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Education and culture

## **Panel discussion "What is important at the end" - A look at dying, death and mourning**

### **Expert discussion as part of the event series "Between departure and farewell" // 29 October at LernWerk**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 29 October at 7:30 pm, the Bocholt-Rhede-Isselburg Adult Education Centre (VHS) will be bringing together experts from various disciplines for a panel discussion on the topic of "What is important in the end". The venue is the LernWerk Bocholt, Industriestr. 1.

"It is important to enjoy life - but death must not be ignored, because then it will overtake us." With this in mind, the VHS invites you to a special evening of dialogue. Dying, death and mourning are topics that people are reluctant to talk about - and yet they affect everyone.

Five experts who are repeatedly confronted with the topic of death in their daily work will provide insights into their fields of work, share their experiences and include medical, ethical, legal and spiritual aspects. The panel includes the specialist for internal medicine and palliative medicine Iris Lehmbruck, pastor Rafael van Straelen, the pain therapist and palliative physician Dr Benedikt Matenaer, the sociologist and medical psychologist PD Dr Melanie Neumann and the director of the Edith Stein Hospice Lukas Tekampe. Michael Ridder, seminar leader at the Centre for Practical Teacher Training (ZfsL) in Münster, will moderate the event and bring together the different fields of work for the participants.

The evening will open up new perspectives and offer space for exchange, personal reflection and collective thinking. All interested parties who would like to engage with the topics - whether for personal reasons or simply out of a desire to understand more - are cordially invited. The visit is free of charge.

Please register and reserve a place at [www.vhs-bocholt.de](https://www.vhs-bocholt.de). Remaining places will be allocated on the evening.



*The LernWerk in Industriestraße*

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