

Enhancing Quality of Life

A workshop designed for Palliative Care Volunteers and other healthcare workers to assist them to support communicate and advocate for patients and families at end of life.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Featuring Guest Speakers:



Jane Claxton-Oldfield has been a hospice palliative care volunteer for many years. She is also the volunteer coordinator with Hospice Greater Moncton for the Tantramar region of southeastern New Brunswick. One of her passions is to teach ‘communication with the dying and their loved ones’ for the hospice palliative care volunteer training program. Additionally, she is an occasional research assistant for her husband who studies hospice volunteers. She has worked her entire career in the ‘care field’ in various capacities (with seniors, children, in women’s shelters, etc.) It is because of her experiences in caring for people that she has developed a keen interest in the quality of care that an individual receives while in the care of others, be it in a hospital, in home care, residential care, etc. For this reason she was delighted to be selected to serve as a patient experience advisor for New Brunswick’s Horizon Health’ patient and family centered care council’. She is committed to the belief that we each deserve compassionate patient and family centered care throughout all life stages including dying. Her other passion is natural health, and she holds a masters diploma in natural nutrition (MDN) and teaches several courses for the Canadian School of Natural Nutrition (Moncton Branch).



Dr. Stephen Claxton-Oldfield is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Mount Allison University. His main area of research focuses on the people who volunteer in hospice palliative care settings. He is interested in, for example, what motivates people to become a hospice palliative care volunteer, the roles that volunteers play in hospice palliative care, the impact of volunteering on the volunteers as well as the dying person and his or her family, how best to retain volunteers, and so on. He is also a member of the Volunteer Issues Committee, a committee of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association that champions the volunteer component of hospice palliative care in Canada, the Chair of the Tantramar Hospice Palliative Care Organization Inc., a trained hospice palliative care volunteer, a regular contributor to “The Exchange” section of the Canadian Virtual Hospice’s website, and a Certified Thanatologist with the Association for Death Education and Counseling.

Place: **Hearthstone Inn, King’s Road, Sydney, NS**

Time: **9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Registration Costs: **\$50 per person** (includes lunch and nutrition breaks)

