

CRISIS

MALVERN FESTIVAL OF IDEAS 2019

A WEEKEND OF THEMED TALKS, DISCUSSION, DEBATE
AND ACTIVITIES

1-3 MARCH 2019, MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE

Welcome



The Malvern Festival of Ideas is a wonderful event. We should have similar events all over the country. This would help give citizens the confidence to challenge what is going wrong and to establish a happier and more helpful country, that could in turn help the world to become more just and sustainable. This might seem a big claim but a feeling of hopelessness and consternation disempowers people and fear takes over. Crisis is this year's theme. There are answers to all the crises we face but few people are convinced of this and therefore the necessary actions are not taken.

The Rt. Hon Clare Short

Malvern Festival of Ideas is a multidisciplinary and inclusive weekend of events on what matters. The theme for the 2019 Weekend is Crisis and themed sessions explore this topic from different perspectives including Health, Social and Political perspectives. The speakers at the 2019 Malvern Festival of Ideas will address the topic of Crisis from their own standpoints, and the accompanying discussions and activities will allow participants to follow up their own interests within this overall theme.

The Art and Science Programme is an essential part of the Weekend. This year, it includes Explorer Dome shows, The Curiosity Project and special mathematics sessions.

There is **no charge** for entry to most events at Malvern Festival of Ideas, though there are considerable expenses. As in previous years, we will ask at each event for your donations towards those costs.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this brochure is correct at the time of going to press. Any changes will be notified via the Festival website.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available at many of the venues. Buffet lunches must be booked in advance—please see the event descriptions.

Booking

Booking for the events is strongly recommended. This can be done via the website or Eventbrite or by telephone. Details are found below.

Contact and booking details

Website:

www.malvernfestivalofideas.org.uk

Booking: mfi2019.eventbrite.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/malvernfestivalofideas)

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Front cover

Kutupalong Refugee Camp in Bangladesh.
John Owens (VOA).

Crisis: Hubris

Hubris. The Road to Donald Trump. Power, Populism and Narcissism

The Rt Hon Lord Owen CH FRCP

7.30pm to 9.30pm Friday 1st March 2019

The Chase School, Geraldine Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3NZ



The Rt Hon Lord Owen CH FRCP

David Owen was a Member of Parliament for Plymouth for 26 years from 1966-92. Under Labour Governments, he served as Navy Minister, Health Minister and Foreign Secretary. He was co-founder of the Social Democratic Party established in 1981 and its Leader from 1983-87 and 1988-90. He currently sits in the House of Lords as an independent Social Democrat. From 1992-95 Lord Owen served as EU peace negotiator in the former Yugoslavia working alongside the UN negotiator, Cyrus Vance and then Thorvald Stoltenberg. Since then until he retired from business he had business interests in the US, Russia and the UK.

David Owen has written many books including *In Sickness and In Power: Illnesses in Heads of Government, the Military and Business leaders*; *The Hidden Perspective. The Military Conversations 1906-1914*; *Cabinet's Finest Hour. The Hidden Agenda of May 1940* and *British Foreign Policy After Brexit*. His latest book published in November 2018 is entitled *Hubris. The Road to Donald Trump. Power, Populism and Narcissism*.

Health, Inequality and Empire

Saturday 2nd March 2019

The Chase School, Geraldine Road, Malvern,
Worcestershire, WR14 3NZ



10.00am to 11.00am

Crisis in our NHS?

Allyson Pollock



11.30am to 12.30pm

Mental Health Crisis

Dinesh Bhugra

1.00pm to 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm to 3.00pm

How more equal societies reduce stress, restore sanity and improve everybody's wellbeing

Kate Pickett



3.30pm to 4.30pm

How the legacy of the British Empire led to the Brexit attempt and what it tells us about ourselves

Danny Dorling
Sally Tomlinson



Tea and Coffee will be provided during the morning and afternoon sessions. A **buffet lunch** will be available. Lunch must be **booked** via the website or telephone.

Malvern Book Co-operative is providing a bookstall at the Festival. They will be offering books **for sale** by speakers at the whole of the Malvern Festival of Ideas.

