



The 25th Annual Raymond Williams residential at stunning Wortley Hall, near Sheffield

8 May - 10 May 2013 only £95.00

Our Theme : *Democracy – and the Future of Political Parties*

This special anniversary mid-week residential will follow the pattern of successful previous discussion-based events.

There will be three features connecting back with the 23 years of weekends run at the Wedgwood Memorial College Barlaston –

- i) **Key-note Wednesday evening lecture on the title theme**, given by **Chad Goodwin**, Chair of *Thomas Paine Society*, long-time WEA tutor and RWF Trustee.
- ii) **Thursday evening plenary session: *RW – his relevance today and tomorrow....***
This will include several BBC TV film extracts, and testimonies with readings selected from submissions by participants and RWF/RWS members.
- iii) There will be opportunity to see, review and discuss **a draft illustrated booklet on the 25 year record** of RW residentials with memories and notes, for example, on key-note lecturers and participants: eg Christopher Hill, Graham Martin, Joy Williams, Stuart Hall, Raphael Samuel, Terry Eagleton, Anthony Barnett, Roy Hattersley, Merryn Williams etc...

Themes for discussion in small groups may include:

<p>Democracy and Representatives The future of party politics and Parliament Tolstoy, Chomsky and the anarchist tradition Re-viewing <i>Borgen</i> <i>The Volunteers</i>, RW's early critique of parliamentary politics</p>	<p>Direct democracy in Ancient Greece GDH Cole - participatory democracy <i>Avaaz & 38 Degrees</i> Scotland – independence & devolution</p>
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Other sessions will be based on ***RW's Politics and Letters*** (1979) "...a remarkable portrait of one of the most original thinkers in the West"

The special fee, subsidized by educational charities: **£95 pp**, includes en suite bedroom, all meals, refreshments and sessions. Non-residents welcome.

Deposit: **£30**, with balance payable three weeks in advance. All payable by Paypal at www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk or post. (Application form attached/on web-site). Any queries or further information - phone 01538 370067 or e-mail: info@raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk