

To be a flourishing democracy, we need education that is life long and inspires critical thinking

All members are invited to talks, discussion and debate to look at the role of adult learning in a democratic society.

Questions:

1. If democracy needs lifelong learning ...

- a. How do we engage people?
- b. What kind of learning do we need?
- c. Is all learning relevant?

2. Where is the power?

- a. How democratic is our democracy really?

3. How much influence do the media have in our democracy?

- a. Does education educate people to question?
- b. How do we find out real information?
- c. What do we mean by thinking critically?

The day will be a mix of talks and discussion.

Speakers confirmed to date include:

Dr Lily Hamourtziadou:

Critical Pedagogy, Democracy and Change

Lily is a Politics tutor at the WEA (Workers' Educational Association) and a senior researcher at Iraq Body Count, and was nominated for the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr Hilda Kean:

The changing nature of knowledge for a democracy.

Hilda is the former Dean and Director of Public History at Ruskin College, Oxford.

Paul Legg:

The "free" press and democracy.

Paul is a WEA Modern History tutor and a former correspondent and editor for the BBC.

Professor Linden West:

The effect of fractured economies, malfunctioning democracies and the narrowing of education's purpose.

Linden is Director of Research in the Faculty of Education at Canterbury Christ Church University and author of *Distress in the City: Racism, fundamentalism and a democratic education.*

Tom Tugendhat MP:

Tom has been the Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling since 2015.

Saturday May 14th 2016,

11.00 - 3.30pm, Angel Centre, Angel Lane, Tonbridge, TN9 1SF

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