



Professor Allan Kellehear

50th Anniversary Chair - Professor of End of Life Care
University of Bradford

Biography

Professor Allan Kellehear is a medical and public health sociologist with interests in death, dying and end of life care. He received his PhD in Sociology from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Most of Professor Kellehear's work examines behaviour at the end of life in palliative care, intensive care and aged care contexts. He has conducted major sociological and social psychological research on the human experience of dying. He has also developed public health models for care of the dying, the bereaved and caregivers. These models are based on the application of health promotion, community development, and social ecology ideas and principles. Government policy interests in Australia, India and the UK have taken up his particular adaptation of these models for end of life care. In the UK, the Department of Health, the NHS in England, the NHS in Scotland, the National Council for Palliative Care, and the major charity Help the Hospices have adopted these ideas in their current end of life care policies.

In addition to two previous chairs in England (at the Universities of Bath and Middlesex), Professor Kellehear held the chair of Palliative Care at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia for nearly 10 years. In 2003-2004, Professor Kellehear also held the competitive Annual Chair of Australian Studies at the University of Tokyo. In addition to these posts, Professor Kellehear has held visiting or honorary professorships in Australia, Austria, Canada, Hong Kong, the Republic of Ireland and the UK as well as a Distinguished Lectureship at a Presidential Library (Clinton) in the USA.