Become a member of the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA) for free today and benefit from our collective strength and voice in global healthcare!

Go to www.thewhpca.org/membership to join now.

What is the WHPCA?

The WHPCA is an alliance of national and regional hospice and palliative care organisations, in official relations with the World Health Organization.

We follow a public health model that emphasises policy, education, medication availability, and implementation to enable and effect change.

Vision: A world with universal access to hospice and palliative care

Mission: To foster, promote and influence the delivery of affordable, quality hospice and palliative care.

The WHPCA is a registered UK charity, governed by a highly qualified board with worldwide representation (see http://www.thewhpca.org/about-us-3/board) including all four regional palliative care organizations (ALCP, APCA, APHN, & EAPC)

Work is done by a number of workgroups with international membership, focusing on the following themes:

- Advocacy
- Education and Training
- Communications; and
- Policy

Why is there a need for the WHPCA?

Palliative care is still unavailable to those in need, especially in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). Only 15% of the world's countries have palliative care that is somewhat integrated with general health care. Over 100 million patients and family carers need palliative care annually and at best WHPCA estimates that less than 10% receive palliative care. Palliative care needs a stronger voice on the international stage. Palliative care associations worldwide have formed this alliance to meet these needs.

Why become a member of the WHPCA?

There are many benefits to membership of the WHPCA. Members can:

- Draw on the **collective strength and voice** of the global membership
- **Be the first to hear** about developments in global palliative care through the WHPCA newsletter and ehospice international news
- Have the opportunity to **showcase your work and highlight your fundraising needs** through the large distribution list of the WHPCA newsletter and the widely read ehospice international news website
- **Add your voice** to global advocacy for hospice and palliative care – for example at UN and WHO meetings – through membership consultation processes
- **Share in the ownership of the WHPCA** by nominating individuals to the board and working groups
- **Access WHPCA resources** to support the national development of hospice and palliative care
- **Network** with hospice and palliative care leaders from throughout the world
- **Advance your skills** in national hospice and palliative care development including:
    - leadership education and training
    - fundraising
    - advocacy
    - communication
    - organisational development; and
    - quality and standards.
- **Exchange expertise and learning** with other national palliative care associations
- Have your work and fundraising campaigns shared widely through **WHPCA social media**.

What have we achieved so far?

In collaboration with the WHO and other international partners we achieved a major breakthrough in 2014 with the World Health Assembly (governing body of the WHO) passing a resolution calling for palliative care to be integrated into all national health care systems. This **WHO resolution has enhanced the position of palliative care as a global health care priority** and has strengthened the argument at a national and international level for greater levels of funding and support to promote resolution implementation. We continue to support WHO through our official relations.

At the UN High Level Summit on the prevention and control of Noncommunicable Diseases in 2011, we successfully advocated for **the inclusion of palliative care into the political declaration on the prevention and control of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and the inclusion of a palliative care indicator** into the M&E framework of the Global NCD Action Plan.

Our advocacy has resulted in **palliative care being recognised as part of the continuum of UHC** under the UN SDGs (prevention-promotion-treatment-rehabilitation-palliation).

We have held a **series of worldwide summits** bringing together representatives from national associations worldwide. These events have facilitated the sharing of learning and knowledge around the national development of hospice and palliative care and contributed to our strategic development and work plan.

We jointly published the ***Global Atlas of Palliative Care at the End of Life*** with WHO http://www.thewhpca.org/resources/global-atlas-on-end-of-life-care.

We developed and recently updated the 'Palliative Care Toolkit: Improving care from the roots up in resource-limited settings' and translated this into multiple languages http://www.thewhpca.org/resources/category/palliative-care-toolkits-and-training-manual

Each year, we organise **World Hospice and Palliative Care Day** with over 70 countries around the world participating. www.worldday.org

We are **increasing the presence of palliative care at UN meetings** including the World Health Assembly, WHO Executive Board, Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the UN General Assembly, UN Open Ended Working Group on Ageing, WHO Global Coordination Mechanism for NCD's, and meetings on Sustainable Development Goals for Universal Health Coverage.

We have delivered **workshops on advocacy capacity** at various national and regional palliative care conferences.

We have successfully **partnered with the Centre for Palliative Care in Bangladesh** to deliver palliative care for older people and strengthen a compassionate community in Korail Slum in Dhaka.

The WHPCA website contains an **extensive collection of policy resources** www.thewhpca.org/resources

Who can become a member?

Any organization working with or interested in hospice and palliative care around the world! This includes:

- Regional Hospice and Palliative Care Associations
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Associations
- National Professional Association related to hospice and palliative care
- Local individual hospices or palliative care services of individuals providing such services.

What will WHPCA membership cost?

Membership is free.

How to become a WHPCA member

To become a member of the WHPCA go to www.thewhpca.org/membership or to request more information, email Dr. Stephen Connor sconnor@thewhpca.org

We look forward to working with you towards a world with universal access to hospice and palliative care!