

《“死亡咖啡馆”助你直面死亡》

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Death Cafe set to open in London to 'help people engage with dying'

Tea and sympathy traditionally accompany bereavement but soon you could also have cake, cheese toasties and frankness about mortality.

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London looks set to host a permanent "Death Cafe", a coffee shop where people can go to talk about one of life's most awkward subjects - dying.

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Since the Death Cafe movement started in 2011 more than 2,000 popup cafes have sprung up across the world, with the majority opening in this country.

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But now the movement's founder wants to open a permanent Death Cafe in the British capital and next month will offer shares in it at £50 a go.

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The permanent Death Café will run as a non-profit Community Benefit Society owned and managed by those who support it.

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Funeral advisor and Death Cafe founder Jon Underwood says the aim of the movement is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives."

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Death Cafes are not intended to be bereavement support groups or morbid places. They are simply environments where mentioning death and the deceased or fears about personal mortality and means of dying are openly welcomed and not unsaid, sanitised or ignored.

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