

Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement (DDB) study group Annual Report 2016

1. Established: 1991

2. Current Membership Figure: 98

Mixture of BSA members (27) and non BSA members (71)

3. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Opening balance: £1904.83 (as of 01/01/2016)

Income: £1125.00

Expenditure: £722.11

Current balance: £2307.73 (as of 31/12/2016)

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:

Membership of the group has grown again this year. The principle activity of the study group is the annual symposium. In 2016 the theme of this event was 'Death, Dying, Bereavement and Technologies'. It was held on 2nd December at the University of Sheffield and received positive feedback from attendees. The programme and abstracts are available on the DDB website. Julie Ellis and Erica Borgstrom (DDB co-convenors) have recently co-edited a special issue in the journal *Mortality* focusing on researching death, dying and bereavement. This issue originated from the DDB study group and drew inspiration from a symposium held in 2015 on methodology. The special issue will be published in May 2017.

6. Concluding Remarks:

In January 2017 the group welcomed Laura Towers, a PhD student at the University of Sheffield studying sibling bereavement experiences, to the convening team.

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