

THE UPPER ROOM

WINTER LECTURES 2017



Wednesday 25th January *“From Messina to Hammershoi; Some Hidden Gems of the National Gallery”* **Matthew Morgan**

Wednesday 22nd February *“Brexit from the perspective of the rest of Europe”* **Misha Glenny**

Thursday 30th March *“What has happened to the unaccompanied child refugees in Europe?”* **Lord Alf Dubs**

Wednesday 26th April *“Did the baby boomers let their children down?”* **Lord David Willetts**

All lectures will take place in **St Saviour's Church, Cobbold Road, W12 9LN, 8.00-9.00pm.**
Refreshments will be available from 7.40pm. **Donations welcome.**

Lecture 1 The National Gallery is home to some of the most instantly recognisable pictures in the world. However, amongst its 2,300 paintings are works that have the power to astonish and amaze which are not so widely known. Be introduced to some of these by Matthew Morgan of the National Gallery, one of our trustees and anchor lecturer, as he takes you on a tour of some hidden gems.

Lecture 2 Misha Glenny is a former Central European correspondent for the Guardian and the BBC. His books include: McMafia: Seriously Organised Crime; Dark Market: How Hackers Became the New Mafia; The Rebirth of History: Eastern Europe in the Age of Democracy; The Fall of Yugoslavia: The Third Balkan War and The Balkans 1804-2012: Nationalism, War and the Great Powers. Misha is a distinguished author and Europe expert, well qualified to help us think of Brexit from the perspective of our European neighbours.

Lecture 3 Lord Dubs arrived in the UK in 1939 as a six-year-old refugee fleeing the persecution of Jews in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. He was a Battersea MP from 1979-87 and Director of the Refugee Council 1988-95. He became a peer in 1994, served in the Northern Ireland Office from 1997-99 and was chair of the Labour peers from 2000-05. In 2016 he proposed an amendment to the Immigration Bill which said the government should “make arrangements” to relocate and support 3,000 unaccompanied refugee children from other countries in Europe. MPs rejected the amendment.

Lecture 4 The Rt. Hon. Lord David Willetts is the Executive Chair of the Resolution Foundation. He served as MP for Havant (1992-2015), as Minister for Universities and Science (2010-2014) and previously worked at HM Treasury and the Number 10 Policy Unit. His current roles include, Chair of the British Science Association and member of the Council of the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Lord Willetts has written widely on economic and social policy. His high-profile book “The Pinch – how the baby boomers took their children’s future – and why they should give it back” provides the background to this intriguing lecture.

All our eminent speakers are local people supporting our local charity, and giving their time for free. Please come, enjoy their expertise and support The Upper Room.

Traditionally the lectures have been on the last Wednesday of the month, but Lord Dubs was not available on 29th March so his lecture is on Thursday 30th March.

Space is limited, so in order to guarantee yourself a seat for any of the lectures please telephone Arlene on **0208 740 5688** or email her on: **arlene.burnett@theupperroom.org.uk**

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