

Raymond Williams Foundation 30th Annual Weekend

The Long Revolution Today - Education, Culture and Politics for All

The Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
Friday– Saturday/Sunday 18-20 May
2018,



Thirty years after **Raymond Williams'** death, the **Raymond Williams Foundation** (RWF) invites people for a weekend of discussion about how we can loosen the stranglehold the elite still largely retains on our educational, political and cultural life. Bringing together a wonderful line-up of speakers and the chance for collective participatory discussion, the aim is to generate ideas and proposals and help navigate ways ahead.

The **mission** of the Raymond Williams Foundation is to support 'an educated and participating democracy'. This weekend will build on a three-decade-long tradition of the RWF convening a mix of people-centred discussions and progressive forms of participatory action on the ground.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (there may be minor changes. Please visit the RWF website, as below, where the programme details will be kept up-to-date)

Friday 18 May

6pm Dinner

7-9pm 'A New Politics from the Left' by Hilary Wainwright - book-launch event. Including short introductory talk by Hilary on how this new book draws on Raymond Williams' work to engage with contemporary developments. Event will also feature 2-3 other speakers and include small group participatory discussion and Q&A. Event jointly organised by: the Raymond Williams Foundation, Polity Press and Momentum Liverpool.

9.00pm Singing Together with poetry and song - theme **Peace**

Saturday 19 May:

8.45am RWF AGM

9.45am Welcome and outline of the day

10am Session 1: What should *education for all* mean today? Introduced by Sharon Clancy and featuring contributions from guest speakers: Sarah Amsler and Nick Stevenson (University of Nottingham) and Colin Waugh (Independent Working Class Educational Network). Followed by group discussions.

11.30am Coffee

12pm What should *education for all* mean today? (continued...)

1pm Lunch

2pm Session 2: What should *culture for all* mean today? Introduced by Nick Mahony and featuring contributions from guest speakers: Clara Paillard (President, Culture section, PCS Union), Gary Anderson (Free University of Liverpool and Liverpool Hope University) and Tony Crowley (University of Leeds). Followed by group discussions. **3.30 pm** Tea and biscuits **3.45pm Final plenary discussion** Featuring speakers from the day and geared to collectively identifying key issues and ways ahead.

4.30pm Break / free time

5.30pm Dudley Pretty Annual Memorial Lecture: John Holford (University of Nottingham)

6.30pm Dinner

Sunday 20 May: (Optional)

10am Walking tour with Tony Crowley: 'Scouse - exploring the dialect and language'

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Residential fee: £85.00 all-in for the full Fri-Sat 24+hours, 4.00pm to 7.00+pm, Fri/Sat 18-19th May, 2018. Extraordinary value, for this outstanding venue and educational experience!

Residential package includes: Friday's evening meal and event, then on Saturday breakfast, all-day-event, lunch, tea/coffee and dinner.

Participants may book to stay the Saturday night too, also at a special fee rate, arriving from Friday morning onwards and departing any time up to late afternoon, Sunday. This flexibility is another Adelphi advantage (see RWF website for details)

Some RWF assisted reduced rates will be available for: those in receipt of benefits; anyone on low income and deterred by full-fee payment; especially, students and young people (16-24 years of age). Recipients pay **only £30 pp for the full weekend**, as above or **£5 for non-residential. Must be agreed in advance** phone **0208 211 3306**.

Booking form and payment details attached or visit RWF website

(www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk) and follow links.

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