

Talk/Forum and Day Conference on Simone Weil:

Talk/Forum Event:

Simone Weil: A Visionary for our Time

Day Conference:

Key Ideas in Simone Weil's Life and Thought: Force, Affliction and Attention

Facilitators: Dr Timothy Baker; Prof Zenon Bankowski; Elizabeth Drummond Young;
Dr David Levy; Prof James Williams.

Chair: Brian Smith, former Bishop of Edinburgh in the Scottish Episcopal Church.



The purpose of this conference is to:

- Learn about and explore aspects of Simone Weil's life and thought;
- Provide a forum for networking among those who are interested in aspects of Simone Weil's life and thought;
- Facilitate open and mutually respectful enquiry and communication among scholars and the wider public regarding aspects of Simone Weil's life and thought.

Sanctuary, Augustine United Church,
41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

Friday 8 May – Saturday 9 May 2015

Friday 8 May 2015:

Registration: 6.30pm-7pm.

Talk/Forum: 7pm-9pm.

Saturday 9 May 2015:

Registration: 9.30am-10am.

Day Conference: 10am-5.15pm.

Cost: Evening Talk/Forum Event:

£5/£3 (Concessions)/£1 (Students).

Day Conference: £25/£20.

(Concessions)/£10 (Students).

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2-Day Retreat: Mindfulness - the nuts and bolts



This retreat will be a chance for us to explore the Buddha's teachings on the Foundations of Mindfulness within the overall structure of the Eightfold Path. It is open both to beginners and to experienced practitioners and to people of any faith or none. Reference will be made to the devotional structures and practices of Theravada Buddhism, and there will be opportunities for those who wish to participate in simple ceremonies that can support the cheerful heart. Please bring along food to offer and to share. There is no charge for

the teaching but a donation of £50/£40 (Concessions) to cover basic expenses would be appreciated. There will also be an opportunity for those who wish to make a donation towards the running costs of Milntuim Hermitage.

Sister Ajahn Candasiri, who has been a nun within the forest tradition of Theravada Buddhism since 1979, has spent most of her monastic life at either Chithurst (Cittaviveka) Monastery or Amaravati Buddhist Monastery. She has led meditation retreats in the UK and abroad for several decades, and has been intimately involved with establishing the community and training for nuns (siladhara) of her tradition. Having practised within different religious traditions prior to meeting Ajahn Sumedho, her Buddhist teacher, her interest is in what is shared among people of faith, rather than what divides. Currently she is establishing a small hermitage for nuns of her tradition near Comrie in rural Perthshire.

Cost: £50/£40 (Concessions).
For a Registration Form:
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Facilitator: Sister Ajahn Candasiri.
Skye Room, Gillis Centre,
100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.
Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 May 2015.
Registration: 9.30am-10am.
Retreat Days: 10am-5pm.