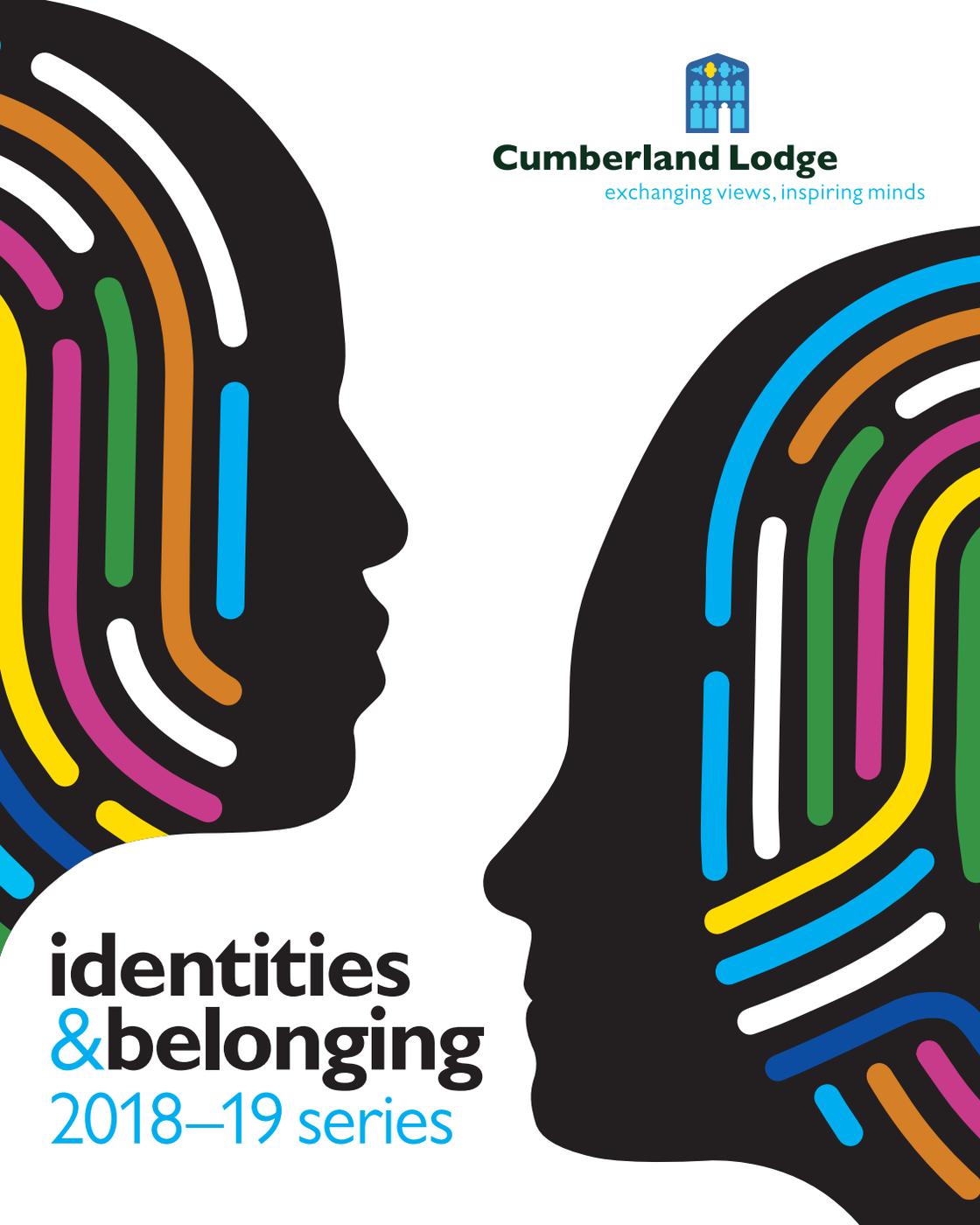




Cumberland Lodge

exchanging views, inspiring minds



**identities
& belonging**
2018–19 series



Identity and a sense of belonging are symbiotic in their nature. They are at the core of our social lives. How we choose to identify ourselves, or how others identify us, whether in social situations or institutionally, shifts depending on employment, gender, ethnic background, age, and religiosity.

How can governments promote the multiple faiths, cultural differences, values, and viewpoints that characterise a pluralistic society? Is it possible for society to accommodate diversity peacefully? How can society foster cohesion across social classes and different cultures?

Our **2018–19 series, Identities & Belonging**, addresses pressing societal and ethical issues through an interdisciplinary exploration of the interplay between increasingly fluid identities and visions of belonging.



Cumberland Lodge is an educational foundation that has been tackling the causes and effects of social divisions by equipping and inspiring people to engage in constructive dialogue since 1947. We seek to build more open, peaceful, and inclusive societies.

