



National Dying Matters Awareness Week 4th-10th May 2026

Dying Matters Awareness Week 2026 will take place from the May 4th-10th.

This year's theme is 'Let's talk about Death and Dying'.

Below is a round-up of some of the events taking place in Greater Manchester. Please contact the venues direct for further details.

Mon 4 May	Sale Town Hall, 10.30am-4pm	Community bereavement event – National Dying Matters Awareness Week Talks delivered by bereavement professionals, information stalls from local organisations, grief counselling, legal advice, community support A free event for all Contact for any questions: bereavement.day@trafford.gov.uk
Tue 5 May	Rochdale Infirmary*/Springhill Hospice 10am-2pm	Stand with resources Outside the café first floor Includes representation from team, specialist palliative care, bereavement team, chaplaincy and speech and language therapy service at various times.
Wed 6 May	Willow Wood Hospice Session 1: 12pm-1.30pm Session 2: 2pm-3.30pm The Christie Hospital 11am-12pm 12.30-1.30pm 2pm-3pm Wythenshawe Hospital 9.30am-1.30pm and Wythenshawe Forum Library 12.30pm-3.30pm Bury Community*/Bury Hospice 10am-2pm	Interactive Market Place Event Hosted by Hospice teams, visit the interactive market place, where leading professionals in the field can offer insight, interactive resources and information about opening up the conversation about death and dying. Book free tickets online at willowwood.org.uk/dying-matters Pure Innovations Handmade Harmonies The Manchester Wellbeing Cancer Choir Chaplaincy slot Comfort Café – Drop in How to talk about death and dying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing your wishes with family and healthcare professionals • Advance Care Planning • EPaCCS • Lasting Power of Attorney – Health and Welfare • Signposting to bereavement services. Support, guidance and resources Stand with resources Asda Pilsworth

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Thurs 7 May	<p>Wigan and Leigh Hospice 1.30pm-4pm</p> <p>Salford Royal* 10am-2pm</p>	<p>Open event Join the hospice team. Included is a wife of a patient with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) talking about her experience of being involved with advance care planning. Staff and residents in a care home discussing their experiences. The hospice counsellors talking about supporting difficult conversations with children. Also, a myth busting session and an interactive quiz.</p> <p>Stand with resources Main entrance, near Marks and Spencer Includes representation from team, specialist palliative care, bereavement team, chaplaincy and speech and language therapy service at various times.</p>
Fri 8 May	<p>The Christie Hospital 12pm-1pm</p> <p>Manchester Royal Infirmary 1pm-2pm</p> <p>Royal Oldham* 10am-2pm</p> <p>Manchester Eye Hospital 1pm-2pm (lunch 12.30-1pm)</p>	<p>Chaplaincy slot</p> <p>Supporting Homeless Individuals at End of Life A lunchtime education session involving an expert panel of people talking about their experiences of homelessness and the challenges of recognition of deterioration in this patient group.</p> <p>Stand with resources Main entrance Includes representation from our team, specialist palliative care, bereavement team, Chaplaincy and speech and language therapy service at various times.</p> <p>Supporting Homeless Individuals at end of life Come and join the expert panel to learn more about the challenges of recognition of deterioration in this patient group Teams links available</p>
Mon 6 – Fri 10 May	The Christie Hospital 10am-3.30pm	<p>Oak Road reception Enjoy a cake, plant some wildflower seeds to take home, add a message to the LED tree</p>
Fri 15 May	House of Books and Friends Manchester, 10am-12pm	<p>Greater Manchester Bereavement Service - Pop up event A free bereavement event facilitated by Greater Manchester Bereavement Service. Learn about bereavement Connect with others Hear about our service There is also an opportunity to speak to a practitioner for help or advice</p>



		To book a place: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greater-manchester-bereavement-service-pop-up-events-tickets-1986905902039 (other dates are planned for the year)
Sat 16 May	53TWO Theatre Manchester	Funeral Teeth, Succulent Theatre This "feel-good tragicomedy" explores universal experiences of loss and grief through raw memories, storytelling, and physical theatre. More information at https://www.53two.com/