Crisis: Health



Professor Allyson Pollock

Allyson Pollock is director of the Institute of Health & Society at Newcastle University. A public health physician, she is a leading authority on the fundamental principles of universal health systems, marketisation and public private partnerships, and international trade law and health. Universal access to health care is the primary focus and in particular the means by which local and national systems redistribute resources across society by sharing the risks and costs of ill-health. Her current research is around access to medicines, pharmaceutical regulation, and public health; and child and sports injury. Her book, *NHS plc: the privatisation of our health care*, was published by Verso, and she is currently working on a book *An Anthem for the NHS*.



Professor Dinesh Bhugra

Dinesh Bhugra CBE is the current President of the British Medical Association. He is Emeritus Professor of Mental Health and Cultural Diversity at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience at King's College London. His research interests are in cultural psychiatry, sexual dysfunction and service development. He has authored/co-authored over 400 scientific papers and 32 books and is the Editor of three journals. Previously he was the Dean and President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the UK, where he led on major policy initiatives on psychiatry's contract with society, public mental health and the role of the psychiatrist. He has led major surveys on discrimination against people with mental illness and medical students' interest in psychiatry.

Crisis: Inequality and Brexit



Professor Kate Pickett

Kate Pickett trained in biological anthropology at Cambridge, nutritional sciences at Cornell University and epidemiology at UC-Berkeley. She is currently Professor of Epidemiology in the Department of Health Sciences at York University, and the University's Research Champion for Justice and Equality. Kate is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Fellow of the UK Faculty of Public Health. She is co-author, with Richard Wilkinson, of *The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better*, chosen as one of the Top Ten Books of the Decade by the New Statesman, winner of Publication of the Year by the Political Studies Association and translated into 26 languages, and *The Inner Level*, published by Penguin in 2018. She is co-founder of The Equality Trust.



Professor Danny Dorling

Danny Dorling is the Halford Mackinder Professor in Geography at the University of Oxford. He was previously a professor of Geography at the University of Sheffield, and before then a professor at the University of Leeds. Much of Danny's work is available open access (www.dannydorling.org). With a group of colleagues, he created the website www.worldmapper.org which shows who has most and least in the world. His work concerns issues of housing, health, employment, education, wealth and poverty. His most recent book, with Sally Tomlinson, *Rule Britannia: Brexit and the end of Empire*, concerns what the 2016 EU referendum and 2019 'exit' told us about the British. He is a patron of the charity Roadpeace and a Senior Associate member of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Crisis: Gaza

Gaza in Crisis — Professor Ilan Pappé

7.30pm to 9.30pm Saturday 2nd March 2019,
St Matthias' Church, Church Road, Malvern, WR14 1NP

Professor Ilan Pappé

Ilan Pappé is the Professor of History and Director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter. He founded and directed the Academic Institute for Peace in Givat Haviva, Israel, from 1992 to 2000, and was the Chair of the Emil Tuma Institute for Palestine Studies in Haifa between 2000 and 2006. His research focuses on the modern Middle East and in particular the history of Israel and Palestine. He has also written on multiculturalism, Critical Discourse Analysis and on Power and Knowledge in general. He is author of many books, including *Ten Myths About Israel* (2017); *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* (2007); *The Biggest Prison on Earth: The History of the Israeli Occupation* (2016) and (with Noam Chomsky) *Gaza in Crisis: Reflections on Israel's War Against the Palestinians* (2011).



Professor Sally Tomlinson



Sally Tomlinson started out as a primary school teacher and has worked in the universities of Warwick, Lancaster, Goldsmiths London (where she is an Emeritus Professor) and Oxford (where she is an Honorary Research Fellow in the Education Department). She has researched and written mainly about race, ethnicity and education and education policy. She was a Trustee of the Africa Education Trust for twenty years and has worked in Somaliland, Kenya and South Africa. From 2011-2015 she was on the Governing Council of the South Worcestershire Further Education College which included Malvern Hills College. She is author of *Education and Race from Empire to Brexit* (2019); *The Politics of Race, Class and Special Education* (2015) and (with Danny Dorling) *Rule Britannia: Brexit and the end of Empire* (2019).

