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Changing gears from death law to death literacy. Tweeting now from [@KezNoo](#) workshop on using the death literacy index. [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) From care & social networks in 2008, to Death Literacy Index today, translated into multiple languages. A fantastic journey [@KezNoo](#) & team have been on linking networks with death literacy with public health with social determinants. [#21OPCC](#) [@PHPalCare](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) definition. Talks about the "death system" which is important to think about in [#compassionatecommunities](#). The death system is where all the partners converge - funeral directors, florists, churches, schools - all those existing outside the health system [#21OPCC](#)

Death literacy is defined as a set of **knowledge and skills** that make it possible to gain access to **understand and act upon** end-of-life and death care options.

People, and communities, with high levels of death literacy have context-specific knowledge about the **death system** and the ability to put that **knowledge into practice**.

Using the DLI to develop targeted community education in palliative care:
Benchmarking and building evidence
Oceanic Palliative Care Conference 2021



[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) Here's something relevant published in [@arenatweets](#) Spring 2021. "Our Local Funeral Parlour" [@rachelcogs](#) reflects on the important place of Hollibone Funerals on an inner city shopping strip. Its value in the gentle cadence of life.



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[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) Action and activism has been important in the development of death literacy and the Death Literacy Index - not just academia! [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) More to come on the tool with respect to culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Rosemary Leonard will be presenting some research on Friday at [#21OPCC](#) -



[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) People often want to know what happens next. Sometimes our knowledge in [#palliativecare](#) stops when the funeral directors take over. [@KezNoo](#) encourages us to work with progressive funeral directors - continuum into bereavement. [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) It may not feel like "our business" but we should make it our role in [#palliativecare](#) to understand that continuum. People may bounce back into bereavement care after poor experiences with funerals/burials. [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) The Death Literacy Index provides useful information on who you are talking to/working with. Gaps between the knowing and the doing arise through the DLI. [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) So why use it?
For research - create new knowledge, test it. Evaluation - of programs that involve
[#deathliteracy](#), did they work? Benchmarking - against national data, pre-post. To
start community conversations - the most FUN way to use the DLI! [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) The Death
Literacy Index is for groups/populations. Not for use with individual clients/patients.
Not for use in e.g. dignity therapy. [#21OPCC](#)

[@KezNoo](#) [@PHPalCare](#) [@DeathLiteracy](#) [@arenatweets](#) [@rachelcogs](#) Words to
describe [@KezNoo](#) workshop on Death Literacy Index - "dramatic illustration of what
we know and what we do" "enlightening" "like the idea of a death system thanks!"
"lots to reflect on" "leaving inspired!"... Thanks Kerrie! From Kerrie - "have FUN with
it!" [#21OPCC](#)

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