
New HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY Café in Central London

AHPb is holding a series of low cost humanistic café-style events in London in 2019, culminating in a conference in the late autumn. Each event will include an informal talk and small group discussions focusing on speaking from the heart and applying the insights of Humanistic Psychology to relate to what's happening in the world today. There will be distinguished speakers and ample networking opportunities.

The café, bi-monthly on Wednesday evenings in London, is hosted by The Study Society, at the West Room Colet House, 6.30 for a 7.15pm start, finishing at 9.15pm. There will be opportunities to network from 6.30 to 7.15pm and from 9.15 to 9.45pm. Teas and coffee will be available from 6.30pm - you can also bring simple food to share. The cost is £20 per evening (£15 for AHPb members, students, and concessions).

Details and link to advance booking for the next event in the series on Wednesday 16th October 2019 – see also below – and the annual conference on 23rd November 2019 are on the AHPb website: www.ahpb.org

Next Event: Wednesday 16th October 2019: What's wrong with our education system? *with* Richard House



Richard House, PhD, C.Psychol. is former co-editor of AHPb's *Self & Society* journal. A former counsellor/ therapist, and university lecturer, he is a trained Steiner class and Kindergarten teacher who has been writing and campaigning on education since the late 1990s. He co-founded the Open EYE campaign in 2007, challenging the introduction of the Early Years Foundation Stage; and more recently, with Richard Brinton he has co-founded 'INSTED' – or *Inspiring New Standards in Education* – a campaign to replace Ofsted with an empowering and collaborative school inspectorate. He is co-editor of the books *Childhood, Well-being and a Therapeutic Ethos* (2008) and

Too Much, Too Soon? Early Learning and the Erosion of Childhood (2011), and was formerly Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood at the University of Winchester.

Reflecting on this cafe event, Richard says: "Mainstream education and its noxious Audit Culture do a kind of 'soul-violence' to both children and teachers alike – with their gradgrind exam and testing obsessions; a stifling narrow focus on 'standards'; the criminal neglect of the body, the emotional and the spiritual; catastrophic school league performance tables; an over-controlled curriculum which severely limits teacher creativity; and a compliance-demanding bully of an inspectorate. No wonder children's mental health problems are at crisis levels. There has to be a better way... – and this event will explore what's wrong with the current system, and what needs to change so we can do better in what was one of Freud's famous 'impossible professions'." **Booking via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).**

Venue: Colet House, 151 Talgarth Rd, Hammersmith, London W14 9DA, nearest tube: Barons Court. See [map](#). **The Study Society** is a London based charity that offers practical, inclusive ways to find rest, stillness and meaning through Advaita Meditation, Member Discussion Groups, Mevlevi Turning (whirling dervishes), Poetry, Kirtan & Vedic chanting: www.studysociety.org.



For booking links and further information, see the website: www.ahpb.org