Children, Young People, Philosophy:
new questions and possibilities

Save the Date now for the Annual Winchester Advanced P4C Seminar
Saturday 15th June, 2019.

This year our seminar considers some new questions raised in debates about children, young people, educators and philosophy. To introduce this theme and open up our enquiry, we have invited Dr Viktor Johansson to speak to his piece Philosophy for Children and Children for Philosophy: Possibilities and Problems (2018) (https://sh.academia.edu/ViktorJohansson).

Viktor’s writing is part of an ongoing conversation about the relationship between philosophy of childhood/adolescence, Philosophy for Children, and children and young people’s own philosophising. This conversation is increasingly intra-generational and brings the nature of education and philosophy, as well as the figure of child, into question. In this chapter, Viktor traces different perspectives in the philosophy for children ‘movement’ and he proposes that a ‘third wave’ of theorisation/practice is emerging. What are some implications of these ideas for our philosophical practice? What would we like to add to this conversation?

Following the presentation, the seminar will be open for further contributions in relation to the suggestion raised by Viktor that ‘that philosophy, in a certain sense, is not taught, but is a way to live and move outside our cultural criteria, confronting and challenging them’ (Johansson, 2018:1159).

On Saturday 15th June 2018 (09.00-16.00), we aim to bring together a mixed group of teacher practitioners, teacher educators, academics and other interested individuals to engage critically with the theme. An informal tea-time/supper gathering for those available will take place on Friday 14th June from 16.00 20.00. Information about the gathering will be sent to delegates on booking.

As is usual for this seminar, short ‘think pieces’ are invited from those attending. These take the form of a 15-20 minute presentation on a particular perspective, to add to our exploration and shared dialogue. Our discussions will be chaired by Joanna Haynes, Associate Professor in Education Studies at Plymouth University and Patricia Hannam Hampshire County Inspector/Adviser for RE, History and Philosophy.

Costs:  TBC (@£85) inclusive of lunch and other refreshments on Saturday
Venue:  University of Winchester

Places are limited. Expressions of interest to attend or to reserve your place please email Patricia Hannam: patricia.hannam@hants.gov.uk
Booking details available shortly and emailed to those who enquire now.