



Vicki is an OU regional Social Work academic. Following the sudden and unexpected death of her daughter in March 2016, Vicki has become interested in 'active grief': activities that don't make your grief heavier and can help with finding a new way of living with hope following a loss. Some of Vicki's active grief strategies have include developing learning resources around end-of-life experiences, organ donation and the grief that follows.

Vicki is the founding Trustee of [FEES Fund](#) an education charity set up in memory of Fiona Braidwood awarding grants so young people can take part in enrichment activities. Vicki has shared her experience of organ donation in support of NHSBT 'Leave Them Certain': a public awareness campaign.

The recent law changes to opt out in most parts of the UK means families remain at the centre of the organ donation decision-making process. Families are now approached to support organ donation if no objection decision has previously been registered.

Vicki is a member of the Open Thanatology research group, North Bristol organ donation committee and an active member of NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) 'National Donor Families advisory group'. Vicki's interest in organ donation and transplant services remains focused on ensuring donor families have a strong voice within research, policy development and shaping service improvements in both end-of-life hospital care and bereavement aftercare support.