

HGF BRIEFING NOTES

LIBRARY GROUP AND FRIDAY EVENING CLASSES

A continuing programme on a wide variety of subjects related to the science of political economy based around Henry George's voluminous writings and inspiration continues to take place at 11-13 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ. Friday afternoon meetings take place from 2.30 to 4.00 pm, and in the evening meetings take place from 6.40 to 8.10 pm. These are separate programmes.

The afternoon sessions have featured various subjects related to our core subject economics, for example an interesting presentation by Tommas Graves on the Metal Exchange, and Tommas also led discussions on *An Essay on Economic Theory* by Richard Cantillon; and *Climate Change - a Wake-up Call* by David Cotton. Alan Roberts led a discussion on 'The Proper Study of Mankind' by Alexander Pope. An introduction to Cicero's *Republic and Laws* was given by Michael Learoyd; and Jacqueline Waltz introduced her father's J. Seymour Rauch paper 'Economic Answers to Ecological Problems'. Ole Leffman gave us an interesting talk and presentation on Denmark; John Baddiley presented Andro Linklater's important book *Owning the Earth*. Featuring very strongly this term because of the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, we have had three informative and interactive discussions and readings of the original clauses of Magna Carta.

The evening sessions continued with the study of Plato's *Laws* with Joseph Milne, and the Summer term features Richard Bolton leading studies taken from David Graeber's book *Debt - The first 5,000 years*. These sessions alternate, but both sessions are well worth attending for the insights they offer. The complete programme and dates can be viewed on the HGF website.

We would like to invite all those who are able to join us in these meetings on a regular basis. It is indeed a useful way to meet and discuss Henry George and his invaluable insights along with many of the important economists of the past and present. We are indeed revisiting economics as well as rethinking economics as HGF has always done.

HGF REFERENCE LIBRARY

We are relocating the HGF reference library which includes bound copies of past issues of *Land&Liberty*. This has been occasioned because the reference library at Mandeville Place is being reorganised to make fuller use of the space by the School of Economic Science. Full access to the HGF reference library which is now stored in London SE15 is still possible by arrangement with Michael Learoyd, telephone number 020 7639 7524 or e-mail info@weavingtraditions.co.uk, who will be pleased to accommodate your needs.

JOHN STEWART

John Stewart, a real friend and supporter of the HGF and its aims, died on Friday 10th April. John continually explored the teachings

of Henry George and contributed to the literature in many memorable ways. His famous trilogy *Visitors*, *The President* and *Prime Minister* are regarded by many as economic novels. Indeed, in *The President* he posed three questions: What is location value? Who creates it? And to whom does it belong? This has proved to be an inspired approach for continuous reflection. John was the author of many other books, mainly historical novels and biographies as well. He will be sorely missed.



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS COMPETITION

This summer the HGF has launched its 2015 National Communications Competition for Sixth Form Students. It is designed to be an exciting opportunity for sixth formers to demonstrate their writing, presentation, art/graphic, and video communication skills as they seek to communicate the Foundation's core message and win big cash prizes in the process. There are 25 prizes to be won, a £1,000 first prize, three prizes of £500, and 20 prizes of £100 (all shared equally with their school or college), plus £500 prize for the school supporting most entries (£5,000 total).

Competitors are required to view and take on board (preferably via a group discussion) a briefing presentation from the HGF website.

They should then produce a creative work that represents/illustrates/promotes the core principle or the significance of the message in a particular location e.g. relating to the economy, history or geography or economy of a particular area e.g. local to the school, it's district, town, region etc. or wider e.g. the UK, Europe or globally. The work may be submitted under any of four following categories, either:

- **Written Work:** e.g. article, story, letter to a newspaper / MP / friend, review, comment, or similar. A maximum of 1,200 words.
- **Picture:** e.g. artwork, graphic design, poster etc. A3 will be the required size.
- **Map Based Power Point Presentation:** max ten sheets of which at least three are annotated maps.
- **YouTube Presentation:** videos, six to ten minutes of length.

If any school would like a HGF representative to lead or contribute to a discussion on the briefing (in person or via a webinar) they are invited to contact the HGF on the following free phone number: 0800 048 8537.

RETHINKING ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

Following a meeting with the student organisers of the Rethinking Economics weekend conference planned for 27/28 June at Greenwich University the Foundation agreed to provide a £2,000 contribution towards conference expenses aimed at reducing the cost of attendance for students. We shall also participate by leading a panel session on the topic 'Public Revenue - With or Without Taxation', presenting under the 'Economics for Everyone' theme our sixth formers competition briefing, and host a prominent stall for pamphlets and books. Our logo with a description of the HGF will also feature in the conference's programme and website. 