

Philosophy for Children

Philosophy for Children (P4C) is an internationally acclaimed teaching method that increases children's ability and desire to learn through discussion and debate. P4C develops emotional intelligence, listening, reasoning and communication skills and improves social interaction. It teaches critical thinking, negotiation, self-reflection and encourages independent thought; all of which helps support a child's learning in other areas of the curriculum.

The efficacy of P4C in raising pupils' achievement and attainment is supported by numerous research papers including Trickey and Topping, British Journal of Educational Psychology (2007), which stated that P4C sessions once a week for a school year can permanently increase IQ by an average of 6 points as measured by CAT scores. (This correlates with a 20% improvement in the chance of achieving a particular grade at GCSE).

To find out more about P4C, including the latest research projects and findings from across the UK visit: sapere.org.uk

To explore resources from QUB about P4C visit:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/PhilosophyCitizenshipandSchools/AboutP4C/>



Queen's University Belfast Philosophy for Children Taster Day

Saturday 28th February, 10am – 3pm

**Venue: Queen's University Main Site
School of Sociology and Social Work /01/037**

Owing to generous sponsorship from the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at Queen's University Belfast, **Jason Buckley** at www.thephilosophyman.com and **Marelle Rice** at www.thethinkersmidwife.co.uk are able to run a Taster Day for those in Northern Ireland interested in P4C. The day will include a full P4C enquiry as well as lots of activities to use across the curriculum and will be supported by a bundle of free resources for your classroom.

This one-day event is open to teachers, middle managers and senior leaders from all schools and colleges in Northern Ireland who would like to learn more about P4C. For more information contact:

Marelle at p4c@thethinkersmidwife.co.uk or
Jason at jason@thephilosophyman.com

To reserve a place, please email the convenor of the event, Jeremy Watkins, at j.watkins@qub.ac.uk.

The price for the **Taster Day** is **£99 per person**. There will be a follow up opportunity to attend a full two day **SAPERE Accredited Level 1 course on Saturday 18th April and Saturday 23rd May**, the cost of which will be the standard £325 for Level 1 accreditation. Queen's University Belfast will subsidise up to 8 delegates to the value of £150 per place for those who have attended the P4C Taster Day.

