

DEATH SALON™



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The **DEATH SALON** is inspired by the spirit of the eighteenth-century French salon, a gathering that traditionally brought people together for cultural exchange and lively discussion around art, philosophy, and literature.

The **DEATH SALON** reimagines this tradition as a space to share, listen and bear witness to experiences of death, dying and grief, while exploring how creativity can transform and bring renewal

"Wonderful contributions. Very moving - real and lived experience, without traumatising the audience!"



Luna Arts will curate an informal gathering featuring talks and presentations by 2–3 local creatives. Each guest will share how their creative process helped them process, transform and find renewal in their relationship with mortality and grief.

Through visual presentations and personal stories, they will share their creative journeys, exploring how creativity can transform our relationship with death, loss and grief.

The **DEATH SALON** is curated by **Wendy Pye** (Luna Arts) and hosted by celebrant **Jess May**

DEATH SALON was previewed at Fabrica, Brighton in March 2025 & March 2026 - both events sold out.

Speakers included

Erica Buist (Writer)
Zara Slattery (Comic Artist)
Carrie Stanley (Visual Artist)
Susan Thomson (Filmmaker & Writer)
Ruth Toda-Nation (Photographer)



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*"It was warm, immersive, theatrical.
I felt a sense of belonging"*

*Empty Shrouded Vessel for Remembrance
designed by Dagmara Rudkin (Sacred Wings)*

The **DEATH SALON** will also include an **empty, shrouded vessel for remembrance** - designed by textile artist & shroud designer Dagmara Rudkin (Sacred Wings). It serves as both a focal point for reflection and remembrance and a quiet challenge to traditional values surrounding death.

The event will be hosted by **celebrant - Jess May**, who will hold an intimate and supportive space for ritual, reflection and connection with the audience.

About Luna Arts

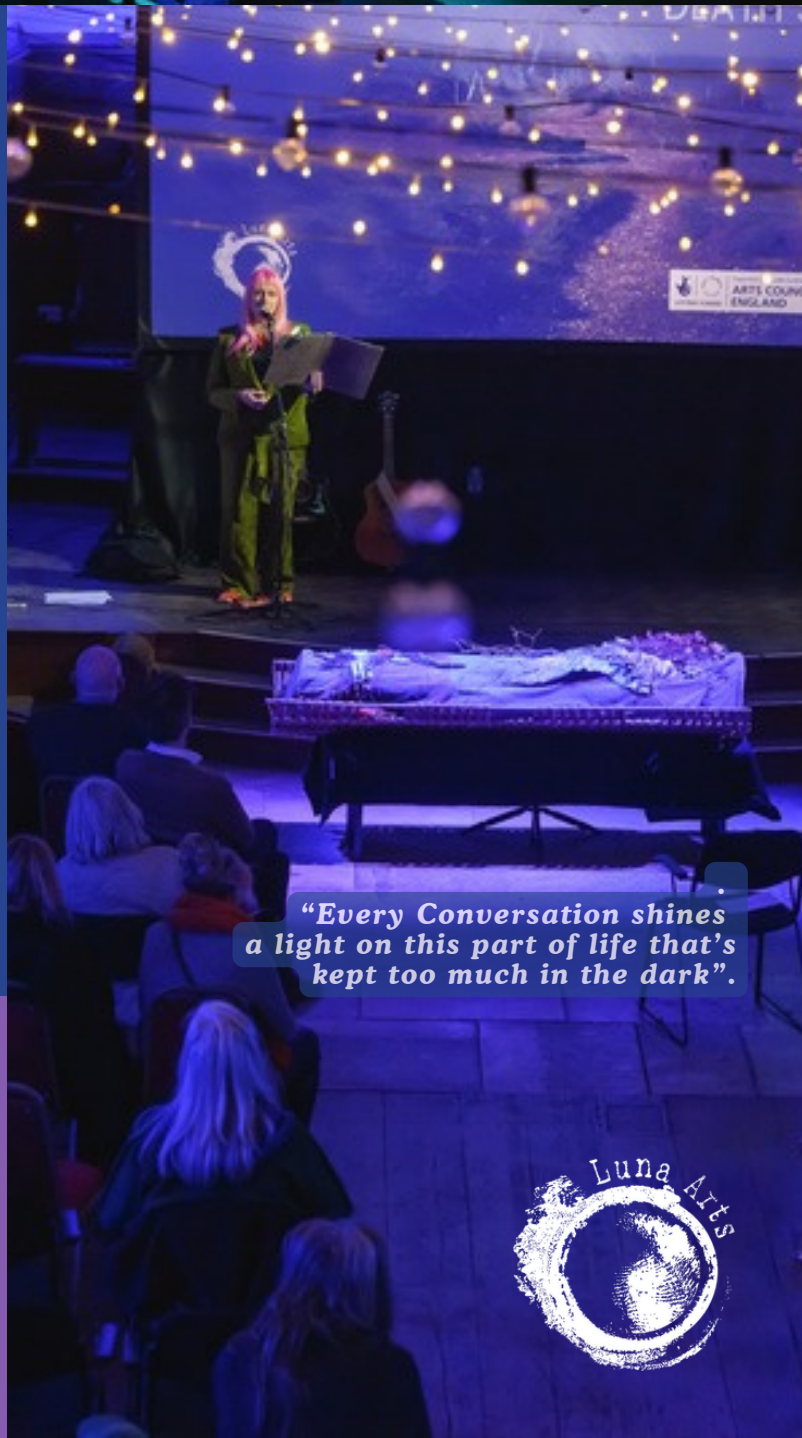
Luna Arts was founded by Wendy Pye and Dagmara Rudkin. They design and deliver creative workshops and projects that support wellbeing, connection and belonging. They create safe, reflective spaces where people can explore themes including identity, loneliness, mental health, mortality and grief.

In 2025, Luna Arts received an Arts Council England Project Grant to develop workshops and projects that support open conversations about mortality and grief, working with communities, hospices, festivals and arts education organisations.

The **DEATH SALON** can be flexible to suit your venue's technical needs, audience, and budget. We have a number of community workshops -that can run alongside the **DEATH SALON** as required.

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*"Every Conversation shines
a light on this part of life that's
kept too much in the dark".*

