

Mary Wollstonecraft and Dissent: A Celebration

24-25 April 2020

Draft Programme

Friday 24 April

9:30-11 Visit to new British Library exhibition ‘Women’s Rights: Unfinished Business’; get transport to arrive at Newington Green Meeting House by 11:45.

11 Registration opens at Newington Green Meeting House. Bookstall; Mary Wollstonecraft Walk App (wollstonecraftwalks.netlify.com); Art Display.

12 Welcome – Roberta Wedge

12:15 Roundtable: Dissent, Feminism and Education, then and now.

Representative from Rosa: The UK Fund for Women and Girls
Catherine Packham
Bee Rowlatt

1:30 Lunch [Please make your own arrangements]

2:45 Mary Wollstonecraft and the Dissenters of Newington Green I

Mary Fairclough, ‘Wollstonecraft and the Burghs of Newington Green’
Jon Mee, ‘Hannah Lightbody Greg: Factories, Philosophy, and Philanthropy after Wollstonecraft’
Charlotte May, ‘“My constant wish has been to live with those who are eminent”’: How Newington Green forged Samuel Rogers’s sociability’

4 Tea/coffee break.

4:30-5:20 Mary Wollstonecraft’s Dissenting Legacy I

Fiona Price, ‘History and Emotion in the Educational Writings of Barbault and Wollstonecraft’
Susan Manly, ‘“To a Little Invisible Being who is Soon to Become Visible”’: the unfolding of daughters’ powers in Barbault and Wollstonecraft.’

5:30-6:30 Keynote talk: Barbara Taylor, ‘Mary Wollstonecraft and Radical Dissent’

6:30-7:30 Free guided walks to Stoke Newington

Conference Dinner – optional / not included in fee.

Saturday 25 April

8:30 – 9:45 Registration. Bookstall; Mary Wollstonecraft Walk App; Art Display.

9-9:30 Mary Wollstonecraft Fellowship Inaugural AGM. Janet Todd as Patron.

9:45 Welcome – Roberta Wedge.

10 Mary Wollstonecraft and her Dissenting Neighbours II

Felicity James, 'Dissent in the 1780s and 90s'

Alan Coffee, 'Richard Price'

Joanna Wharton, 'Anna Letitia Barbauld, domesticity and dissent'

11:15 Tea/coffee break

11:45 Roundtable: Enabling dissent, then and now

Alexandra Runswick, representative from Unlock Democracy

Representative from the Inclusive Mosque Initiative

Daisy Hay (on Joseph Johnson)

1-2:15 Lunch [Please make your own arrangements]

2:15 Roundtable: Dissenting against patriarchy, then and now

Representative from Focus E15 Campaign: Social Housing, Not Social Cleansing

Representative from FiLiA: Defending Women's Human Rights

Emma Clery

Hannah Dawson

3:30 Tea/coffee break

4-5:15 Mary Wollstonecraft's Dissenting Legacy II

Sandrine Berges, 'Dissent, Gironde-style: Mary Wollstonecraft and the Revolution'

Kandice Sharren, 'The circulation of Wollstonecraft's works in the early Nineteenth Century'

Alexis Wolf, 'Margaret Mount Cashell; Wollstonecraft's educational influence on the next generation'

5:15-5:45 Ways to carry on celebrating Mary Wollstonecraft

Newington Green Meeting House – Amy Todd

Mary Wollstonecraft Fellowship: a literary society – Emma Clery

The Wollstonecraft Society: an educational trust / Mary on the Green – Bee Rowlatt

Mary Wollstonecraft Philosophical Society – Alan Coffee

6-6:30 Free guided walks Newington Green

7-8 Performance of *An Amazon Stept Out* written by Bee Rowlatt of The Wollstonecraft Society.