

## **Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement (DDB) study group**

### **Annual Report 2024/2025**

**1. Established:** 1991

**2. Current Membership Figure:** 137

### **3. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

**Income :** £415

**Expenditure:** £1105.57

**Current Balance:** £3722.99

### **4. Aim/s of SG:**

The aim of this study group is to provide a simultaneously stimulating and safe space to share ideas related to death, dying and bereavement. It encourages postgraduate students and early career researchers especially to contribute at the annual symposium.

### **5. Review of Year and Key Activities:**

The group continues to support a wide range of academics and practitioners interested in death, dying, and bereavement. The principal activity of the study group is the annual symposium, held each December.

In 2024, the theme of the symposium was *Death and Ageing*. The event took place in person on 14th December at the University of Liverpool. It was attended by 19 participants and received positive feedback from delegates and attendees. The programme is available on the BSA DDB events page:

<https://britsoc.co.uk/groups/study-groups/social-aspects-of-death-dying-and-bereavement-study-group/events/#> The event further contributed to dialogue between death studies and ageing studies: two inherently connected, yet historically under-collaborated fields.

Additionally, the review of the 2023 symposium on *Death and Sexuality* has been published in *Mortality*:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13576275.2025.2494107>, co-authored by two presenters and two co-convenors. This serves as an important contribution to the academic literature, helping to document and disseminate key discussions from the event while reinforcing the study group's role in advancing interdisciplinary dialogue on sensitive and underexplored topics.

### **6. Concluding Remarks:**

The Group continues to play a vital role in fostering interdisciplinary engagement with death-related issues across academia and practice. Through our annual symposium and wider initiatives, we aim to cultivate a supportive space for scholarly exchange, with a particular emphasis on promoting the voices of postgraduate and early career researchers.

As interest in the social dimensions of death, dying, and bereavement continues to grow, the study group remains committed to supporting critical and inclusive dialogue across disciplines and communities. We look forward to the year ahead and to further strengthening our vibrant and expanding network.

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**9. SG weblink: <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/groups/study-groups/social-aspects-of-death-dying-and-bereavement-study-group/>**