



## The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Raymond Williams residential at stunning Wortley Hall, near Sheffield

8 May - 10 May 2013 only £95.00

**Our Theme : *Democracy – and the Future of Political Parties***

This special anniversary mid-week residential will follow the pattern of successful previous discussion-based events.

There will be three features connecting back with the 23 years of weekends run at the Wedgwood Memorial College Barlaston –

- i) **Key-note Wednesday evening lecture on the title theme**, given by **Chad Goodwin**, Chair of *Thomas Paine Society*, long-time WEA tutor and RWF Trustee.
- ii) **Thursday evening plenary session: *RW – his relevance today and tomorrow....***  
This will include several BBC TV film extracts, and testimonies with readings selected from submissions by participants and RWF/RWS members.
- iii) There will be opportunity to see, review and discuss **a draft illustrated booklet on the 25 year record** of RW residentials with memories and notes, for example, on key-note lecturers and participants: eg Christopher Hill, Graham Martin, Joy Williams, Stuart Hall, Raphael Samuel, Terry Eagleton, Anthony Barnett, Roy Hattersley, Merryn Williams etc...

**Themes for discussion in small groups** may include:

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| <p><b>Democracy and Representatives</b><br/> <b>The future of party politics and Parliament</b><br/> <b>Tolstoy, Chomsky and the anarchist tradition</b><br/> <b>Re-viewing <i>Borgen</i></b><br/> <b><i>The Volunteers</i>, RW's early critique of parliamentary politics</b></p> | <p><b>Direct democracy in Ancient Greece</b><br/> <b>GDH Cole - participatory democracy</b><br/> <b><i>Avaaz &amp; 38 Degrees</i></b><br/> <b>Scotland – independence &amp; devolution</b></p> |
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Other sessions will be based on ***RW's Politics and Letters*** (1979) "...a remarkable portrait of one of the most original thinkers in the West"

The special fee, subsidized by educational charities: **£95 pp**, includes en suite bedroom, all meals, refreshments and sessions. Non-residents welcome.

Deposit: **£30**, with balance payable three weeks in advance. All payable by Paypal at [www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk](http://www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk) or post. (Application form attached/on web-site). Any queries or further information - phone 01538 370067 or e-mail: [info@raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk)