

Key Aspects of After Death Body Care with Ichabod Smith and his creator Angie McLachlan

Sunday 1st October 2017
10am - approx 4:30pm
Glasgow venue tbc

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Course Description

The course is an introduction to and understanding of key aspects of after death 'Body-Care' through practical engagement with Ichabod Smith - a 'Death Dummy'. The course is designed for those wishing to tend a body at home after death and includes hands-on product/equipment based activity within an atmosphere of flexible, in-depth mentor style discussion.

Subjects covered may include:

- **Introduction to 'Best Practice'**: discussion and assessment - meeting the needs of participants
- **Different Approaches to Care of the Body**: home funerals, green/alternative funerals, traditional funerals
- **An Introduction to Health and Safety: the legal and sensible precautions and protocols to consider while caring for dead people and providing for their funerals**: HASAW Act requirements, basic Risk Assessing, PPE, First Aid, Disinfection, COSHH - chemicals and the dead body, Manual Handling, Lone Working
- **Different Removal Practices**: stretcher use and care, vehicles, Hospital Mortuary, Hospice, Nursing Home, Private Residence and DIY funerals
- **Practical Body Care - Introducing and working with Ichabod**: protocol and ethics, assessing bodies post mortem, washing and drying, cleaning and packing orifices, eye and mouth care, catheter and stoma bag removal, skin slip and decomposition, hair care, hand and face presentation
- **Laying out**: coffins, shrouds, clothes, presentation, lighting, troubleshooting
- **Complex Bodies - Power Point Presentation**: discussion