



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

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

*Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> 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 discussion 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.raymondwilliams.org.uk](http://www.raymondwilliams.org.uk) and follow the links.

