

Continuing a conversation about death and dying

So how do you have a national conversation about death and dying? Well, you design a massive open online course where participants are able to learn about and talk about euphemisms and language, legacy, art and music, medicine's role, funeral practices, cultural differences, online mourning. And after 5,000 people have participated you realise you need to be able to continue the conversation. Welcome to Dying2Learn in CareSearch.



What will I find on Dying2Learn?

Dying2Learn allows you to explore different aspects of living and dying.

1. You'll discover it's ok to be curious and that people and societies differ in how they view death and dying.
2. You can share what books and movies influenced your views about death and dying.
3. You can add to our database of euphemisms. There are a lot of words we use when we don't want to say that someone has died.
4. You can learn what is meant by "palliative care" and "advance care planning."
5. We asked over 500 Australians what they think about death and dying using three words. Now you have a chance to add your three words.

6. You could also take the time to plan your funeral or perhaps figure out what's on your bucket list.
7. And finally, you can visit the death library.

We are all part of the conversation

Birth and death are both part of our life. But when it comes to the latter, we can be reluctant to think about, talk about, and plan for it. Now that you know about Dying2Learn, feel free to share some resources and a conversation with your family or with a friend or neighbour.

Dying2Learn is just one way we can build death literacy and feel more comfortable talking about this important life matter.

If being a kid is about learning how to live, then being a grown up is about learning how to die. *Stephen King*

