

Opening the Toolbox: Ritual Analysis of School

The Social Science Centre, Lincoln, is pleased to be hosting a workshop with Dr. Robert Hamm on ritual and education. This is a free, public event and everyone is welcome. It will be of particular interest to teachers, but also anyone with an interest in education.

Venue: **Croft Street (St Swithin's) Community Centre, Lincoln, LN2 5AX**

Time: **Saturday, 16th of April 2016, 10am – 4pm**

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A lot of activities in educational institutions can be seen as rituals, or ritualised activities. In this workshop we will look at ways to understand these activities by using the tools offered in the Toolbox of Ritual Analysis of School.

The term ritual here is not restricted to religious activities. It refers to the entire range of everyday understandings of the term, including everyday rituals, grand ceremonies, habitual interactions etc.

In the workshop we will start with stories of our own experiences with rituals in school (education). We will use them as platform for further engagement with the tools offered by ritual analysis.

The aim in the workshop is to provide an opportunity to gain some new ideas of “how to understand what we actually do” ... as teachers, students, pupils, classroom assistants, supervisors, teacher educators, really anyone involved in institutional education.

In facilitating the workshop Robert will draw on his work on theories of ritual in education, and particularly on a comparative study with teachers in mainstream schools and free alternative schools.

There is no need to have read anything particular as preparation for the workshop.