

After the death of a child, parents grieve in their own different ways, the siblings lose their sister or their brother and often, at least temporarily, their parents as stable caregivers.

How do parents experience this situation at work? How do siblings live with this situation at school?



How do doctors, psychologists, psychotherapists and grief counselors accompany family members who are often traumatized?

Just as each mourning for a child changes an individual, the funeral culture is also changing: in addition to TCF, new networks have been built--they learn from and with each other. Aspects of mourning have become subjects for research at many universities.

We will exchange our thoughts about these aspects at the TCF gathering!

At our gathering you will find:

- lectures/workshops with international speakers who are active in research and teaching
- exchanges about Best Practice in grief counseling
- a varied cultural program
- opportunities for international networking

For professionals, networkers and people who are interested from all over the world!



The gathering is under the patronage of the German Federal Minister for Families, Frau Manuela Schwesig

Venue:

Hotel InterContinental, Wilhelm-Leuschner-Str. 43, D-60329 Frankfurt am Main, phone: +49-69-26050

Conference fees:

- 250 € for members of a TCF organisation/130 € for one day (Friday or Saturday)
- 300 € for non-members/150 € for one day (Friday or Saturday)

Fee includes:

Lunch on July 29 and 30, evening program and dinner on July 30, T-shirt for "Walk to Remember" (public) and boat trip

Registration is possible until April 21, 2016

You will find more information about our program on our website. If you would like to register for the gathering and book your hotel please go to:

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20th National Conference VEID e.V. 6th International TCF Gathering



**July 28 – 31, 2016
in Frankfurt am Main**

exchange – international research
grief counseling – international
networking

Presented by "Bundesverband Verwaiste Eltern und trauernde Geschwister" in Germany (VEID e.V) and The Compassionate Friends (TCF)



Lectures and workshops overview

Friday, July 29, 2016

Opening by Petra Hohn, with addresses from the German Federal Minister for Families, Manuela Schwesig, Myrtle Fleming, Dr. Mechthild Voss-Eiser and opening lecture by Dr. Ruthmarijke Smeding

Lectures

Mourning is no ailment. Or is it? (Jan Salzmann)

Communicating loss and grief at work
(Dr. Tanja Brinkmann)

Choices, how couples react in different ways after the death of their child (Margaret and Jim Pringle)

Now that you are on the net my child
(Prof. Dr. Rainer Sörries)

Outdoor adventures for grieving children in a transcultural context (Therese Oettl)

Workshops

"Anchor, Cow and Compass - How Symbols of Grief can be converted into Symbols of Hope" (Dorothea Stockmar)

Wie Qi Gong in der Trauerbegleitung unterstützen kann
(Tatjana Kuske)

Clownerie für alle - Trauernde, Begleitende und Interessierte (Daniela Moritz)

Writing towards Healing (Cathy Sosnowsky)

Men in Grief (Woldemar Sosnowsky)

Osterei und Dornenkrone - Symbole der Osterzeit als

Sprache der Trauernden (Elke Heinen)

Das innere Kind in der Trauerbegleitung
(Helga Schmidtke)

Elterntrauergruppen leiten (Mechthild Schröter-Rupieper)

Body language (Isabel Schupp)

Tod durch ein Gewaltverbrechen - ein Netz, das trägt
(Ulrike Straßheim)

Writing a song (Lucy van Org/Hauke Scholten)

Begleitung von Schuldfragen im Trauerprozess (Chris Paul)
Healing guilt and regret (Alan Pedersen)

Saturday, July 30, 2016

Lectures

Bereavement, Grief and Trauma (Hanne Shah/Thomas Wagner)

Sibling bereavement - the forgotten griever (Prof. Dr. Birgit Wagner)

"Curative change": Growth within Grief and

Transmutation of Trauma (Dr. Margaret Brearley)

"You have hardly lived ..." (Christine Fleck-Bohaumilitzky)

Mourning and leadership at work: Necessity or contradiction? (Dr. Franziska Offermann)

The potentials of networking (Prof. Dr. Egon Endres)

What do grieving siblings hope for when they access formal support? (Alison Penny)

Ambulant Art Therapy for siblings who are grieving and saying goodbye (Marion Köhler)

"Primi Passi" – the value of companionship in times of loss of a loved one (Freya von Stülpnagel)

Forever different – family grief company (Mechthild Schröter-Rupieper)

The necessity of economic growth and mourning - what do they do to our lives? (Andreas Süskow)

The therapeutical effect of mapapus on mourning children and adults (Jennifer Arndt-Lind u. Hendrik Lind)
[mapapu: a German neologism from MAmA+PApa+PUppet]

Most of our lectures and workshops will be bilingual. You can find more information abstracts and profiles of our speakers & consultants, as well as our program (Walk to Remember, musical reading "Siris Journey" with Karin Grabenhorst, Action "Lichtpunkt" and "Liebensbriefe") on our website:

www.mourninginmotion.org

Workshops

Change of farewell culture (Prof. Dr. Norbert Fischer, Stephan Hadraschek)

Soulpaintings of sand (Henrike Engelhardt)

Grieving parents (Nathalie Himmelrich)

International Writing Workshop (Ruthmarijke Smeding)

Herzensarbeit - Durch bewusstes Fühlen in meine Kraft zurückfinden! (Anne-Kathrin Koch)

Wenn Geburt und Tod zusammenfallen - Wie können früh verwaiste Eltern gut begleitet werden?

(Steffi Curuvija/ Cornelia Korn)

A Subsequent Child - Living in a Shadow (Lynette Gillam)

Family constellations with sewing buttons: a powerful means in family therapy and in bereavement support
(Marie Jeanne Schon)

Moving through grief with music (BJ and Doug Jensen)

"Splinters of life" (Friederike Fischer)

When words are not enough/rituals (Christian Fleck)

Presentation of the film "Seelenvögel" (Isabel Schupp)

Child of my Child; bereaved grandparents
(Margot McAllister)

Grief counselling on Saturday, July 30, 2016

Sharing session for suicide bereaved mums (Renate Herberger)

Sharing session: History of TCF (Margaret Pringle, Mechthild Voss-Eiser)

Sharing Session for fathers (Dieter Kuske)

Sharing session for bereaved mothers and fathers who have lost a child regardless of type of death
(Myrtle Fleming)

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Closing event with Bärbel Wartenberg-Potter, Bischöfin i.R., choirs who participated, as well as Lucy van Org, patronage of "Bundesverband VEID e. V."