



**Raymond Williams
Foundation**
life long learning & democracy for all

100 Years and Beyond: Re-framing Radical Adult Education for the Contemporary World

Friday May 24th to Sunday May 26th 2019 at beautiful Wortley Hall nr Sheffield



Our 2019 annual RWF residential weekend will examine the contemporary status of adult education, through the lens of the Ministry of Reconstruction's seminal 1919 Report on Adult Education.

We will explore emerging alternatives to the educational status quo, which has seen the mass destruction of radical and emancipatory adult education structures and approaches, such as co-operative education and social and political education.

The weekend will feature speakers from different parts of the world of radical adult education past and present - including those with expertise in the history of radical adult education, those involved with contemporary political education initiatives, co-operative and cultural education.

This RWF residential event is running in parallel with work which commenced in 2018 to establish a Commission on Adult Education (Adult Education 100) - led by a steering group comprising the RWF, the University of Nottingham, the WEA, Kellogg College, Oxford and the Co-operative College. The weekend will also provide a chance to hear from some of those involved in this project and discuss its emerging findings and inform its forward-looking agenda.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME – liable to changes

DAY ONE

14.00 onwards Arrival and registration. Book sales, second hand and new.

Participants can arrive any time from 2.00pm onwards.

16.00 Tea and biscuits

17.00 Welcome: Introductions, and review of programme plans.

17.30 Warm-up discussion sessions: 1. Our most worthwhile experiences of education 2. What do we want from life-long education today? ; 3. BREXIT – what education do we need for a more informed democracy; 4. What education do we need to renovate our local communities?

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'.

18.30 DINNER

19.45 INTRO TO 'ADULT EDUCATION 100 CAMPAIGN'. Lead by Cilla Ross, Vice-Principal, Co-op College with contributions from Prof John Holford, Dr Sharon Clancy and Dr Nick Mahony plus discussions sessions

21.15 Bar and Bed... or Music and Poetry informal late night session

DAY TWO

08.30 Breakfast

09-30 Informal, new and emerging forms of adult learning Nick Mahony, Sharon Clancy, Derek Tatton, Cilla Ross

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Keynote: Learning from the Radical Histories of Education in the UK – Colin Waugh, Independent Working Class Adult Education Network. Including Q&A and discussion.

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 15.00 RWF AGM for all members or Free time

16.00 – Tea and Biscuits

16-45 - Keynote: An Overview of Contemporary Adult Education – the challenges and joys of leading a values-led College: Mel Lenehan, Principal of Fircroft College Including short discussion session.

17.45 Plenary and feedback

18.30 DINNER

20.00 – DOUGLAS PETTY MEMORIAL

LECTURE:

Stories, Struggles and Serendipity: making the case for adult learning. SIR ALAN TUCKETT

21.00 - Bar and Bed... or *Music and Poetry informal late night session*

DAY THREE

08.30 Breakfast

9.30 – Adult Education: Recalibrating emancipatory adult education to meet contemporary challenges. Break-out discussion groups on three of the big 'democratic challenges' ahead: Addressing Material and cultural inequalities; Climate change and new technologies; Diversity, inclusion and the fragmentation of work.

12.00 - Closing panel, report back from discussions and plenary.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch and leave for home

FEES

All-in (subsidized) fee – only 135.00pp, includes en suite bedroom, all meals, refreshments and all sessions. **£40pp deposit** with balance payable at least 3 weeks in advance of the event

Non-residents welcome. Fee **£30pp** for the Saturday **£15pp** for Friday or Sunday.

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 **£40 pp** for the full weekend, as above or **£5** for non-residential. Must be agreed in advance phone 01538 300321.

To enrol on this event either fill in the booking form attached with this leaflet or go to www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk and follow the links.

