

Scandinavian Politics and Culture

Raymond Williams Foundation (RWF) residential at Wortley Hall, 22-24th November 2013

Provisional Programme

This residential will broadly follow the pattern of recent RW residentials at WHall and elsewhere. Hence we aim to be flexible, expecting 45 participants in total (2 or 3 part-time) which will enable up to five choices for discussion/seminar sessions.

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/groups/seminars (WEA, OU and other university lecturers/tutors; TV documentary presenter; former MP/MEP; poet and authors; PiPs facilitator/s...). Also, **Dr Kristin Ewins**, Director of the Centre of Academic Development, Orebro University will assist, participating and answering questions in at least one of the Saturday discussion sessions.

Fri 22nd November

14.00 onwards Arrival and registration.

16.00 Tea and biscuits

17.00 Welcome: Introductions, and review of programme plans.

17.15 Warm-up discussion sessions: i) **Munch's *The Scream*** (based on IoT broadcast) ii) **Three Scandinavian Poems** (in translation); iii) **Kierkegaard** (based on IoT broadcasts) – a PiPs session; iv) **The Atom Station** – novel by Hildor Laxness, Icelandic Nobel Laureate; v) RW's **Open Letter to WEA Tutors** - revisited

18.15 Bar

18.30 Dinner

19.45 **Nordic Horizons - welfare, co-operation and green growth**
Dudley Pretty Memorial Key-note Lecture by **Lesley Riddoch**

Award winning journalist, commentator and broadcaster. Books include *Blossom* (2013) see review here: <http://www.productmagazine.co.uk/index.php/books/>
broadcasting includes presentation of *The People's Parliament* (Channel 4); work with African women journalists creating a webpaper *Africawoman*, for which Lesley received an Honorary Doctorate from Glasgow Caledonian University.
Lecture followed by plenary questions, comments and discussion.

21.15 **Bar** or optional viewing of an episode from **Borgen**

Sat 23 November

08.30 Breakfast

09.30 Discussions and workshops: i) Further discussion on **Nordic Horizons lecture** ii) Three RW **Keywords: Folk, Nationalist and Management**; iii) **Markets - take IKEA** for example; iv) **Folk High Schools or People's Colleges** v) **Borgen** and the **Norse** crime fiction phenomenon

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Discussions and workshops: Three earlier sessions repeated
iv) **Markets - Nordic Co-operatives;**

13.00 Lunch (RWS AGM)

14.15 **A Short Counter-Revolution - 'Towards 2000' revisited.**

The Raymond Williams Society (RWS) Annual Lecture by **Jim McGuigan**
Professor of Cultural Analysis, Loughborough University; books include *Cultural Analysis*
(2009) and *Raymond Williams on Culture and Society* will be published before November.

16.00 Tea

16.30 Free time...

18.30 Dinner

19.45 Discussions and workshops: i) Further discussion on **Towards 2000 revisited;**
Two earlier sessions repeated iv) **RW's Open Letter to WEA Tutors** - debated and up-
dated...with summary and commentary on RW residentials, to be published 2014 ...

21.15 **Bar, with social evening** - folk singer and Woody Guthrie's freedom songs.

Sun 24th November

08.30 Breakfast

09.30 Discussions and workshops: **Three big themes** from earlier sessions, selected on a
show of hands

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Discussions and workshops: As 09.30, plus maybe **another big theme** from earlier
sessions, selected on a show of hands.

12.30 Forum: **Review, and 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); Mary Hilson **The Nordic Model** (2008) More
recommended books as in notes... Visit www.opendemocracy.net for latest articles on central
issues.

Keep up-to-date with notes posted on RWF web-site. Advance preparation of focused notes -
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.

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 residentials on the RWF website... www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk

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