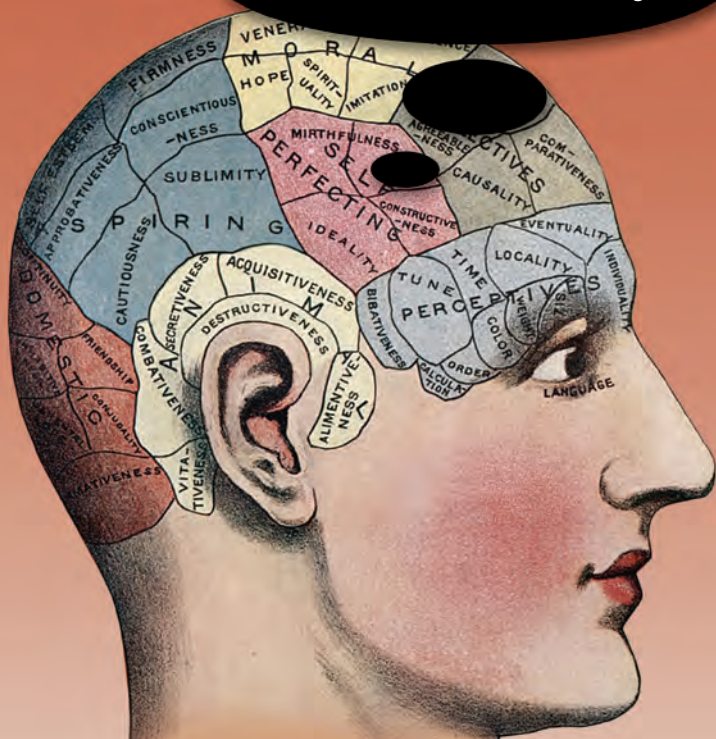


# caféculture

## 2014-15

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# caféculture2014-15

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

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Events run 7–9pm at **DC Café, Dance City, Temple Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BR (unless otherwise stated)** a three-minute walk from Central Station (see website for location details). Snacks and drinks available.

Wheelchair accessible.



15 September 2014 **caféculturel**

## **The Mexican Mafia and Me**

Following a solo Laing Art Gallery show this summer, artist **Lyn Hagan** discusses a variety of cultural genres, from opera to art, she has used to portray the human side of death row. Lyn talks about the sensitivities involved, her friendship with Tony, a prisoner facing the death sentence, and public perceptions of her work.



6 October 2014 **caféphilosophique**

## **Injustice on our Doorstep? Social and environmental justice in Newcastle**

Everyone believes in the value of 'justice' but we often disagree about what makes a community just or unjust.

**Derek Bell**, Newcastle University, will consider whether the social, environmental and political inequalities that we find in Newcastle are unjust. What are the injustices in our city? How does Newcastle compare with other cities in the North of England?



20 October 2014 **caféscientifique**

## **Swearing as a Response to Pain**

**Richard Stephens**, Keele University, researches the psychobiology of swearing and specifically why people swear in response to pain. His writing on this matter has reached a large audience comprising national and international media coverage and he received an Ig Nobel award in 2010, awards which recognise research that first makes you laugh and then makes you think.



3 November 2014 **caféculturel**

## RoCCing the boat: 'Rebalancing our Cultural Capital'

**Peter Stark**, one of the authors of The RoCC report on London's dominance of arts funding, reflects on the journey of the debate it engendered a year after publication. He will summarise the report's evidence and consider next steps to address the mismatch in funding between London and the rest of England.



17 November 2014 **caféscientifique**

## Sharing is Caring: Should healthcare treatment decisions be more accountable?

**Prof Richard Thomson**, Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University, explores how far important decisions about our healthcare treatments are shared between patients and clinicians. He analyses evidence on the benefits from a range of areas and draws upon local work on implementing shared decision-making. He considers why it is not commonplace and what we can do as patients to boost our input in our healthcare.



1 December 2014 **caféculturel**

## Our Monsters: Ourselves

Monsters reflect the cultural anxieties of their times, raising important questions about what is most fearful to us. **Alison Younger**, Sunderland University, will argue that while they must be tamed or annihilated, they are essential to society's well-being. Using iconic monsters such as Frankenstein's creature, Jack the Ripper and the Vampire, she will address what makes a monster monstrous, what this says about the society that spawned them and what they tell us about ourselves.



