

Developing a Volunteer Biography Program

Every life is a story



Within each person is a story wanting to be told. Helping clients tell their story allows them to focus on a pleasurable and productive activity that is also a tool for life review.

Volunteer biographers support people in difficult stages of their lives by capturing their stories, reminding them that their lives are meaningful and that they have made a difference. A biography service provides clients with the opportunity and space to think about their life and what they would like their loved ones to know; and to simply be heard.

A volunteer biography service is:

- * Beneficial to clients and their families
- * Effective to administer
- * A useful model for other services

This two-day seminar explores how to establish a Client Biography Service including:

- * Theory and practical applications
- * Selection and training of biographers
- * Ethical issues, boundaries and pitfalls
- * Experiences of biographers
- * Examples of completed biographies
- * Guidance as to where to head with technology

Includes a take-home package (hard copy):

- * Basic training notes
- * Notes on equipment and resources
- * Policies, procedures, guidelines and forms.



Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th June 2015
9:30 am — 4:00 pm

Venue: Eastern Palliative Care
1st Floor, Building 2, 630 Mitcham Road
Mitcham, Victoria

Cost: \$400.00 per person (plus GST)

Two-day course including lunch, morning/afternoon tea and training notes, policies, process maps, guidelines and forms (hard copies).

Additional resources will be available for purchase including:

- *Working with Words*, a grammar and style guide
- Electronic copy (unlimited use) of biography templates with instruction manual
- Electronic copy (unlimited use) of volunteer training notes

For further information and to register:

Please call Krystal Wallis or Penelope Di Sario, EPC Volunteer Services, on 1300 130 813 or visit www.eastpallcare.asn.au

A maximum of 25 places are available.

Please Note: There is a minimum number required to run this workshop. If numbers are not met at least two weeks before the workshop, it may be rescheduled or cancelled, and you will be notified as soon as possible.