

Workshop Research on Last aid

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The Last Aid Course can be seen as the educational basis of compassionate communities. Research has to be an integral part of the Last Aid project. The scientific evaluation of Last Aid started at the same time as the implementation of the first pilot courses in Germany, Norway and Denmark. To ensure the quality of Last Aid Courses and to improve the curriculum and contents of the course scientific evaluation of the views of citizens, Last Aid Course instructors, educators and researchers are of utmost importance.

Several pilot studies and papers on Last aid have already been published. The Last Aid Research Group Europe (LARGE) has been established in 2019 in order to coordinate international cooperation and research on Last Aid. Results of the LARGE meeting before the conference will be presented.

Future aims for research projects should include the evaluation of the effects of Last Aid Courses on citizens preparedness and willingness to participate in end-of-life care and the possible contribution of the courses to increase the number of home deaths.

Another interesting topic for the instructors and researcher should also be the need of the multicultural community and the needs of the minority groups in the last part of the life. It is important to know the preferences and expectation if we would like to fulfil it and upgrade our courses.

Topics to discuss:

1. Tools for evaluations of the LAST AID curse (questionnaire)
2. How to meet needs of the minority groups?
3. How to address cultural diversity in our program?