertaken across Scotland and we are sure that many are replicated and that there are many more activities being undertaken.</p> <p><a href="#">The-gift-of-age.pdf (faithinolderpeople.org.uk)</a></p> <p><b>The aim of this Zoom conference is to share the research with you and to invite you to share your faith community's experience and initiatives.</b></p>	<p><b>TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – register <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p><i>The link to join the event will be sent to you closer to the date of the event.</i></p>



## **COURSES AND EVENTS – additional information**

### **ONE STEP AT A TIME**

In 2013 Faith in Older People published a learning resource for faith communities to help support individuals within their congregations who were experiencing dementia. We had consulted widely on what would be helpful and since its publication this resource has been downloaded around 500 times across the world. After the pandemic we reviewed this resource and felt that it would be helpful to up-date it and to make it more interactive and include the voices of people with dementia, their carers, clergy, and congregations.

We hope that you will find the resource helpful, and we would welcome your feedback.

[FIOP-One-Step-at-a-Time-MAY-2023-version-for-website-etc.pdf \(faithinolderpeople.org.uk\)](https://www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk/FIOP-One-Step-at-a-Time-MAY-2023-version-for-website-etc.pdf)

### **ANNA CHAPLAINCY**

Over the past two years FiOP has been working collaboratively with Anna Chaplaincy to explore the potential of training Anna Chaplains in Scotland and considering how Anna Chaplaincy can support older people within our care homes.

We have organised several very well attended seminars to build awareness and we feel that it is important to take things to the next step so we are planning some Zoom seminars in January 2024 so please watch this space.

### **SPIRITUAL CARE EDUCATION**

Fundamental to all the work which FiOP undertakes is education around spiritual care. An introductory eLearning course is available on the FiOP website which provides an opportunity to consider your own spiritual care needs and to incorporate spiritual care activities into your daily work.

[Spiritual Care Matters \(faithinolderpeople.org.uk\)](https://www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk/Spiritual-Care-Matters)

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