Bringing Our Dying Home
Building Social Capital through HOME Hospice

How would the world change if more of us died at home?
What would need to change to enable this to happen?

Death and dying have become medicalised, institutionalised and sanitised at great cost to the community. Research has found that 8 in 10 people want to die in their own home however only 2 in 10 actually achieve this. The HOME Hospice program is a community program for carers and families of people who want to die at home. A mentor walks the journey with the carer, providing support, guidance and education about what it takes to care for someone at home and how to access and source community support to enable a death at home.

How does a program like HOME Hospice create social capital and what is the impact of that social capital on a carer’s ability to care for their loved-one? What is the impact for the immediate family and friends of the person dying and the wider community? How does it impact on the attitudes people have about the terminally ill in society and the care of our terminally ill? How does it impact on the attitudes people have about life and living?

HOME Hospice is partnering with the Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre, University of Western Sydney to undertake a twelve month research project into how the HOME Hospice program generates social capital.

To raise awareness of the intended research and open the discussion around the broader societal issues and generation of social capital HOME Hospice and Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre are holding a Research Forum. The objectives of the Forum are to:

- Connect with possible collaborators
- Energize discussion about HOME Hospice, social change and building social capital
- Identify potential candidates for the Research Steering Committee
- Raise Public Awareness

**Date**
Friday 22 February
9.30 -12.30

**Venue**
University of Western Sydney,
Bankstown Campus
Building 05, Room LG 02

**RSVP**
by Monday 18th February 2008

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Light lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements.
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Research Forum Agenda

9.30  Welcome
Assoc. Prof. Rosemary Leonard, Director Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre, UWS.
Chair Julie Dunsmore, President National Association of Loss and Grief NSW

9.40  HOME Hospice – A Dynamic Social Venture
How does HOME Hospice build social capital
Melanie Greblo – CEO HOME Hospice

10.00  Can I die at home?: A brief History of HOME Hospice and its vision. Empowering carers and changing community attitudes
Dr. Helen-Anne Manion and Gerard Manion, Co-founders of HOME Hospice

10.20  Guest Speakers
Anita Tang, Director, Health Strategies. The Cancer Council NSW
“There’s no Place like home” – Issues Paper released by TCCN in October 2006.

HOME Hospice in action: The Carer & Mentor experience
Kate Maguire and Lisa Humphries

10.55  Tea break (20 mins)

11.15  What is Social Capital and Community Building?
Dr Gabrielle Gwyther SJSC Post Doctoral Research Fellow
Research Forum. How do we research social capital and HOME Hospice?
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Rosemary Leonard. Director Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre, UWS.
Professor Jenny Onyx, Co-Director Centre for Cosmopolitan Civil Societies
Dr Debbie Horsfall, SJSC, UWS
Kerrie Noonan, HOME Hospice

12.15  Closing and lunch
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From Sydney CBD, take the M5 South West Motorway and take the Henry Lawson Drive exit. Note that the M5 is a tollway. Turn right onto Henry Lawson Drive. Turn right into Bullecourt Avenue to enter the campus. On-campus parking is available, and a valid or annual parking permit must be displayed at all times.

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Travelling By Bus
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