

The Grief Centre - Manchester Area Bereavement Forum, (MABF) is a charitable organisation committed to providing effective support to individuals, voluntary and professional groups who provide services to the bereaved within the Greater Manchester area.

Since its foundation in 1993, MABF has dedicated its efforts to ensure it provides a Resource Centre for Greater Manchester. The information, training and help given is of the highest quality.

MABF holds training and development programmes and provides a valuable channel of communication across Greater Manchester for the bereaved and those involved in bereavement work, within a variety of professional and non-professional settings.

Membership is open to any organisation or individual dealing with loss and bereavement issues.

### **WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND**

The programme will focus on the integration of theory and practice with respect to skills required by those who work with individuals, couples and families within the field of thanatology. The day will provide a forum to reflect and improve existing competencies and enhance delegates skills.

We feel this conference will be an ideal networking opportunity and to form partnerships with a large cross section of people within your area of work.

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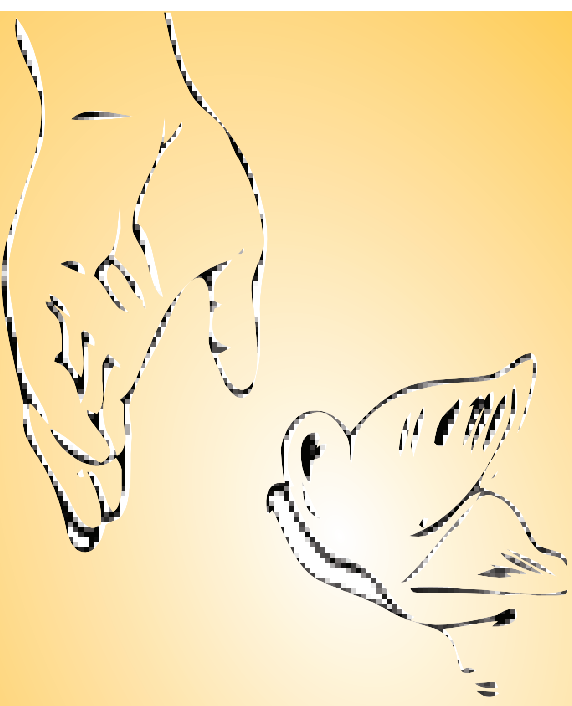
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## **MANCHESTER AREA BEREAVEMENT FORUM FREEPOST NWW1423A MANCHESTER M43 9BF**

**THE GRIEF CENTRE**  
Manchester Area Bereavement Forum

**GRIEF IN  
SOCIETY**  
15th Annual International  
Bereavement & Loss Conference



**Thursday 11th September 2008**

Hough End Centre  
Mauldeth Road West  
Chorton-cum-Hardy  
Manchester

# Programme

## Conference Booking Conditions

## BOOKING FORM:

Please book me a place at the MABF conference.  
**PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS:**

NAME: .....

ORGANISATION/

JOB TITLE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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### WHERE DID YOU SEE THIS CONFERENCE ADVERTISED?

Please indicate if you have any special dietary or access requirements:

Details: .....

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Certificate of attendance will be provided.

If you would like to bring a colleague, please photocopy this booking form.

**Registered Charity No.: 1076990**

**9.00am**

Registration.

**9.45**

Welcome & Introduction  
Chair - Brenda Mallon.

**9.50**

**Keynote Address:**  
**'End of Life Care'**  
Dr Alison Parr  
Palliative Care Consultant, U.K.

**10.50**

Coffee

**11.30**

**'Grasping for Hope After Crushing Loss: Chronic Sorrow'**  
Ted Bowman  
University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**12.30**

Lunch; Networking; Bookstall

**13.30**

**'Loss Beyond the Body - Spirituality & Grief'**  
Rev. Robert Merchant  
Deputy Director, Centre for Ageing

**14.30**

**'Ethics of Virtue and Growing Old'**  
Derek Beeston, Principal Lecturer,  
Staffordshire University, U.K.

**15.30**

Speakers Question Panel

**16.00**

Closing Address  
Networking and Departure

**1.** All information and correspondence will be sent to the address on the registration form, (and will also be on the delegate list given out at conference).

**2.** The cheque for full payment should be sent with completed booking form.

**3.** MABF reserves the right to change speakers in the event of illness or other conditions beyond their control.

**4.** If you are unable to attend, a substitute may be able to attend in your place, please contact MABF office at the earliest opportunity.

**5.** MABF does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage to delegates' own property and/or personal effects whilst attending the conference.

### CANCELLATION OF BOOKING

Verbal cancellations will not be accepted. Written cancellations received before August 1st will be accepted and a refund of 80% of the booking charge will be made. After this date, no refunds will be given.

Written cancellations received after August 1st will be subject to full payment of fees, irrespective of whether the delegate attends.

### COSTS OF CONFERENCE:

MABF members 2007	£150.00
Non-members	£195.00
New Members 2008	£175.00
All delegates after August 21st	£225.00

This includes lunch, refreshments and all relevant conference handouts.

Accommodation is the delegates responsibility. Bed & Breakfast is available locally.  
There is secure parking on-site.

On receipt of your registration form, an invoice and confirmation details will be sent to you. A delegate pack will be available on the day.