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8th International Colloquium on Dialogical Practice & Dialogical Philosophising

Philosophy in the Community

Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 September 2024

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

FURTHER DETAILS AND LINK TO APPLICATION FORM



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 8th 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 theme will be 'Philosophy in the Community'. Further details of the theme are given overleaf.

The event will start with dinner on Thursday 12th (check-in and tea/coffee available from 16.00) and end after lunch on Sunday 15th September. The cost will be £250 for three nights (12th, 13th, 14th September) with all meals included. The fee has been generously subsidised by SFCP, PPA and GSP. Reduced fees and full bursaries for fees and travel will be available on application. Additional nights before and after the colloquium can be booked at Grey College at your own expense, if required.

The aim of the colloquium is to create space for dialogue amongst participants, with a focus on group discussion and other collaborative activities. 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 apply for a place, please complete this form. Places are limited, so early application is advised. <https://forms.office.com/e/t624U1uNwx>

If you are offered a place, you will then be sent a link by Durham University to complete your registration and payment. We will respond to applications as quickly as possible, and certainly within one month.

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

About the theme: Philosophy in the Community

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?

About the colloquium

The colloquium will comprise a variety of dialogical activities, usually undertaken in small groups, which may include Socratic Dialogues, short dialogical exercises, dialogical and arts-based workshops, an outdoor dialogue, sharing methods and challenges in working with specific communities (e.g. medical professionals, business people) and poster-focused activities. There will be a free afternoon on the Saturday, with opportunities to undertake a guided walk, and/or visit Durham Cathedral, Castle, Botanic Garden, Oriental Museum, tea shops and more.

About Durham

[Durham](#) is a small historic cathedral city with a castle and river setting. [Grey College](#) is about 20 minutes walking distance 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.

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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