

## **Annual Study Conference 2019**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

*with*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

available as a day conference within the full Conference

### **Opening the Black Box of Chaplaincy Interventions:**

Exploring what we do  
and how we understand what we do



**The Hayes Conference Centre**  
Swanwick, Alfreton,  
Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

# Opening the Black Box

The 2019 Study conference offers exceptional Keynote speakers and will make use of Forum Theatre as a creative way of engaging with our work. It also offers the best opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the UK and explore together different ways of understanding what we do.

Deepening our understanding of the work we do is important for various reasons. Without perspective on our work we 'risk complacency, stagnation and possible complicity with that which is less than good or desirable.'<sup>1</sup> Alongside avoiding ineffectual or harmful practice, understanding what we do is also important for training new chaplains, the continuing education of experienced chaplains, and educating health care colleagues and the public about our work.<sup>2</sup>

## Speakers / Facilitators

**Daniel Grosseohme** is Staff Scientist in the Rebecca D. Considine Research Institute at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio, USA. Prior to this he was research faculty and staff chaplain at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He is the editor of the *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy*, and is the author of 55 peer-reviewed articles on spirituality, chaplaincy and paediatric health. In his spare time he is a first

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<sup>1</sup> Pattison, *A Critique of Pastoral Care* (London: SCM Press, 3rd ed. 2000)

<sup>2</sup> Fitchett, 'Making Our Case(s)', *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy* 17, no. 1 (2011)

responder (emergency medical technician) with a local fire service and plays the viola.

**Steve Nolan** is chaplain at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher and holds a Visiting Research Fellowship at The University of Winchester. His interests include chaplaincy case studies, practice-based research, and non-religious spiritual care. He has published books and articles on the theory and practice of chaplaincy and spiritual care. Since 2012 he has worked with Prof George Fitchett to collect chaplains' case studies which have been published as *Spiritual Care in Practice* (2015) and *Case Studies in Spiritual Care* (2018).

**Dead Earnest** is an Applied Theatre company based in Sheffield with a long and successful record of collaborating with organisations in the public, voluntary and community sectors. Forum theatre is a technique originally conceived by Brazilian, Augusto Boal, with the aim of giving the oppressed the chance to be heard. Dead Earnest have adapted it to enable experiential learning with the audience able to actively participate in changing what they see on stage, and in real life, for the better. [For more information see <https://www.deadearnest.co.uk/forum-theatre>]

## Costs

- Full conference from £295 for CHCC members
- Day conference £100 *The middle day has been designed to work as a stand-alone day conference for those unable to attend the full conference.*

**Please see booking form for full booking options**

## Indicative Timetable

### Day one: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

- 12:00 Arrivals / Registration
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:30 Welcome and Introduction
- 14:45 Keynote (Daniel Grosseohme) *Opening up the black box: what do chaplains think they are doing?*
- 16:00 Refreshments
- 16:45 Sharing Good Practice
- 18:30 Dinner
- 19:45 Mental Health Forum Gathering

### Day two / Day Conference: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- 09:15 Keynote (Steve Nolan) *Opening up the black box: what has religion got to do with it?*
- 10:30 Refreshments
- 11:00 Forum Theatre / Workshop Options
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 Forum Theatre / Workshop Options
- 15:30 Refreshments
- 16:15 Keynote (Daniel) *Opening up the black box: how do receivers of chaplaincy care understand the role?*
- 19:00 College dinner

### Day three: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- 09:30 Common Concerns
- 10:30 refreshments
- 11:00 Keynote (Steve) & Closing Plenary *Opening up the black box: how might we do spiritual assessment better?*
- 12:45 Lunch and depart

**10 [full] and 5 [day] CPD points applied for**