

NEW WESTMINSTER, A COMPASSIONATE CITY:

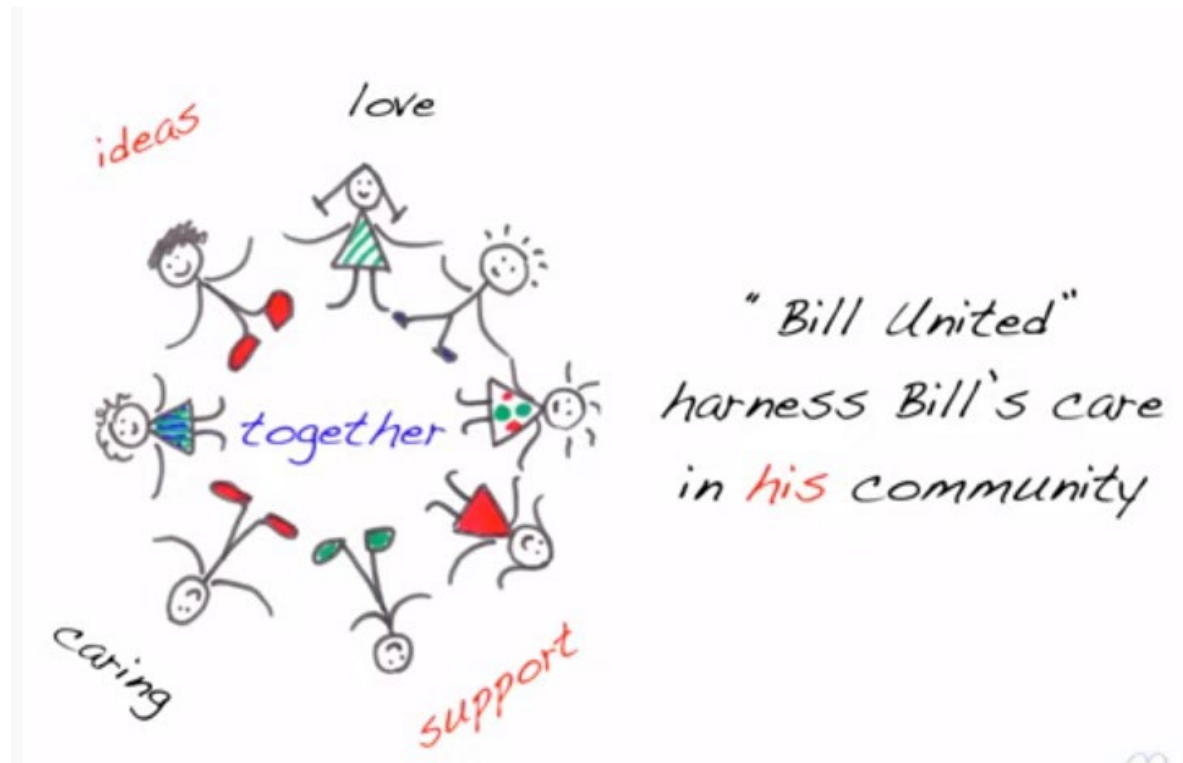
**Hospice and Bereavement Care,
Moving Forward**



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“Bill’s Story” (2014)