Art and Science Programme

10am to 4pm Saturday 2nd March 2019
Malvern Cube, Albert Road North, Malvern, WR14 2YF



Exciting, presenter-led,
hands-on science from

Explorer Dome

Three 45 minute shows
providing an immersive ex-
perience where new ideas,

scientific interests and iden-
tity can be explored. **£6** per
ticket, **Booking Essential:**

- 10.00 Environment Show
- 11.05 Body Show
- 12.25 Space Show

Shows suitable for 7-11 years — in the Cube Theatre



Are You Curious?

Playful fun for all ages.
Open all day in
the Cube Lounge.

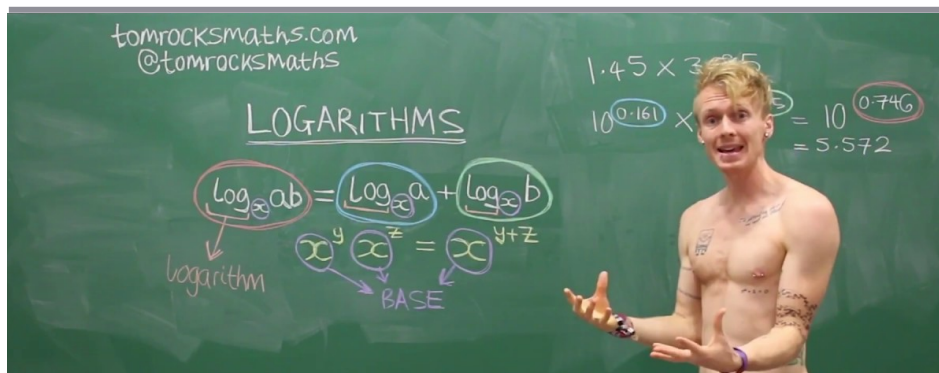


The Art and Science of a Masterpiece



A hands-on art activity for children and
parents to work on together. During the
day you will make paint and contribute
to a 'masterpiece' as a whole group.
Open all day in the Cube Art Room.

Maths Rocks: Afternoon of Mathematics



Tom Crawford, the Naked Mathematician, presents **Maths: it's all Greek to me!** and performs some experiments (wearing a toga). Tom is a tutor at St Hugh's College, St Edmund Hall and St John's College at the University of Oxford where he teaches maths to the first and second year undergraduates. He also runs the award-winning website tomrocksmaths.com and associated social media profiles [@tomrocksmaths](https://twitter.com/tomrocksmaths).

Mark Lewney has a PhD in guitar physics and has toured the world with his famous lectures.

Mark asks, **What, actually, is maths?** Does it exist independent of human minds? Is it invented, or discovered? Was there such a thing as "maths" in the age of the dinosaurs? Mark introduces the maths of guitars, telecoms, ocean waves and life itself, using all kinds of strange animations in order to "imagineer" the amazing concepts one might meet after A levels.



Timetable—at a glance

		11.05am	Dome: Body Show
10am	Curiosity Project (to 4pm)	12.25pm	Dome: Space Show
10am	Jon Wood (Masterpiece) (to 4pm)	2pm	Mathematics: Tom Crawford
10am	Dome: Environment	3pm	Mathematics: Mark Lewney
		4pm	Close

The Mathematics sessions take place in the Cube Theatre and are aimed at a general audience (teenage and adults).

Crisis: Democracy



10.00am Sunday 3rd March 2019, Malvern Cube

Democracy and its Crisis

Professor A.C. Grayling

A.C. Grayling CBE MA DPhil (Oxon) FRSA FRSL is the Master of the New College of the Humanities, London, and its Professor of Philosophy. He is also a Supernumerary Fellow of St Anne's College, Oxford. He is the author of over thirty books of philosophy, biography, history of ideas, and essays. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Vice President of the British Humanist Association. This talk is about the

failure of the best political system we have: democracy. And it is about how to put it right. In at least two of its leading examples in today's world, the United States and the United Kingdom, 'representative democracy' has been made to fail. Notice these words: 'made to fail.' Professor Grayling will argue that if the ideas that underlie the concept of representative democracy were properly and transparently applied, democracy would truly be, as Winston Churchill described it, 'the least bad of all systems.' But it has been made to fail by a combination of causes, all of them deliberate. He will explain the Trump election and the Brexit referendum in the light of what has happened to the West's leading democratic systems.



