

café

culture2005

A week of sparky conversations
in NewcastleGateshead **19-24Sept2005**

All welcome, all free. **Come, listen, challenge,
question, change.**

café**scientifique**

what can science learn from art ?

Stephen Webster will explain what scientists say they gain from collaboration with artists. Can art help science be less reductionist? What do artists know which scientists don't? Stephen is a zoologist and philosopher of science, who has taught in schools, written radio plays, and now lectures in science communication at Imperial College. Dr Anya Hurlbert, Newcastle-based neuroscientist, will respond.

Monday 19 September 8.00–10.00pm

@ BALTIC Café/bar, BALTIC The Centre for Contemporary Art (Gateshead Quays)

café**culturel**

contemporary visual art

Peter Doroshenko, the new executive director of The Baltic, in conversation about his passions. Peter, originally from Chicago, was most recently director of Belgium's largest contemporary art gallery S.M.A.K., and previously worked at the University of Wisconsin and the Houston Contemporary Arts Museum. Chaired by Judith King.

Tuesday 20 September 7.00–9.00pm

@ The Cluny, Lime Street (Ouseburn)

café**digital**

low budget film making

Tom Harvey, CEO of Northern Film and Media, discusses his vision of how new digital technology will make film-making accessible like never before. A regional film maker will respond.

Wednesday 21 September 7.30–9.30pm

**@ The Atrium, Central Square, Forth Street
(behind Central Station)**

bookclubsummit **the birth of venus**

An invitation to book groups and individuals to read this acclaimed novel about intrigue and art in Renaissance Florence, and come together to discuss it with author Sarah Dunant. The evening will also give readers a chance to meet others, with a view to forming new book groups.

Thursday 22 September 6.30–8.00pm

@ The Classic, Tyneside Cinema (near Monument)

cafépolitique

Party over? Have we lost our passion for politics?

Politics in the North East used to be linked with the passion of the Jarrow marchers or the miners' strike. So what has changed? Does low turnout mean the end of popular interest in politics? Are people apathetic or alienated? Many take different paths, relating more to single issue campaigns around asylum and refugees, global poverty and the environment. Is this the answer? Hosted by ippr north, this discussion will explore politics in its broadest sense and ask how we can strengthen political culture to benefit the region.

Friday 23 September 6.00–8.00pm

@ New World Headquarters,

Curtis Mayfield House, Carlisle Square

caféphilosophique

people, places, power

People live in families and families live in communities. They are subject to a number of external forces that shape and influence their lives. Some of these are natural, some are structural and some are political. What powers affect us and what powers can we influence or control? Can we ever be free to live the lives we want? Introduced by David Large and hosted by Newcastle Philosophy Society

Saturday 24 September 2.00–4.00pm

@ Friends Meeting House, Jesmond

café**culture**2005

What is café**culture**?

Café**culture** events build on the success of Newcastle Café Scientifique first held in 1999. The aim is to provide accessible spaces for intelligent debate on science, culture and politics. Each café**culture** will open with a speaker talking for about 30 minutes, with the remaining time devoted to questions and discussion. Light meals will be available at BALTIC and The Cluny, and refreshments at other venues. **If you want to eat, arrive early.**

By experimenting with formats, times and venues, the organisers hope to learn lessons which will lead to the launch of a regular Monday night café-style discussion in 2006, alternating art, culture, science and politics on successive weeks.

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