15 December 2014 **caféscientifique**

## The Dyslexia Debate: Or should we say diatribe?

In his talk, **Prof Julian Elliott**, Durham University, will outline the conclusions from his book *The Dyslexia Debate*. Describing the sometimes outraged responses to this work, he will consider why the dyslexia label evokes powerful emotions and will explore the tensions which emerge between the scientific considerations and the powerful drivers of personal experience and need.



19 January 2015 **cafépolitique**

## Young, Gifted and Excluded: Are young people citizens?

**Prof Janice McLaughlin**, Newcastle University, discusses ongoing work with young people exploring what they think citizenship means, whether they consider themselves to be citizens, what may get in the way of their opportunities to be citizens and the impact this has on our society.



2 February 2015 **cafépolitique**

## Digital Civics: Can technology empower citizens?

**Prof Patrick Olivier**, Culture Lab, Newcastle University, will outline a vision of how a combination of digital technologies and design thinking can be used to fundamentally reorient the relationship between those who govern and those who are governed. He will also consider how new digitally enabled grassroots models of local services will in the future provide 'better' rather than 'less' government.



16 February 2015 **caféphilosophique**

## Challenging our Taboos: Talking about death

*"Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore so do our minutes hasten to their end."* Shakespeare did not hesitate in reminding us of our mortality. **Simon Woods**, Newcastle University, an applied social and ethical philosopher, will host a lively, interactive café inviting you to discuss your own questions, concerns and interests around death. Be prepared to talk, listen and to respect others' opinions. A word of warning, a café for adults but not for the recently bereaved or those seeking grief counselling.



2 March 2015 **cafépolitique**

## The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Stories of seeking asylum

**Fiona Cuthill**, Edinburgh University, considers the ways that people seeking asylum in the UK can either survive and thrive, or end up living in destitution. The UK has a proud history of supporting human rights but cracks remain... and questions need to be asked.



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16 March 2015 **caféscientifique**

## Beyond Turkey Twizzlers: Making sure food at school is worth eating

School dinners had a major shake-up with Jamie Oliver's intervention in 2005. The first school food standards since 1980 followed. Has anything changed? What are the implications of free school meals for all 4–7 year olds? What about packed lunches? **Prof Ashley Adamson**, Newcastle University, will explore the evidence and will consider what our children are eating at school and beyond.



20 April 2015 **caféscientifique**

## Dangerous Drugs and Deadly Devices

**Prof Carl Heneghan**, Director of the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, University of Oxford, reveals the secrets behind the claims of drugs and devices designed to improve health and well-being. He will discuss how the evidence is generated.



18 May 2015 **cafépolitique**

## Grim or Great Up North? The 2015 General Election – how will the result affect you?

What will the outcome of the 2015 General Election mean for the North East of England? Join **Richard Moss**, Political Editor for BBC North East & Cumbria, in conversation with IPPR's Chief Economist, **Tony Dolphin**, and **Katie Schmuecker**, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, who will discuss what effect the results could have on both the region's economy and poverty levels.



1 June 2015 **caféscientifique**

## A Midriff Crisis? Averting comfortable lifestyle crises

**Prof Rod Bilton**, author of *Know What to Eat*, will discuss how the evolution of the human metabolism and brain development has been driven by climate change and intermittent starvation. He will argue that this has led to the current obesity and diabetes epidemics and he will explain what eating healthily means.



15 June 2015 **caféculturel**

## Through the Looking Glass: New perspectives on art and culture

**Susanne Burns**, an independent cultural sector adviser, will draw on her work with UK and North East arts and cultural organisations to ask how they can change to survive in the current climate. She will articulate her view on emerging business models that support sustainability.



6 July 2015 **caféscientifique**

## Equal Measures: Can women do science?

A sociological perspective on why gender inequality in science persists. Drawing on the history and philosophy of science, **Paul Whybrow**, Newcastle University, considers the past, present and future of women in science. Now that girls are beginning to outperform boys in science results, will the future of science be very different?



20 July 2015 **caféphilosophique**

## Getting a Good Sleep in a Big Bad World

**Prof Jason Ellis**, Northumbria University, discusses the causes, consequences and catastrophes that lead to poor sleep. How history has associated personal characteristics with sleep disorders and how these myths have been perpetuated over the years (using Disney as an example). Finally, how simple things can affect great change and promote good sleep health.



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