

#UniteInMemory with Marie Curie

More than two million people have been bereaved since the UK lockdown began, whether as a result of coronavirus or another cause. Many children and young people may be experiencing grief for the first time.

In times of grief and loss, having your friends and family around you is a huge source of comfort. But right now, even the smallest of gestures, like giving someone a hug, is impossible.

We need a time together to reflect on our collective sense of loss, and to remember and celebrate the lives of the people who've died, as we begin to heal from the trauma of this global crisis. And it's vital for everyone that their experiences aren't ignored or forgotten.

That's why Marie Curie is calling for the UK Government to recognise this tragic loss with a **National Day to Unite in Memory** on 23 March 2021, the first anniversary of the start of the UK lockdowns.

[Tyrone Lewis "Everybody hates Grief" video OR <https://youtu.be/HNBTcJKCdNo>]

Probus Clubs are known for bringing people together, supporting each other and our community. I'm sure many of us will be happy to support this call for a national day of reflection. As a nation, we've faced a massive challenge, and for many having time to pause, reflect, grieve and celebrate their loved ones has not been possible. You are invited to support Marie Curie's campaign to #UniteInMemory of all those who've died during the pandemic, whether from coronavirus or another cause.

How can Probus members get involved?

There are several ways to show your support, from signing Marie Curie's petition for a national day, to taking time to reflect on the day itself.

[Sign the petition today](https://e-activist.com/page/60075/petition/1) (<https://e-activist.com/page/60075/petition/1>)

Find out more on how to get involved on Marie Curie's [National Day webpage](https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/policy/campaigns/day-to-reflect) (<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/policy/campaigns/day-to-reflect>)

To request a Marie Curie Speaker, or connect with your local community fundraiser, please email cga@mariecurie.org.uk