

To Cause a Death

Kelly Connor

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Thirty-three years ago Kelly Connor was a carefree 17-year-old with her life ahead of her. One sunny morning in Perth, Australia, she borrowed her father's car to travel to work, having recently passed her driving test. But this very ordinary trip was soon to be marred by horror. Driving on a clear road, Kelly knocked down and killed an elderly pedestrian. Although she avoided convictions of manslaughter and reckless driving, the incident was to have a powerful impact on her life. Kelly soon discovered that family and friends did not want to talk about what had happened, while she, in contrast, began to be haunted by the event. So began a cycle of profound inner experiences, and outer life changes.

'To Cause a Death' is the remarkable true story of the aftermath of an accidental killing, told from the point of view of the person who caused the accident. It traces Kelly Connor's life from the depths of despair, sojourns in mental hospitals and a failed suicide attempt, to a path of personal and spiritual development. It shows how the passage of the author's life has allowed her to come to some comprehension of the tragic accident of her youth.

Kelly Connor is the author of the ground-breaking book 'To Cause a Death,' which has received much acclaim in the British media. As well as being sought after for media interviews, Kelly has been invited to speak at schools, colleges, seminars, public functions, and, an executive board-meeting of a major international company, EDF Energy. Kelly has also written a solo drama based on her book, which she performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2004, and which she continues to perform at venues around Britain. She will perform this thought provoking and moving play at UH and discuss the aftermath of causing a death with the workshop participants.

The workshop will be held between 14:00 and 16:30 at the Hatfield Campus of the University of Hertfordshire. Light refreshments will be provided, but not lunch.

The cost of the workshop is as follows:

- UH Psychology staff and students; current Module Organisers, Clinical Supervisors and Clinical Associate Tutors of UH Trainees: **Free**
- All other participants (NB: Mental Health Professionals only): **£35**

On receipt of your application form and payment (cheque), a confirmation letter will be sent to you together with a venue map. For an application form, or if you would like any more information on the day, please contact Ms Jean Thomas, Course Administrator, or Dr Pieter W Nel, Academic Tutor, at 01707-286322.