11.30am Sunday 3rd March 2019, Malvern Cube

World capitalism in the early 21st century: an existential crisis for humanity and the planet

Dr Neil Faulkner

Neil Faulkner FSA is an archaeologist, historian, and activist. He works as a writer, lecturer, and broadcaster, and he directs field projects at home and abroad. His many books include *A People's History of the Russian Revolution*; *Creeping Fascism: Brexit, Trump, and the Rise of the Far Right* and *A Radical History of the World*.

He will argue that the current global crisis is multi-faceted, with economic, social, geopolitical, and ecological dimensions, and insoluble without the dispossession of the 1% (highest earners) and democratic control over society's resources. He will further argue that the alternative is barbarism, and that this possibility is already apparent in the tidal wave of nationalism, racism, and fascism now sweeping across the world.

Both the above events take place at Malvern Cube, Albert Road North, Malvern, WR14 2YF.
Lunch may be booked via the website or telephone.

Crisis: Being Human

Colonisation and Decolonisation of the Soul

Professor Alastair McIntosh

2.15pm-4.15pm Sunday 3rd March 2019

Friends Meeting House, 1 Orchard Road, Malvern WR14 3DA

Professor Alastair McIntosh



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Alastair McIntosh (Scotland) has been described by BBC TV as “one of the world’s leading environmental campaigners.” A pioneer of modern land reform in Scotland, he helped bring the Isle of Eigg into community ownership. On the Isle of Harris he negotiated withdrawal of the world’s biggest cement company from a devastating “superquarry”. The author of books including *Soil and Soul: People versus Corporate Power*, his honorary academic posts included fellowships at the University of Ulster and Edinburgh (School of Divinity), and honorary professorial posts at the University of Strathclyde and, currently, the University of Glasgow in its School of Social Sciences.

In this closing session of the festival, Alastair will take as his springboard David Owen’s position that was laid out in the opening session: namely that narcissistic hubris drives much of modern politics. Drawing on his book on climate change, *Hell and High Water* (2008), he will explore how we have been manipulated by depth psychology and what marketing gurus like B.J. Cunningham have pushed as ‘corporate religion’. Drawing on his most recent book, *Poacher’s Pilgrimage: an Island Journey* (2016), he will take Donald Trump as a case study. Trump’s mother grew up just 8 miles from where Alastair was raised on the Isle of Lewis. Hard times in the 1920s led to her emigrating, and with it, arguably, to her son being raised without being held within the basket of a loving community. What might be the antidote? Not just for Trump, but for us all? His talk will close by walking through the island on a pilgrimage, reflecting on our collective psychohistory, asking what it means to be a human being in these times, and spiritually calling back the means by which to decolonise the soul.

Crisis: At a Glance

1st March 2019 7.30pm	Hubris. The Road to Donald Trump. Power, Populism and Narcissism — David Owen	Chase School
2nd March 2019 10am	Crisis in our NHS? Allyson Pollock	Chase School
2nd March 2019 11.30am	Mental Health Crisis Dinesh Bhugra	Chase School
2nd March 2019 2pm	How more equal societies reduce stress, re-store sanity and improve everybody's wellbeing Kate Pickett	Chase School
2nd March 2019 3.30pm	How the legacy of the British Empire led to the Brexit attempt and what it tells us about ourselves — Danny Dorling and Sally Tomlinson	Chase School
2nd March 2019 7.30pm	Gaza in Crisis Ilan Pappé	St Matthias' Church
2nd March 2019 10am to 4pm	Art and Science Programme with Explorer Dome, equal vision, Jon Wood, Maths Rocks: Tom Crawford and Mark Lewney	The Cube
3rd March 2019 10am	Democracy and its Crisis A.C. Grayling	The Cube
3rd March 2019 11.30pm	World capitalism in the early 21st century: an existential crisis for humanity and the planet Social Conflict — Neil Faulkner	The Cube
3rd March 2019 2.15pm	Colonisation and Decolonisation of the Soul Alastair McIntosh	Friends Meeting House

Malvern Festival of Ideas began life in 2012 as the Malvern Science and Faith Weekend. It is part of the charity *EngageMalvern* (registered charity no. 1175088), with the objects of community capacity building and the advancement of education for the public benefit in Malvern and surrounding areas.



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