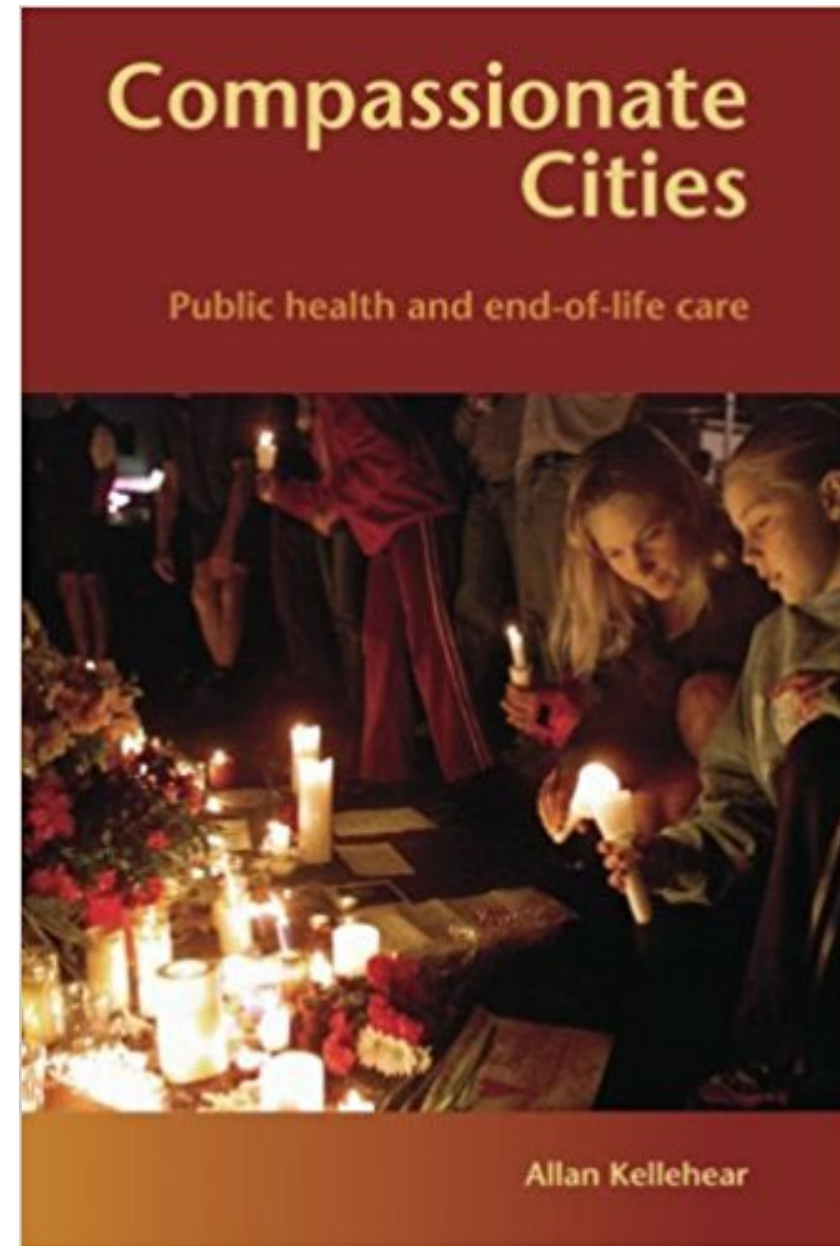
Compassionate Cities:

Public Health & End-of-Life Care

by Dr. Allan Kellehear

Published in 2005

“Imagine if communities really cared about their members’ health and social well-being. Imagine if that care extended to the dying, death, and loss experienced by EVERYONE in those communities.”



A Compassionate City is a community that recognizes that care for one another at times of crisis and loss is not simply a task solely for health and social services but is

EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Compassionate City Charter

(Kellehear & Abel, 2015)

The Compassionate City Charter Framework

This framework for social change is grouped into four different themes that support the development of compassionate communities.

Support



Faith communities

At least one dedicated group for caregiving, dying, death, and grieving.



Schools, workplaces & trade unions

Will have policies or guidance documents for caregiving, dying, death, and grieving.



Public showcase

Advertise compassionate policies, services, funding opportunities, partnerships, and public events.



Hospices & nursing homes

Community development programs that focus on palliative care and involves local area citizens.

Demystifying death



Celebrate and highlight

Recognize an organization, event or individual through an incentive program. (i.e. Mayor's Award)



Art competition

Work with local social or print media to encourage an annual city-wide story or art competition.



Peacetime memorial parade

Representing the major sectors of human loss outside military campaigns.



Museums & art galleries

Host exhibitions on the experience of ageing, dying, death, and loss of care.

Inclusion



Understand diversity

Demonstrate diversity in experiences through services and policies for ageing, dying, death, loss and care.



Supporting homeless and imprisoned

Encourage and support institutions to have plans in place for end-of-life care.

Progression



Reviewing community goals

Establish and review targets and goals in the first 2 years. Thereafter, will add 1 new sector annually to the action plan.

