The humanities in primary schools in the UK - where now and where next?

Monday 13th November 2017

This seminar is based on a recently-published themed issue of *Education 3-13* on the humanities in the primary school.

This consisted of four articles on the situation in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales, and others which considered questions such as:

- what the humanities are
- the evidence from inspection
- the challenges of making links across the disciplines
- how the humanities contribute to the development of values

The final article considered what we can learn from each other in ensuring that the humanities, broadly defined, are no longer marginalised in future, as they too often are now.

This seminar is designed to continue that debate. We emphasise that this discussion is not just about primary history, geography and Religious Education, but achieving a broader and more appropriate curriculum for young children.

Held At:
Lady Margaret Hall
Norham Gardens
Oxford
OX2 6QA

One Day Seminar
£80 per person

This important and challenging seminar will be of interest to all those concerned with primary education, especially in relation to the humanities, whether as teachers, headteachers, teacher educators, policymakers or others.


A brief summary of key points discussed in the themed issue and to be considered at the seminar is available on the ASPE website [http://www.aspe-uk.eu/conferences-and-events/](http://www.aspe-uk.eu/conferences-and-events/) or from one of the organisers (please see below). It will also be circulated to those who register.

With any other queries, please contact one of the organisers.
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Please circulate this information in your networks and to individuals who you think may be interested.
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PROGRAMME

09:15 - 10:00 Registration with tea, coffee etc
10:00 - 10:10 Welcome:
Paul Latham - Chair of ASPE
Professor Graham Butt - Oxford Brookes University
10:10 - 11:30 Where are the humanities? Perspectives from each of the four jurisdictions of the UK (20 minutes each)
   Scotland
   Lynne Robertson and Joe Walker (Education Scotland)
   England
   Dr Stephen Scoffham (Canterbury Christ Church University)
   Northern Ireland
   Dr Norman Richardson (Stranmillis University College, Belfast)
   Wales
   Sarah Whitehouse (University of the West of England)
11:30 - 11:45 Coffee/tea break
11:45 - 12:30 Groups to discuss key issues raised (with prompts)
12:30 - 13:15 Lunch
13:15 - 13:45 The future of the humanities in primary schools – reflections in troubled times
   Dr Tony Eaude - Department of Education, University of Oxford
13:45 - 14:30 Groups to discuss issues raised
14:30 - 14:45 Coffee/tea break
14:45 - 15:30 Feedback from groups (highlighting two or three main points)
   Chaired by Professor Simon Catling - Oxford Brookes University
15:30 - 15:55 Where next?
   Chaired by Professor Graham Butt
15:55 - 16:00 Concluding comments
16:00 Close of seminar

To find out suitable places to stay in or near Oxford, or with any other queries please contact one of the organisers:

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