

PROFESSIONAL *development*

Changes to the NAFD Education team



▲ Angela Allen

Since December, the NAFD has seen the arrival of two new members of the Education team - Karen Burton as Education Administrator and Karen Vanstone as Education Manager, following the departure of Angela Allen - who is to set up her own consultancy after more than a decade with the Association.

Immediate Past President Alison Crake, who worked closely with Angela for many years in her role as Chair of the Board of Education, said: "I first met Angela in 2010,

when I joined the Committee for Professional Development (now known as the Board of Education). We have worked closely since then and I have always been impressed by not only her dedication to her role, but also her dedication to the funeral profession as a whole.

"We have worked together on a number of projects over the years, during which Angela has always strived to develop positive and collaborative relationships with the NAFD membership and other kindred professions. Angela was of great support to me personally, particularly throughout my presidential year, so I was delighted when she agreed to be my chief steward for Conference 2018.

"Angela was a key contributor to the success of Conference and, for that and for her friendship and support over the years, I am very grateful. Myself and all my colleagues on the Board of Education wish Angela all the very best in her future ventures."

Alison's warm wishes and thanks to Angela are echoed by the whole NAFD team. Angela will continue to support the Association during the transition and, in the March edition of *Funeral Director Monthly*, there will be profiles of both Karen Burton and Karen Vanstone to introduce them to NAFD members.

NAFD Qualifications - exam registration goes live online

Registered students of NAFD qualifications can now book themselves to sit the examinations for their chosen qualification using a dedicated online page. Exam registrations should be authorised by the student's NAFD approved tutor prior to registration, and each student will receive communication of the date and time of their exam within six weeks of registration, giving them plenty of time to prepare.

The National Association of Funeral Directors is proud to offer a wide range of educational programmes enabling funeral directors to excel in their chosen profession. Designed to expand the knowledge of funeral sector employees, and inspire excellence in their work to care for bereaved families and those that have died, the NAFD offers a range of funeral service qualifications. Our two respected Diploma courses provide comprehensive training for funeral service professionals and are considered the 'gold standard' qualifications for the sector.

To book your examination, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nafd-exam-registration-march-2019-tickets-54640088977>

Each year the NAFD hosts a special event to celebrate successful students' achievements amongst family, employers and colleagues. The 2019 day of celebration will take place on Saturday 30 November at a venue in the Midlands. During the course of the day, various individual and group photographs will be taken and, after the event, a special feature will be published in *Funeral Director Monthly*.

For further information

Should you have any questions or require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Burton, NAFD Education Administrator on 0121 711 1343 ext 1010 or email karen@nafd.org.uk