For the original version of the compassionate city charter please visit www.phpci.info/tools/

Community Engagement Approach

- In New West, By New West, For New West
- Question Everything!
- Amazing work already being done
- Community members are the experts
- Partnerships are Critical
- Importance of Political Connections

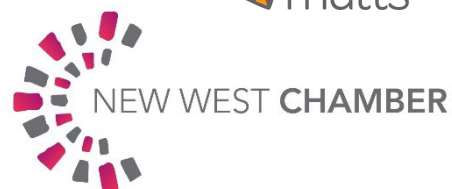
Community Conversation Three Priorities

1. Build a Hospice Residence
2. Normalize Dying, Death, & Grief
3. Reaching In



Dedicated to building a grassroots hospice initiative from the community level up, based on the Compassionate City model.

Partners & Supporters



Compassionate City Crew



Walk & Talk – Grief Support Walking Group



REGISTER NOW _____

WALK & TALK

**FEB 4 TO
MAR 25TH
2023**

Grief Support
Walking Group

Saturdays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Meet at the Quay
in New West

Email Rani MacInnes, Volunteer Program Manager
programs@newwesthospice.ca



Expressive Art Therapy



newwesthospice
New Westminster, British Columbia

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EXPRESSIVE ART THERAPY DROP IN



1:00PM -
5:30PM



Arietta Art Studio
707 Front Street
New Westminster

Spring/Summer

May 7, June 11,
July 9, Aug 13,
Sept 10



[View more on Instagram](#)

Free Grief Support New West Hospice Society

Expressive arts is a therapeutic practice using a variety of modalities, integrating healing practices with creative expression & imagination to assist you with your grief.

Our monthly expressive arts group provides a safe space to explore grief and loss, share stories and support each other. No art experience necessary.

To register programs@newwesthospice.ca
2nd Thursdays of the month | FREE





River Walk 2024

Fundraiser



Join us for our 5th Annual River Walk for New West Hospice! We strive to normalize talk of death and dying so we can all create a circle of support together. Your generous donation allows us to reach into the community and offer important services and grief support programs for people and their loved ones experiencing end of life.

Thank you for your compassion



**SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024
11AM-2PM**

**LOCATION
RIVER MARKET
NEW WEST**

PET FRIENDLY

We hope you join us for a beautiful walk along the river, live music, snacks, prizes, fun station for kids and more!



DONATE



RIVER WALK



Dialogue(s) on Death & Dying

November 2-5, 2022
Dialogue on Death & Dying

Presented by
New West Hospice Society &
Century House

Poetry Night
November 2
Elliot Slinn, New West Poet Laureate & Candice James, New West Poet Laureate Emeritus. Open Mic from RCLAS Poets (Royal City Literary Arts Society)

PEACH Night
November 3
Dr. Naheed Dosani, MSc, MD, CCFP (PC), BSc, Palliative care physician & founder of Palliative Education And Care for the Homeless (PEACH). Joining via Zoom & in-person audience. Eventbrite Registration




Performance Night
November 4
Elliot Slinn, Jane Slemmon & Friends, and The Cat Murphy Band with Kaitlyn Deavy will sing & reflect about death & dying with words & music

Prose Night
November 5
Dr. Susan Breidahl will read from her book "In the Shadows of Angels". Local seniors will share their stories on death and dying, and the audience will be given an opportunity to discuss with each other their reactions to the readings

Daytime Events
November 2-5

- What is an End of Life Doula?
- Advance Care Planning
- MAiD: Medical Assistance in Dying
- Dance to the End of Love
- Death Care Options & Planning
- Death Conversation Starters
- Volunteer with New West Hospice Society & Century House Association

All events will be held at Century House in New West
Contact programs@newwesthospice.ca
Contact Century House 604.519.1066

DIALOGUE ON DEATH & DYING



CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSION

VISUAL ARTS DIALOGUE

@ CENTURY HOUSE
NEW WESTMINSTER, BC
tinyurl.com/5c2u57ft
hospice-art@newwestartists.com

Dialogue on Death & Dying
Oct 21-Nov 20, 2023

V4V: Voice for the Vulnerable

To create connections, tools, and resources that support access to meaningful and appropriate end-of-life care through
Advance Care Planning with persons experiencing homelessness in New Westminster

Legion Manor Project



New West Needs a Hospice



Join Us!

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