

Appendix 3

Education and Social Reform: What can we learn from Robert Owen?

An invitation from the Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change, University of Glasgow

Robert Owen (1771- 1858) was a wealthy mill owner whose experience of the barbaric effect of the industrial revolution on individuals, combined with inspiration from 'the Enlightenment' prompted him to become a visionary educational and social reformer. Owen put his ideas to the test in New Lanark, a Scottish mill village, where he provided an education for the community, covering pre-school to adult education in the 'Institute for Formation of Character.' Subsequently, Owen took his ideas to America, attempting to establish a Community of Equality at New Harmony, Indiana (1824-1828).

The site of Owen's original Institute for Formation of Character in New Lanark has now been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site <http://www.newlanark.org/world-heritage-site/> and the Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change invites you to visit, where we will explore the philosophy of Robert Owen and the legacy of his revolutionary ideas on education and social welfare in Scotland and beyond.

Programme

Saturday, 9th January 2016

- 15.00 - 16.30 Depart for coach journey from Glasgow to New Lanark
- 16.30 - 17.00 Check-in
- 18.00 - 18.15 Welcome from Lorna Davidson, Deputy Director of the New Lanark Trust
- 18.15 - 19.15 Guest Speaker: Professor Robert Davis, School of Education, University of Glasgow.
- 19.30 Robert Owen Celebration Dinner

Sunday 10th January 2016

- 10.00-11.30 Tour of New Lanark led by the New Lanark Trust
- 11.30-11.45 Refreshments
- 11.45-13.00 Guest Speaker, Professor Andy Hargreaves, Lynch School of Education, Boston College
- 13.00-13.30 Lunch
- 13.45-15.00 Depart for coach journey to Glasgow

Registering for the Event

The cost for attending this event is £200, which will include overnight accommodation and Return coach from Glasgow.

More information on registering will be available soon. In the interim if you need any further information, please contact the Robert Owen Centre at Education-robertowencentre@glasgow.ac.uk