

Raymond Williams Foundation 30th Annual Weekend:
The Long Revolution Today: education, politics and culture for all
The Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. May 18th-20th 2018.

Links to background reading for participants:

Friday May 18: book launch event

Red Pepper interview with Hilary Wainwright about her new book:

<https://www.redpepper.org.uk/believing-in-ourselves/>

Link to Morning Star review of 'A New Politics from the Left' (2018) by Hilary Wainwright

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/persuasive-points-on-new-politics-from-the-left>

Saturday May 19: background reading and info for participatory discussion sessions

Session 1: What should education for all mean today?

Discussion about histories of political education and activism in Britain:

<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2018/02/bolton-socialist-club-labour-party-working-class-culture>

Education in England: The History of Our Schools (last updated 2011)

<http://www.educationengland.org.uk/history/>

infed (an informal education encyclopaedia)

<http://infed.org/mobi/>

e.g. Michael Newman (2006) - *Throwing out the balance with the bathwater*.

http://www.infed.org/talkingpoint/newman_throwing_out_the_balance.htm

Raymond Williams' on adult education:

Williams, R. (1961/1990) *An Open Letter to W.E.A. Tutors*. London: W.E.A.

Also check out https://issuu.com/weasheffieldwea/docs/history_booklet

For information on the WEA

Williams, R. (1958/1989) *Resources of Hope – Culture, Democracy, Socialism*. London: Verso.

CLASS - Think Piece by Diane Reay - What would a socially just education system look like? (July 2012)

http://classonline.org.uk/docs/2012_Diane_Reay_-_a_socially_just_education_system.pdf

Poetry and spoken word:

Dear Mr. Gove (Jess Green)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ8RA3QF0EU>

Session 2: What should culture for all mean today?

Raymond Williams (1958) essay 'Culture is Ordinary':

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/staff/summaries/virinderkalra/kolkata/ramond_williams.ordinary.pdf

Culture and Democracy: the Manifesto (1986)

<https://www.dibdibdob.com/stuffandbobs/culture-and-democracy.pdf>

CLASS The Elephant in the Room (2018) (report and short film)

<https://www.cultureisordinary.co.uk/>

The Movement for Cultural Democracy (supported by RWF): see draft manifesto for a cultural democracy (ongoing project)

<http://culturaldemocracy.uk/>

People, Pits and Politics festival (info about new festival happening in July 2018)

<https://pppfestival.com/>