

## **The Compassionate Communities NI Community of Practice (COP)**

The Compassionate Communities NI Community of Practice (COP) is a group of committed people who share an interest in improving the experiences of death, dying and bereavement for people in Northern Ireland.

We are passionate about engaging on a regular basis to think together, problem solve and learn from each other to enable practice improvement and growth.

A COP has 3 distinguishing features:

### **1. Community**

This is formed by people who engage with each other on a regular basis to share learning and in doing so, build supportive working relationships.

### **2. Domain of interest**

This is the focus of a particular area of practice that members care about, for example build capacity within communities to care for one another at a time of crisis.

### **3. Practice**

This is what the members do together i.e. the process of creating meaning, coherence and sharing learning. Practice is the application of knowledge and in this case all members are developing their shared approach.

## **Meetings**

- September 2022 Launch event in September 2022 in Bellaghy to assess interest
- October 2022 virtual meeting to gauge areas of interest and participation
- Next meeting in-person and virtual February 2023.

### **Focus: Bereavement support for children and young people.**

Showcasing: The Lost Voices Project presented by Eleanor Ellersie, Cruse and Joan McEwan, Marie Curie  
Healing Hearts presented by Michelle Kosky, Foyle Hospice