We foster learning and creative thinking through:

- Subsidised student study retreats
- Interdisciplinary conferences, lectures and consultations
- Mentoring schemes and scholarships for doctoral students and early career researchers
- Workshops and retreats for international students and school children
- Educational and cultural events for the wider community.

Our facilities are available to hire for conferences, meetings, and special events, including weddings, which helps to support our charitable work.





Exploring Identities and Belonging

Conversation

18 October 2018

Cumberland Lodge scholars discuss with **Joan Bakewell** what our annual theme means to them. The conversation provides an opportunity for inter-generational exchange and engagement with contemporary ideas on the meaning of identities and a sense of belonging.



What should it mean to be British?

Cumberland Lodge debate
(Mayfair, London)

22 October 2018

Bringing together a diverse range of panellists, including the author **Monica Ali** and the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, **Magid Magid**, we look to identify what binds Britain together as a nation, particularly at a time when attitudes towards identity and belonging are creating new lines of division.



Race in Britain: Inequality, Identity, Belonging

Round-table conference

1–2 November 2018

In partnership with The Runnymede Trust, community and political leaders will engage in deep discussion about the meaning of citizenship in post-Empire Britain, the language used to talk about diversity, and emergent forms of belonging that confront exclusion and inequality with creativity and energy.

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Cumberland Lodge Conference

Cumberland Consultation

Westminster Seminars

St Catharine's Sessions

Cumberland Lodge uses a tri-event method. Cumberland Consultations draw on the original conference audience, joined by key thinkers on the topic under discussion. Consultations serve as an

opportunity to develop understanding and identify priority areas for subsequent Westminster Seminars. The Seminars present actionable findings to policymakers and parliamentarians



Commonwealth and International Student Christmas

Residential retreat
(for international students studying in the UK)

17–19 December 2018

Our 70th Christmas retreat, focusing on 'Identities and Cosmopolitanism', offers an opportunity for inter-cultural exchange, as well as an exploration of the multiple identities of international students. Tickets on a first come, first served basis.

in central London. St Catharine's Sessions are offered to visiting student groups at Cumberland Lodge, encouraging them to reflect critically on ethical, moral and social issues.



Democracy in Crisis? Moral and Spiritual Resistance

Workshop

7 January 2019

By bringing together faith representatives, emerging leaders, community organisers, and students, this joint event with the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) explores faith-based challenges to the dangers of populism, extremism, and nationalism.



Difficult Histories and Positive Identities

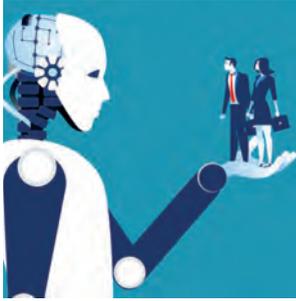
Round-table conference

25–26 February 2019

Experts and practitioners from diverse educational institutions and civil society come together to investigate how engaging with difficult histories can help to shape the positive identity of citizens, and create a sense of political and social belonging.

Emerging International Leaders Programme

Each year, the programme unites 50 postgraduates from 'priority' countries – places where Freedom of Religion or Belief is particularly at risk –



Working Identities

Round-table conference

11–12 March 2019

Policy-makers, trade unionists, academics, and young professionals discuss how identities based on work are shifting in an age characterised by precariousness, digitalisation, frequent job changes, meaningless labour, and other developments that change the role of work in people's lives.



Policing Gangs: Difficult Identities and Closed Communities

Round-table conference

21–23 June 2019

A multi-agency delegation of senior police officers, NGO leaders, lawyers, academics, and senior civil servants tackle the challenges of difficult identities and closed communities through an examination of gang culture.



Life Beyond the PhD

Residential conference
*(for those currently
undertaking a PhD)*

27–31 August 2019

In its 12th year, our annual Life Beyond the PhD conference invites PhD students and early career researchers to share their experiences, take part in training, and explore the value of doctoral research in an inclusive and supportive environment.

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currently studying in the UK. The project is founded on the understanding that facilitating effective, sustained intercultural and inter-faith encounters plays an essential role in developing religious

literacy, the ability to combat intolerance and prejudice, and a willingness to negotiate disagreement.

The programme is run as a three-part residential retreat held at Cumberland Lodge.

For more information, such as application deadlines, please see:

cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/about-us/supporting-students/emerging-international-leaders-programme

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How to book or register your interest

Places at our Identities & Belonging series events are limited, and we aim to ensure a balanced and diverse representation of backgrounds and perspectives.

To register your interest in participating in our round-table conferences, consultations or workshops, please contact the Programme Department: enquiries@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk 01784 497796.

To book a place at other events in the series, please visit: **[cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/whats-on](https://www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/whats-on)**.

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