



Undergraduate Summer School in Philosophy of Education

University of Birmingham, UK
2nd -4th September 2019

Call for Graduate Mentors

The Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain and the University of Birmingham will be hosting an Undergraduate Summer School in Philosophy of Education from Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th September 2019. The Summer School involves three days of lectures, seminar discussions and social activities.

In order to make the event a success, we are looking to appoint a number of Graduate Mentors to facilitate discussion and support the smooth running of the academic sessions. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate an understanding of and interest in philosophy of education, and should be enrolled on a postgraduate programme and/or have a higher degree in philosophy, education or a related field. We are unable to offer payment for this role, but the Society will fund all meals and accommodation for the duration of the event. Participants will be responsible for their own travel costs, but a limited number of travel bursaries will be available for applicants who are able to demonstrate financial need.

The theme for 2019 is **the aims of education**. Perhaps the most basic question we can ask about education is what it's for. Why is education necessary and what does an educated person look like? Do we educate people to make them more rational? To prepare them for the world of work? To acquaint them with the best that has been thought and said? Or is there something wrongheaded about trying to pin down the aims of education? Should we rather keep an open mind about how learners might be transformed by their educational encounters?

To help us explore these questions, we are delighted to be joined by some of the country's leading philosophers of education:

- **Prof Amanda Fulford** (Edge Hill University)
- **Dr Ben Kotzee** (University of Birmingham)
- **Prof Kristjan Kristjansson** (University of Birmingham)
- **Prof Michael Reiss** (UCL Institute of Education)
- **Prof Carrie Winstanley** (Roehampton University)

To apply to be a Graduate Mentor, please send a short expression of interest (max 500 words), explaining why you would like to attend the Summer School, a CV (max two pages) and a letter of recommendation from an academic tutor/supervisor to Jane Gatley (jog677@student.bham.ac.uk). **The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 17th May.**