

Constitution

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The Purposes of the Organisation

Introduction

NAME represents a coming together of the Chirnside David Hume Group (2010 -) and the Duns Scotus 2016 Group in Duns. It recognises the extraordinary fact that Berwickshire, one of the most thinly populated counties in Scotland, gave the world two of its most important philosophers and thinkers: David Hume, the towering genius of the Scottish Enlightenment whose philosophical ideas influenced and continue to influence some of the world's greatest thinkers, and the innovative medieval theologian John Duns Scotus, whose influence is still felt today.

In addition, Berwickshire gave a home to James Hutton, credited as the founder of modern geology transforming our concepts of the earth and universe; to Henry Home, Lord Kames, a pioneer of agricultural improvement, and many other significant figures.

NAME will build on that legacy to inspire people to come together to share thinking and ideas of and about the great philosophers and developmental thinkers of different kinds both past and present and reflect on today's issues.

Purposes

1. To stimulate unfettered thinking and debate in the search for a fresh and more enlightened understanding of a range of subjects and issues of interest or concern and as may bring awareness, insight, enrichment and be pertinent to today's world.
2. To commemorate the significance of David Hume and John Duns Scotus and their connections with Chirnside and Duns. In so doing, to create events involving local communities and beyond, and work to develop a greater understanding of these figures, their ideas and their significance.
3. To celebrate Berwickshire's very special contribution to the development of ideas, thought and philosophy.
4. To educate, enlighten, inform and challenge thinking through different means and expressions e.g. through conferences, talks and discussions; creative projects, including plays and writing of different sorts, the visual arts and other appropriate means; engaging school

children in mind stretching and mind-developing activities; staging events of public interest, stimulation and education.

5. To continue and develop existing events and projects for as long as they are viable and interest is shown in them. These include the annual David Hume *Food for Thought* Dinner and Chirnside Primary School's David Hume Observation Competition: *What do you See?* Additionally it will seek to develop a relationship with Duns Primary School, encouraging the use of creative thinking and to look for and encourage similar opportunities to work with other Berwickshire schools.
6. To seek to develop links and partnerships with like-minded organisations.