Interview Eva Buelens & Lindsy Desmet

Eva Buelens and Lindsy Desmet are passionate researchers with a warm heart for patients and care. They have been working together for years at the University of Leuven and are strongly connected to each other. Both are PhD researchers who have made a significant contribution to the field of spiritual care. Eva Buelens and Lindsy Desmet have conducted extensive research on the impact of chaplaincy in healthcare institutions in ways that have integrity yet are also deeply spiritual. The focus throughout is that chaplaincy should not feel like care practices and the narrative nature of chaplaincy with the rigors of research are combined. Their research projects focus on the impact of spiritual care on patients and their families in healthcare institutions, and they are committed to bringing this to the table.

Their research focuses on the importance of spiritual care and how it can be integrated into healthcare. They have conducted comprehensive studies on the role of chaplaincy in helping patients and their families navigate the challenges of healthcare, including dealing with chronic illness, end-of-life care, and the emotional impact of hospitalization. Their research has been published in several high-impact journals and has received widespread recognition.

Eva Buelens and Lindsy Desmet are recognized as experts in the field of spiritual care and have contributed significantly to the advancement of chaplaincy research. Their work has helped to highlight the importance of spiritual care in healthcare and has provided a platform for further exploration of the role of chaplaincy in contemporary care settings.

Their research has been supported by various funding agencies, and they have been invited to speak at numerous conferences and events. They are committed to sharing their knowledge and insights with the broader community and are dedicated to advancing the field of spiritual care through their research and advocacy efforts.

Interview with Joost Verhoef

Joost Verhoef is a new staff member at ERICH. He succeeds Lindsy Desmet as coordinator of ERICH. Joost has a background in chaplaincy research and has worked for two years in a rehabilitation and elderly care facility. He has a PhD thesis on the theme of care practices and the narrative nature of chaplaincy with the rigors of research. Joost is looking forward to contributing to the work of ERICH and is excited to collaborate with colleagues in the field of chaplaincy research.

New News

Chaplaincy and the Soul of Health and Spirit Care: Fostering collaboration and providing support for chaplains to provide spiritual care in healthcare settings. This initiative helps to ensure that chaplains are able to offer spiritual care in a professional and meaningful way.

New Staff Members

Since February of this year Joost Verhoef works for ERICH as the coordinator of ERICH. He succeeds Lindsy Desmet as coordinator of ERICH. His role is to support and coordinate the activities of ERICH, including organizing events and facilitating collaborations among professional associations for chaplains in Europe.

New Date for 16th Consultation of the ENHCC

The next consultation, which was planned for May 12-14, 2021 due to the Coronavirus crisis, is now scheduled for the thirteenth Consultation of the ENHCC (Network of Health Care Chaplaincy) will take place from May 12-14, 2021. The Consultation is intended to bring together representatives of European professional associations for chaplains and representatives of healthcare organizations to discuss matters of common interest guided by a program established by the Network. The Consultation provides an opportunity for networking and exchange of knowledge and ideas.