SCA IPHM Accredited Spiritual Funeral Celebrant and Memorial Training Course Structure & Itinerary

**Days One Two & Three with OneSpirit Minister: Civil Funeral Celebrant: CEO of Association Independent Celebrants**

 **Grace Jevons**

**Your training is a unique combination of Civil Funeral Celebrant training and Spiritual Ceremonial work. We begin your week ahead with your Civil Celebrant foundational training. This will take place over three days.**

**Day One:**

**Understanding the Four Elements of Nature for Ceremonial Purposes:**

The essential core of your work as a spiritual Funeral Celebrant is with the four elements of nature, Air, Fire, Water and Earth. We shall begin and end each day of your training with ‘calling in’ the four elements, with each element having its own unique etheric qualities, this will be a free flowing ritual each day and will deepen your connection with ceremony and with yourself, as a Spiritual Celebrant.

**Introduction to Understanding bereavement and Grief**:

**Different types of Funeral Ceremonies**: Green funerals, Burials, Memorials, Cremations

**Venues**: Indoor - layout, health and safety

Outdoor – noise, use of technology, weather

**Client Care:**

Elderly

Children

Guests with disabilities

Sensitivity of differing beliefs at a spiritual ceremony

Fractured families

**The initial phone call**

Preparation for call

Listening skills

Note taking

**The consultation**

Questioning skills

Listening skills

Note taking

Dealing with issues that may arise

**DAY TWO: THE CEREMONY**

Order of ceremony

Spontaneous

Structured

Wording

Writing skills

**Music, Poetry and Readings**

Where to include music, poetry and readings in the ceremony

Who operates / downloads music

Poetry / Readings – choosing poetry or readings, how to read poetry

**Rituals**

Different types of rituals

Health and safety

Guest participation

Setting up the space

**Movement**

Situational awareness

Health and safety

Ceremonial flow

**Guests**

Awareness of guest comfort level

Support for families at the ceremony

Children attending funeral

**Dealing With Funerals in Difficult Circumstances**

Baby / Child funerals

Young people

Suicide

Accidental / Traumatic deaths

Fractured families

**DAY THREE: HOW TO CONDUCT A FUNERAL CEREMONY**

Setting up ceremony space

Skills for delivering ceremonies.

Scripted and Unscripted

**AFTER THE CEREMONY**

Support for the family

Self-Care

Memorials

Interring of Ashes

**Transition into Grief Ceremonial Work with Priestess Dawn Kinsella**

**7pm on Day Three**

**Sacred sounds of the Temple: Honouring the Beloved Dead**: An evening ceremonial sound bath session to honour the Beloved Dead with Temple Priestess Dawn Kinsella. This will prepare you for the deepening of the training that will happen over the following days. From day four you will explore the vocation of the Spiritual Funeral Celebrant. Due to the intense nature of the remaining days ahead there will be morning sharing circles.

**DAY FOUR: THE PASSING OVER CEREMONY**

Traditionally a precursor ceremony to the funeral, the Passing Over Ceremony,

can also be a memorial ceremony, or even a one to one

healing ceremonial session for someone who is struggling with grief

**Day Includes:**

An Introduction to Soul Midwifery

An Introduction to the Bardos belief system

Client Consultation

Your kit list

Setting up sacred space

The ceremonial rituals of the four elements

How to conduct the Passing Over Ceremony

Learning and practice the hypnotic meditation journey

After care and contraindications

**DAY FIVE: PRACTICAL**

Working with the four elements of nature for the eulogy

Working with the four elements of nature in funeral services

Preparing ceremonial space on the land for outdoor services

How to conduct a spiritual funeral service (demonstration and practice)

How Spiritual Funeral Services work in Crematoriums

**DAY SIX: DEEPENING YOUR VOCATION**

**"Embracing the Sacred Journey of Honouring Spirit Babies’’ With Grace Jevons**

**Sacred Grief Ceremony for Mothers & Parents: Including**

Sacred Anointing Oil Blending

Closing the Bones Ceremony

Tibetan bowl body work

Sacred Drumming

Holding Silent Space with your Client

Close of Ceremony

**DAY SEVEN: The Samhain Death Road Ceremony & HOW TO SET UP A DEATH CAFE**

**Day Includes:**

How to conduct the Samhain Death Road Ceremony for Community:

Why host Death Cafes and how can they be beneficial for the community and to your Funeral Celebrant business?

What do you need to do to host a Death Cafe

Practice setting up and hosting a Death Café

**Certificate Presentation Award and Celebration**