



## Getting Started with Philosophy for Children

1 day INSET for G&T coordinators, lead teachers and their colleagues

9.30 am to 4.30 pm, June 14th at R A Butler Schools, South Rd, Saffron Walden. Essex. CB11 3DG

**Free to individual delegates from Essex, Herts and Cambridgeshire Schools**

Philosophy for Children (P4C) has been gaining in popularity in both primary and secondary schools. As well as engaging pupils in posing and thinking about challenging questions, it attracts many schools seeking a coherent approach to the skills agenda and other initiatives. It provides open-ended challenge to gifted pupils within a framework that will also be enjoyed by pupils across the ability range.

This one day introductory course is based around "Pocket P4C", a user-friendly guide written by the course facilitator, gifted education specialist Jason Buckley. The day is very practical and interactive, with a wide range of resources and activity ideas, and excellent post-course support. Expected learning outcomes are:

1. Understand the thinking behind P4C and some of its benefits
2. Know how to plan and facilitate a P4C enquiry
3. Build up a store of games and activities for thinking and teamwork
4. Enjoy philosophising!

The course will be inspiring for all teachers and learning assistants, and is particularly valuable for G&T coordinators, and those with responsibility for thinking skills, PLTS, pupil voice, Citizenship, PSHE or SMSC. You do not need to have any prior experience of philosophy: P4C is primarily philosophy as a habit of mind rather than the traditional academic subject, although one enriches the other.

There are a maximum of 30 places in total on the course. One place on the course is **free for each school that applies from Essex, Herts or Cambridgeshire**. Further colleagues may attend for £100 + VAT each.

A second optional day's training to complete the SAPERE Level 1 Certificate in P4C will be offered on July 7th, at £175 + VAT per person – but the first day is designed as a basic introduction in its own right.

To book, email [jb@outspark.org.uk](mailto:jb@outspark.org.uk) or ring 01245 830123. Visit [www.outspark.org.uk](http://www.outspark.org.uk) for a full prospectus.

### Participant comments from a recent course

'Superb - the best course of my 15 years teaching experience.'

'Helpful. Focused. Encouraging and motivating.'

'Lots of ideas. Practical sessions so you could appreciate how it would work out in class.'

'There was an abundance of useful ideas and resources that could be used in the classroom.'

'Excellent course, informative and professional.'

'Thorough. Entertaining. Great pace.'