



THE LONDON ENCOUNTER

The **London Encounter** is a cultural event involving exhibitions, presentations and discussions which, each in their own way, are intended to provoke us to ask: what do we truly desire, what are we living for, and how can we best face the challenges of life? It is a place of dialogue for people of all backgrounds and experiences.

Programme

THE NATURE OF WORK

h.11:30

A reflection on the dignity of work through the medium of artworks by the French painter Jean-François Millet, accompanied by writings from his compatriot, the writer Charles Péguy. Speakers in our panel discussion:

Stefano Colli-Lanzi CEO of GiGroup, an international agency sourcing temporary employment

Diana Kennedy head of Strategy and Architecture, Enterprise Systems, BP

Jan van Betten founder of Nudge, a social enterprise promoting sustainable initiatives

THE NATURE OF CHARITY

h.14:30

An exhibition illustrates that, beyond merely helping others, the virtue of charity allows the giver of charity to complete and fulfil himself; through sharing our life, we find joy in the reality before us and meaning in suffering. Speakers in our panel discussion:

Rose Busingye founder of Meeting Point International, which supports those living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda

Pam Orchard CEO of Providence Row, the oldest charity serving the homeless in London

David Livesey Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and Chair of Cambridge City Foodbank

BEATS AND HEARTBEATS: IN TUNE WITH REALITY – A MUSIC EVENT

h.19:00

The Irish journalist John Waters will join us in the evening for a guided listening journey, which will consider the relationship between the desire for “everything” and what is before it: reality. This drama will be illustrated by considering a few great musicians, ordinary people who have yet been able to express this dynamic through words and music with an unimaginable, exhilarating power.

OSCAR WILDE

The nineteenth-century writer and poet declared, “nothing in the whole world is meaningless, and suffering least of all... behind sorrow there is always a soul.” Oscar Wilde has long been misunderstood by many who consider him simply as a champion of hedonism, but this exhibition will focus on his views and dramatic experience of two mysteries at the core of our reality: beauty and sorrow.

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A PASSION FOR REALITY

Saturday, 6 June 2015 – doors open at 10:30 a.m.

155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3YX

Admission is free - children welcome

