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Global Perspectives on End-of-Life Choice



Johannes Agterberg

Italy

After his professional career, Johannes has dedicated his time to initiatives regarding elder people as a volunteer. Among others, he started the study of voluntary end-of-life legislations in the world with a focus on the Netherlands. He published three books, in Italian, regarding the Dutch legislation and the application of euthanasia and medical-assisted dying. He manages a website regarding the development of the legislation on euthanasia in the world. He is a member of the Council of the Associazione Luca Coscioni and is its representative at the WFRtDS. He participated as a speaker in several conferences, both locally and internationally, and promotes meetings at local level Italian end-of-life legislation for older people in Northern Italy.



Felor Javadi Bashar, MSHS

Canada

Felor Javadi Bashar (MSHS) is a Quality Improvement Coordinator and Researcher for the Assisted Dying Program at Vancouver Coastal Health. She was previously ICU Nurse in Iran and has an MScN from Malaya with publications focused on Evidence Based Practice and Infection Control. She also completed her Masters in Global Health and Human Services in Canada in 2020.



Dick Bosscher

Netherlands

Dick Bosscher is a former newspaper journalist and currently a board member of NVVE in the Netherlands and the editor-in-chief of the magazine, Relevant.



Dr. Colin Brewer

United Kingdom

Dr. Colin Brewer is a retired psychiatrist and addiction specialist and has been active in the Right to Die movement since 1978, when he was first a committee member of the U.K. Voluntary Euthanasia Society (VES) in 1978-92. He is currently a board member and convener of My Death, My Decision medical group. He is the author of "O, let me not get Alzheimer's, sweet heaven! Why many people prefer death or active deliverance to living with dementia" (2019) and initiated and co-authored the world's first 'do-it-yourself' deliverance manual, restricted to established VES members, in 1978.



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Jule Briese Canada

Jule Briese is a retired educator, poet and songwriter and the author of "The Hot Chocolate and Decadent Cake Society - Alzheimer's and The Choice For MAiD - A Memoir in Poetry and Prose." She has facilitated workshops on Nurturing Grief and Loss as well as Compassionate Support for Those Challenged With Dementia Who Have Chosen MAiD (and for their nurturing companions) through Elder College affiliated with Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo. Jule has been a nurturing companion for her husband who embraced a peaceful MAiD death January 6 of this year, ending his 4-year journey with Alzheimer's. She is currently writing "Conversations With My Best Friend - Glimpses Into Alzheimer's" which she hopes to publish by December.



Anne Bunning, B.Ag Ec, MA Australia

Anne Bunning, B Ag Ec, MA, has been a member of the WFRTDS Committee since 2021, Vice President of Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) South Australia and a member of the national VAD network in Australia. She is an agricultural economist and has worked extensively in Australia, Asia and the Pacific, in poverty alleviation, health, rural development and gender equality, with leadership roles in the public, private and community sectors. With her policy and political advisory experience as a strategist, she was a part of the recent successful campaign to achieve law reform in South Australia. Aside from her work, she has given several presentations at many local, national, and international conferences in health, agriculture, gender poverty alleviation and Parliamentary Inquiries.



