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## Conference puts hospice on map

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North Devon Hospice hosted its first ever international two-day conference with speakers, performers and artists at The Plough Arts Centre in Torrington.

The conference ways of breaking down boundaries between health professionals and patients, medicine and other approaches, between the human being and the professional mask, and between art and science.

Health professionals from across the UK attended the conference as well as hospice staff, volunteers, patients and carers.

Dr Michael Kearney, a speaker at the conference from the United States and a renowned palliative care specialist, said: "I thought the conference was wonderful and really want to congratulate the hospice on hosting a truly creative and healing event."

Among the performers was musician Billy Bragg, who performed the hit song, We Laughed with cancer sufferer Maxine Edgington.

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