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## **8<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium on Dialogical Practice and Dialogical Philosophising**

### **Philosophy in the Community**

**Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 September 2024**

**Holgate Centre, Grey College, Durham University, Durham, UK**

#### **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

The [Society for the Furtherance of Critical Philosophy](#) (SFCP, UK), [Philosophisch-Politische Akademie](#) (PPA, Germany) and [Gesellschaft für Sokratisches Philosophieren](#) (GSP, Germany) are pleased to announce that our 8<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium on dialogical practice and dialogical philosophising will be held in the historic city of Durham in the UK. The Colloquium will be held in collaboration with Durham University's [Centre for Social Justice and Community Action](#). The event will start with dinner on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and end after lunch on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The cost will be £250 for three nights (12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> September) with all meals included. Subsidised places will be available on application. Additional nights can be booked at Grey College at your own expense.

**Registration will open in March 2024.**

**The theme will be 'philosophy in the community'** and we are now seeking proposals for contributions, which might be workshops, short dialogues, or other types of activities relevant to the theme, including posters. The time slots available will usually be 3 hours, or 1.5 hours, with the possibility of longer dialogues over 2 to 3 time slots.

**The aim of the colloquium** is to create space for dialogue amongst participants, with a focus on group discussion and other collaborative activities. Contributors should aim to maximise opportunities for people to interact together. Numbers will be limited to about 35, and all participants will be expected to stay for the full event, engage actively in the colloquium and have experience of, and a commitment to, dialogical practice.

**If you wish to offer a contribution, please complete this form by Monday 26th February 2024.**

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**If you have any questions** about the colloquium or difficulties with the form, please contact: Sarah Banks, [s.j.banks@durham.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.banks@durham.ac.uk)

#### **About the theme**

Doing philosophy outside the academy is increasingly popular – in pubs, workplaces, prisons, youth clubs, neighbourhood centres and outdoor settings. Often the aim is to engage people from a range of age groups and diverse backgrounds in collaborative, critical dialogue. 'Communities' may comprise people who live near each other, and/or people who share other common interests and identities. Questions we may address during the Colloquium include:

1. What are some of the benefits and challenges of engaging people in community philosophising?
2. How do we reach people who would not normally think of doing philosophy, and how do we facilitate groups of people from diverse economic, cultural and religious backgrounds?
3. What is the potential of dialogical philosophising for healing conflict, inspiring collective action for change and empowering groups and individuals?

We are interested in offers of a variety of contributions that respond to these questions and are relevant to the theme of 'Philosophy in the Community'. Contributions may range from discussions of your practice and examples of how you have worked with new methods and challenges, to Socratic Dialogues, philosophy cafes, use of Feldenkrais movement techniques or drama workshops.

### **About Durham**

[Durham](#) is a small historic cathedral city with a castle and river setting. [Grey College](#) is about 20 minutes walk from the centre. Conference participants will have free access to the Botanic Garden just behind the college and lovely walks through woods and along the river. Guided tours of cathedral and castle and evensong at the cathedral would be available.

Durham is three hours by direct train from London Kings Cross station, just across the road from the Eurostar terminal at St Pancras station. Nearest airports are Newcastle (metro to Newcastle station and train to Durham) and Tees Valley (bus/taxi to Darlington and train to Durham). There are direct flights with Lufthansa from Frankfurt and with Eurowings from Dusseldorf to Newcastle. There are also direct flights from Amsterdam and Paris.

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