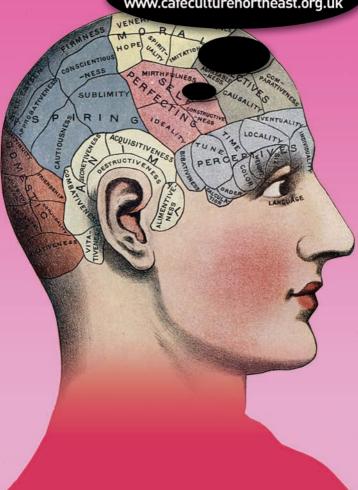
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café**culture** at the Urban Café, Dance City

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Café Culture welcomes you to café-style discussions on culture, politics, philosophy and science. Open to all, no prior knowledge needed, just a like-minded desire for convivial and lively banter.

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Events run from 7–9pm, snacks and drinks are available at the Urban Café, Dance City, Temple Street, Newcastle NE1 4BR, a three-minute walk from Central Station (see website for details).

#### 6 September 2010 | caféphilosophique

# Climate change and global justice

It has been predicted that climate change will exacerbate global injustice. **Derek Bell** considers how we should respond to the challenge it poses.

#### 13 September 2010 caféphilosophique

#### Islamophobia revisited

Is Islamophobia a form of racism, plain religious antagonism, or a response to anti-westernism?

Denis McEoin will explore whether Islamophobia needs to be balanced against extreme forms of Muslim hatred for the West.



#### 20 September 2010 caté**scientifique**

#### I talk therefore I am?

**Michelle Sheehan** and **Claire Wright** will discuss what the scientific study of language tells us about this defining human characteristic.

#### 4 October 2010 cafépolitique

# British prisons: fit for purpose?

Leading criminologist **David Wilson** will argue how our punitive penal system fails to tackle the causes of crime and explore the alternatives.

# 18 October 2010 caféphilosophique

# Philosophy and feminism

Kay Black will consider the contribution feminism has made to recent developments in moral philosophy.



# 25 October 2010 caféscientifique

#### Plight of the bumble bee

Stephanie O'Connor will ask whether the world can survive without bees and what we would eat without their help pollinating food.

#### 1 November 2010 caféculturel

# Fart jokes bought me sports cars

Simon Donald, co-editor of the legendary British comic magazine Viz, reflects on the cultural influence of Viz and how it changed his life.

### 5-6 November 2010 caféphilosophique

# at BBC Radio 3's Free Thinking Festival, The Sage Gateshead

A surprise leading thinker will take to the stage for this event - more details will be announced in September and tickets will be available from The Sage Gateshead ticket office on 0191 443 4661.



We will also host a theory slam (see 3 January listing for more details). Come along to see who will gain the Café Culture crown. To enter, send your theory to info@cafeculturenortheast.org.uk by 10 October 2010.

# 15 November 2010 cafépolitique

#### Britain's authoritarian future

John Kampfner will explore how a rise in consumerism has led people around the world to trade freedoms in return for the lure of prosperity and the promise of security.

# 6 December 2010 caféphilosophique

# Postmodernity and politics. or should we blow up Buddha?

How can anyone justifiably tell me what to do when there is no reason left to do anything? David Rose examines the predicament of postmodernity.

# 3 January 2011 caféculture

# Theory Slam

Share your pet theories for the Café Culture event that celebrates the new year in style. To take part send your theory, be it silly or serious, it needs to last no more than three minutes. Convince our audience of your philosophical, cultural, scientific or political idea and win a prize. Email to info@cafeculturenortheast.org.uk by 4 December 2010.

# 17 January 2011 caféphilosophique

#### Philosophy, fairness and democracy

When and why should we be willing to accept a decision as fair even when it does not go our way? Ian O'Flynn examines the relation between democracy and fairness.

# 7 February 2011 cafépolitique

## Do the people have power?

Andy Gibson and Judith Green will explore whether local communities have the power to bring about positive change, reflecting on how things have changed 20 years on from the Scotswood riots.



# 21 February 2011 caféscientifique

#### Should we use human reproductive tissue in scientific research?

This debate will explore whether human reproductive tissue should be used in research aimed at developing therapies for serious illness.

# 7 March 2011 caféculturel

# Interior design and the secret life of buildings

Edward Hollis, from Edinburgh College of Art, will explore the relationship between architecture and the art of storytelling, taking his inspiration from 13 widely varied but uniquely significant buildings.



# The Tyne River

Malcolm Newson will discuss the Tyne river system as part of the local environment and the ways in which it mirrors and indicates the health of the regional ecosystems.

# 18 April 2011 book**club**summit

#### This is How

Book groups and individuals alike are invited to join award-winning novelist MJ Hyland to discuss her compelling and often shocking novel, shortlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction, This is How, which explores the inner life and motivations of a young man.



# 16 May 2011 caféscientifique

#### CSI: the true story

Find out how crime scene investigations really work, how difficult it is to obtain evidence and how that evidence is presented in court, all from an ex-forensic officer turned CSI lecturer Laura Heath

# 6 June 2011 cafépolitique

# Ticking timebomb? The politics of dementia

Given the social and public cost, Charlotte Clarke will ask how we can best support people with dementia and their carers, now and in the future.



# 20 June 2011 caféscientifique

# Climate adaptation

Geoff O'Brien and Phil O'Keefe will give a worm's eye view of adaptation work conducted over a number of years in developing countries, with a focus on Kilimanjaro.

# 4 July 2011 caféphilosophique

#### Cosmopolitanism and global justice

Are global poverty and equality injustices or mere tragedies? Graham Long considers what the global rich owe the global poor.



#### Café Culture - our future

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