

Free Events

Spring Term 2012

LfCI LEARNING FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Work - For Love or Money

Helen Jackson

Said a woman to her friend on the tram the other day about her son:

“He can’t find work for love or money – none of them can!”

This session will focus on and find out what we mean by ‘work’. We hear from politicians of all persuasions about their commitment to ‘hard working families’; tackling the ‘work shy’ benefits claimants; the ‘evils’ of unemployment. But how can the state properly value ‘work’ whilst bankers get their bonuses and carers get the minimum wage - or less – or, more frequently, nothing at all in payment? Doesn’t the whole fabric of life appear unfair ?

“It’s the rich what gets the pleasure,
It’s the poor what gets the blame,
It’s the same the whole world over,
Ain’t it a bleeding shame !”

Our aim will be not simply to deplore unfairness, but to understand why our society is run this way and why we look for the meaning of achievement and productivity only through measurements such as the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) which considers output in terms of product per Full Time Equivalent paid worker rather than the hidden contribution made by the majority of our citizens.

If you are old or young, in work or seeking work, paid or unpaid then do please join us.

Thursday 1 March 2012, 6:30 - 9:00pm
at the Swarthmore Centre, 2 - 7
Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD

Book your place by contacting:

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