



Community Philosophy

Facilitator Training Course Invitation to apply for a place

Community Philosophy promotes philosophical practice within local groups. Using facilitated enquiry, it helps people to engage, and promotes thoughtful social action in community and cultural life. An adaptation of SAPERE's Philosophy for Children, Community Philosophy is successfully practiced in an increasing number and variety of settings, including within youth and community work, the Philosophy in Pubs network and housing associations. Community Philosophy helps develop self-determining and self-sustaining democratic communities of enquiry and action. You can find more details at <http://www.sapere.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=102>

The Community Philosophy Facilitator Training Course aims to extend the number and variety of settings where Community Philosophy is practised, by training and supporting facilitators to incorporate Community Philosophy into their practice, or start new Community Philosophy groups.

You are invited to apply for a place in the pilot of the training course.

Training begins with a 2 day course in one of:

- West Yorkshire. Leeds or Bradford, January 17th + 18th, 2013.
- Greater Manchester. Manchester, January 24th + 25th 2013
- Merseyside. Liverpool Hope University, Jan 31st + Feb 1st, 2013.

Facilitators will then receive support from a regional support person and through the facilitator network over the following 6 months.

If you join, you'll be in one of the first training groups for this new, and developing, training course. You'll work with like- and other-minded colleagues to develop your skills and networks. You'll have opportunities to make positive differences to lives and communities. And we hope you'll take an active role in helping us to develop Community Philosophy Facilitator Training.

You don't need formal qualifications or any background in philosophy. And due to the generosity of the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, there's no charge. If your application is successful, we will ask you to pay a £50 deposit, but that will be returned to you at the end of the project.

You do need to commit. We need you to organize and facilitate Community Philosophy in at least one group that meets regularly over the six months of the pilot. And we need you to be available for support visits, to attend a review day, and to give us feedback.

To apply for a place, complete and return the attached application form. Application forms also available from Jan Marples admin@sapere.org.uk

Contact **Graeme Tiffany** for an informal discussion:
Tel: **07949 595 219**, or mail at graeme.tiffany@gmail.com



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Facilitator Training Course Application Form

Before filling in this form, please read the guidance document 'Facilitator Training Course: Invitation to apply for a place'

First name _____

Surname _____

E-mail* _____

Phone _____

Area (please tick)

Merseyside Greater Manchester West Yorkshire

Current / past community involvement

Group(s) you hope to work with and reasons why

Agreement (please tick)

- I'm aware that joining the Community Project will mean committing to working with a group or groups regularly over six months
- I'm aware that I'll need to pay a deposit of £50.00 to secure a place on the course and this will be returned to me at the end of the project

Please e-mail or post the completed form to Jan Marples, admin@sapere.org.uk

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