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Philosophical voice to euthanasia debate

Despite the defeat of the 'Dying with Dignity' Bill in the Tasmanian parliament last week, voluntary euthanasia remains an issue of ethical, social and political relevance to all Tasmanians.

The question "Should Voluntary Euthanasia be Legalised?" will be discussed in depth at a public debate this week at the UTAS campus, Launceston.

Sponsored by the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics (CAPE), an initiative of the UTAS School of Philosophy, this free public debate brings together interstate and local speakers with a broad range of academic expertise as well as practical experience in dealing with the topic.

The debate is designed to provide the opportunity for the broader Tasmanian community to hear a range of arguments for and against the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia, as well as a forum in which to discuss associated issues.

The debate is part of the Centre's outreach programme, the primary mission of which is to extend the reach of philosophical inquiry, engagement and activity and to help build stronger collaborative relations between the University and the communities in which it is placed.

All are welcome at the free public debate.

What: Debate concerning voluntary euthanasia

When: Thursday 12 November 7pm

Where: Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, University of Tasmania, Newnham, Launceston

Who: Dr Leila Toiviainen, Nurse and Lecturer, UTAS School of Philosophy

Dr Gerry McGushin, Doctor, Calvary Hospital

Dr Robert Young, Author, Ethicist and Philosopher

Mr Bill Godfrey Member, Exit International and Dying with Dignity

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