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Philosophy for Children – A classroom approach to emotional literacy

DATE: Saturday 13 May 2006 (10.00 am – 12.30 pm)

VENUE: Faculty of Education, 184 Hills Road, Cambridge

SPEAKER: Harriet Goodman

As Education Director for Antidote, **Harriet Goodman** led a four-year Emotional Literacy Initiative with schools in the London Borough of Newham. At Gallions Primary in Beckton, a classroom approach called Philosophy for Children became the driving force of the project. From week to week Harriet watched as fidgety collections of individuals came together in the 'community of enquiry', sharing thoughts and feelings in ever more complex dialogue. She also witnessed the difference it made to teachers and support staff, given the opportunity to listen deeply to children.

Harriet will show video footage of children engaged in philosophical enquiry and will offer a chance to experience the method. She would be intrigued to hear participants' views on its potential as a tool for individual and group learning in the classroom and beyond.

Harriet Goodman is an organisational consultant with an eclectic background in publishing, parenting, children's rights and community development. Since completing the Antidote project in July 2005 she has registered as a trainer in philosophical enquiry and is now regularly leading sessions for primary and secondary schools. She also works part-time as an Extended Schools Coordinator in the EC1 New Deal area of south Islington.

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Session plan

10.00	Why do philosophy with young people? <i>Evidence of the impact on critical, creative, collaborative & caring thinking</i>
10.20	What is a philosophical enquiry? <i>Experiencing the method</i>
11.20	Coffee
11.40	Reflection on the enquiry
12.00	Would it work for us? <i>Exploring its potential in and beyond the classroom</i>
12.30	Close

The relevant fee for this event, which includes coffee, is £20 for Cambridge Forum members, £30 for non-members and may accompany your application – cheques made payable to “University of Cambridge” and crossed a/c payee – or an invoice can be issued if requested.

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