

4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## **Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement (DDB) study group Annual Report 2018**

**1. Established:** 1991

**2. Current Membership Figure:** 120 members

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

**Opening balance:** £2860.87 (as of 1/1/2018)

**Income:** £0

**Expenditure:** £0

**Current balance:** £2860.87 (as of 31/12/2018)

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

The aim of this study group is to provide a 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 steadily once again this year from 111 members in 2017 to 120 over the course of 2018. The principal activity of the study group is usually the annual symposium. However, we ran this slightly differently in 2018 and during this year planned a joint symposium with the BSA Violence and Society Study Group which actually took place on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The theme of this event was 'Death and Violence' and it was held at the University of Salford. It was a small event which facilitated in-depth discussion around the excellent papers presented. We received positive feedback from the attendees. The programme and abstracts are available on the DDB website.

Julie Ellis and Laura Towers (DDB co-convenors) are now planning the next DDB event which will be a one-day symposium on the theme of Death and Relationships to be held in December 2019 at the University of Sheffield.

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

Julie Ellis (University of Huddersfield) and Laura Towers (University of Sheffield) continue to convene the group.

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