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The Art of Conversation

Saturday 16
February 2019,
9.30am-5.30pm

22-26 George Street,
Edinburgh, EH2 2PQ
T: 0131 240 2780

What makes a good conversation?

How does technology affect our ability to communicate? What are the differences in speaking with adults and young people? What about non-verbal communication? Or how conversation is used creatively?

We are bringing together a group of experts who will be sharing their knowledge, leading discussions and offering fascinating insights into the role of conversation.



Join us for this
special one-off event
which promises to be a
most stimulating and
thought-provoking
day!

**Free
entry**

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Discussion Forums

10.00 - 11.30

Conversation in a Digital World

Conversations in relation to the digital age and the effects on society.

Dr Iain Donald, Lecturer in Game Production and Academic Enterprise Lead

Mr Ian Le Bruce, Director, Ignite Your Brand

12.30 - 14.00

The Art of Good Conversation

The development of conversation through the years.

Professor Jeremy Smith, Professor of English Philology, University of Glasgow

15.00 - 16.30

Creative Conversation

The portrayal of conversation through art, drama and literature.

Professor Dee Haddon, James Arnott Chair in Drama, University of Glasgow

Dr Graeme Wilson, Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh

11.45 - 12.30

Children and Conversation

How technology shapes children's interaction and communication: looking forward.

Dr Andrew Manches, Chancellor's Fellow, University of Edinburgh

14.15 - 15.00

Speaking Without Words

Discussing non-verbal conversation and communication.

Dr Marieke Schouwstra, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh

16.45 - 17.30

Should I Talk About It?

Talking about mental health and approaches to starting conversations.

Mrs Julie Cameron, Head of Programmes (Scotland), Mental Health Foundation

In Conversation Talks



This event will be the first of a series of events to celebrate A Year of Conversation, a collaborative project designed to celebrate, initiate and explore conversation through the creativity of those who live here.

Find out more at ayearofconversation.com