

## **The Future of the EU and Europe**

Raymond Williams Foundation (RWF) residential at Wortley Hall,

Fri-Sun 15-17 April 2016

### **Provisional Programme**

This residential will broadly follow the pattern of recent RW events at WHall and elsewhere. Hence we aim to be flexible, expecting 45 participants (2 or 3 part-time) which will enable five choices for discussion/seminar sessions in groups of up to ten. This programme will remain provisional, open to some minor modifications.

A *facilitator* ‘...contributes structure and process to help take the discussion forward...’.

We have a line-up of experienced *facilitators* for the discussion circles/seminars/workshops (WEA, OU and other university lecturers/tutors; poet and authors; PiPs facilitator/s...)

### **Fri 15 April**

14.00 onwards Arrival and registration. Book sales, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand and new from late afternoon on...

Given home/work commitments and Friday travel difficulties some may not arrive until 18.30.. hopefully in time for dinner. Hence, use of the term 'warm up ... sessions'. It helps if you can give some idea in advance of your likely arrival time.

16.00 Tea and biscuits

17.00 Welcome: Introductions, and review of programme plans.

17.15 Warm-up discussion sessions: i) **Cultural issues – poetry and performance; Keywords – reviewing the project with workshop preparation; Radical informal education across Europe – take PiPs methodologies for example...; Displacing Neoliberalism – DiEM25...;**

18.30 Dinner

19.45 **Raymond Williams’ Resources of Hope: From radical compensation to ecosocialist emancipation.**

*How Williams’ thought can be renewed to strengthen challenges to Neoliberalism, with special reference to the EU debate*

Dudley Pretty Memorial **Key-note Lecture** by **Derek Wall**, Economist, Writer & International Co-ordinator of the Green Party

21.15 **Bar**

followed by the option of **Music and Poetry**

## Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April

08.30 Breakfast

09.30 Discussions and workshops: i) **Further discussion on the Key-note Lecture Migrant communities – the European challenge;** ii) **Feminist issues;** iii) **KW workshop ‘Ecology’ and ‘Socialism’** v) **Transnational TU collaboration**

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Discussions and workshops: **Two earlier sessions, as above, repeated;** iii) **Extending digital democracy;** iv) **Nations, nationalism and regionalism;** v) **Co-operatives working**

13.00 Lunch

14.00 RWF AGM (for one hour) or Free time....

16.00 Tea

16.45 Plenary session: **Forum** with speakers (no more than 5 minutes each) from participants on the weekend giving the case for **‘In’ and ‘Out’ including a review of DiEM25.**

18.30 Dinner

19.45 Discussion i) and maybe ii) **YouTube viewings (no more than 10 minutes each): selected from Varoufakis; Corbyn; Chomsky; Stiglitz; German Greens... ;** iii) iv) v) **Earlier sessions, as above, repeated.**

21.15 **Bar,**

followed by optional: **Singing Together**

## Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April

08.30 Breakfast

09.30 Discussions and workshops: i) ii) iii) & iv) bringing together **Three big themes** from earlier sessions, selected on a show of hands; v) **KW workshop on ‘Representative’.**

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 **Plenary Panel for Review** including suggestions for follow-through ...

12.15 **What Next?**

12.50 Soup and sandwich lunch, and heading home...

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Suggested reading, viewing or listening : any books, web references and broadcasts mentioned, or relevant to, above; Raymond Williams **Keywords** (1976 and 1983) **New Keywords** (Ed by Tony Bennett .... 2005)

More recommended books as in notes provided... Visit [www.opendemocracy.net](http://www.opendemocracy.net) for latest articles on a number of central issues.

Keep up-to-date with notes posted on RWF web-site. Advance preparation - by all - for discussion sessions is, we know from experience, hugely helpful, assisting avoidance of waffle and repetition.

*Facilitors* for sessions may not be 'experts', and may facilitate discussions for which others have prepared notes. We hope obviously that expert opinion will have been consulted by participants beforehand. If you have a lap-tap or i-pad/tablet/phone with you at WH these may be useful during some above sessions. Please bring your guitar, mouthorgan, Sax or whatever if you are able to contribute to the social late evening music sessions.

For newcomers - if you are nervous or sceptical about any of the above, fearing confusion and chaos... it is suggested you look at the evaluations on earlier similar residential on the RWF website...

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