

Befrienders Worldwide European Region Conference

Responding to the needs of people affected by suicide
14th-17th, June 2018

[Panorama hotel](#) (Sodų g. 14), Vilnius

PROGRAMME

Thursday 14th June

13:00 – 17:00 Registration

17:00 – 19:30 Opening Plenary
Paulius Skruibis, Representative of the Organisation Team, Lithuania

Film "What we leave behind" (original "Liebe Oma, Guten Tag!"; 84 minutes)
Q&A with film directors Jūratė Samulionytė and Vilma Samulionytė (Lithuania)

20:00 – 22:00 Welcome dinner at Vilnius City Hall (Didžioji g. 31).

Friday 15th June

09:30 – 11:00 Plenary
Martin Taylor, Chairman of Befrienders Worldwide, United Kingdom

Current and future challenges in suicide prevention and the role of helplines
Brian Mishara, Befrienders Worldwide, Canada

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Workshops

Emotional support on-line: experiences from different countries (1 part) <i>Mia Moreno, Livslinien, Denmark</i> <i>Tanja Bokun, Centar Srce, Serbia</i>	Emotional Support after trauma <i>Marion Gibson, Befrienders Worldwide, United Kingdom</i>
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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Workshops

Emotional support on-line: experiences from different countries (2 part) <i>Vaida Žliobaitė, Youth Line, Lithuania</i> <i>Maria Luiza Delavechia, CVV, Brazil</i>	Experiences of people before and after suicidal behaviour <i>Said Dadašev, Vilnius university, Lithuania</i> Characteristics of Suicidality in the Lebanese Population (presentation) <i>Mia Atoui, Embrace LifeLine, Lebanon</i>
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15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

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volunteer action to prevent suicide

- 16:00 – 17:30 Plenary
Solution based approach in suicide prevention using technology
Florance Sinniah, Befrienders Penang, Malaysia
- Samaritans. A brief overview of recent activity: dealing with high demand
Tyler Mcgee, Samaritans, UK
- 19:30 Dinner and Entertainment (polyphonic songs)

Saturday 16th June

- 09:30 – 11:00 Plenary:
Befrienders Worldwide projects: emotional support for seafarers
Kevin Crombie (Australia) and Peter Barker (New Zealand), Befrienders Worldwide
- Using Suicidal Ideation Attributes Scale (SIDAS) in anonymous counselling services
Julie Hoffmann Jeppesen, Livslinien, Denmark
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Workshops
Building hope in “hopeless” situations (1 part) Befrienders Worldwide Twinning program
Brian Mishara, Befrienders Worldwide, Canada *David Brodtman and Maggie Galliano,*
Befrienders Worldwide, United Kingdom
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Workshops
Building hope in “hopeless” situations (2 part) Engaging media in suicide prevention
Brian Mishara, Befrienders Worldwide, Canada *Liuba Ceban, Suicide Prevention Lifeline,*
Moldova
Suicide prevention in communities
Valija Šap, Tavo laikas, Lithuania
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 17:30 Plenary
Stranger on the bridge
Jonny Benjamin and Neil Laybourn, United Kingdom
- 18:00 Free time

Sunday 17th June

- 09:30 – 11:00 Workshops
Dedicated support for regular callers Using co-creation to inform new service
Solveiga Utkevičienė and Vaida Žliobaitė, Youth development
Line, Lithuania *Charlotte Simms and Tyler Mcgee,*
Samaritans, UK

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Plenary

Role of politicians in suicide prevention

Mykolas Majauskas, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

Don't be Afraid to Talk

Andrius Mamontovas, musician, Lithuania

Closing of the conference

Paulius Skruibis, Representative of the Organisation Team, Lithuania

Martin Taylor, Chairman of Befrienders Worldwide, United Kingdom

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch