

Difficult Histories and Positive Identities

Cumberland Lodge
Monday 25 February - Tuesday 26 February 2019



Join us for this roundtable, residential conference at Cumberland Lodge, to explore the legacy of difficult histories in relation to contemporary identities and belonging.

Experts and practitioners from diverse educational institutions and civil society will come together for two days to investigate how engaging with difficult histories can help us to shape the positive identity of citizens, and to create meaningful feelings of political and social belonging.

A diverse delegation of speakers and participants will address the following topics as part of the conference programme, through various session formats designed to get everyone involved in candid conversations and an open exchange of views:

- How we teach history in schools and how that affects identity formation
- How national and community identities are expressed in the built environment
- Managing the past
- How we present difficult histories and articulate community identities in museums, and the impact this has on identities and belonging
- How we can reconcile difficult histories and build positive identities and a sense of belonging

About Cumberland Lodge

Founded in 1947, in the aftermath of World War II, Cumberland Lodge is an educational foundation that empowers people to challenge silo thinking and to tackle the causes and effects of social division. We specialise in bringing together people of every background, generation and perspective, in an inclusive environment, for constructive dialogue and debate on pressing social and ethical matters.

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Identities & Belonging

Our 2018-19 theme 'Identities & Belonging' will address pressing social and political issues through a multidisciplinary exploration of the interplay between increasingly fluid identities and visions of belonging.

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Programme

Monday 25 February

10.00 Arrival and registration

10.30 Welcome and introductions

10.45 Session 1 - Past truth: Why history matters

12.15 Lunch

13.30 Session 2 - History and identity formation in schools

15.00 Tea break

15.15 Session 3 - Contesting history in public spaces

16.45 Tea break

17.00 Session 4 - Managing the past – history, biography, identity

18.30 Reception

19.00 Dinner

20.30 Keynote address

Tuesday 26 February

09.30 Session 6 – Museums and representation

11.00 Tea Break

11.30 Session 7 – Peace, reconciliation and positive identities

13.00 Lunch

14.15 Final discussion plenary and reflections

15.30 Tea and Depart

Public lecture:

Contested histories and multiple identities: the place of the past in the present' with Professor Martin Daunton.

Please note there will be public lecture held on Tuesday 26 February between 6pm - 7.30pm that you would be welcome to stay on and attend.