



Report of meeting held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ

Notes of Open Research Group meeting on 2nd August 2017: **OpenResearchGroup-170802**

Present: Janos, Ahmet (*Meetup*), William Bort (*Speakers' Corner*), Mary (notes), Ellena.

Reports:

Mary reported on her family holiday at Lower Shaw Farm - <http://www.lowershawfarm.co.uk> - where she had not been for about 25 years. The holiday was to meet up with people who had been regular attendees at Laurieston Hall's summer event, which they had been unable to run this year: <http://www.diggersanddreamers.org.uk/communities/existing/laurieston-hall> - <http://www.ic.org/directory/laurieston-hall/> - and her report gave rise to a lively discussion about Co-operative Communities, and about issues of governance in general.

Janos announced that he had renewed the contract with SES for the Open Research Group, so that we continue meeting at this venue for another year. With several new people joining us recently, including Ashburn, Ahmet and William, we felt that things were looking up, and Janos felt that we should sharpen our focus on the aim of the group, which he summarised as "looking for pathways to utopia", and the format of meetings.

Ahmet had been introduced to the group by Janos, who met him on another meet-up group. He has been in this country only since about April 2017, and is an asylum seeker from Istanbul in Turkey. For about five years Ahmet had attended panel meetings, written articles, and given popular presentations about his ideas: see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek1C4x-zDHc> and <https://dialethicalbody.blogspot.co.uk>. His main pre-occupation now is to improve his English well enough to continue this work in the UK and create an English-language website to portray his ideas – so far we understand that the French philosopher Michel Foucault has been his main inspiration: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michel_Foucault.

Key Publications: Janos is studying three titles: "Inventing the Future, Postcapitalism and a World Without Work" Nick Srnicek & Alex Williams, "Lobbying for Change – Find your Voice to create a Better Society", and Alberto Alemanno, and "The Philosophical Method", Revision 2, a complete synthesis of knowledge, ethics, politics and Economics, by John McCone – reviews to be added. He brought printed copies of a review of **Denounce the Deception** – history of Magna Carta – what is the basis of legal system? See A4 PDF: <http://globaltable.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/SpeakingtruthToPower-6pp.pdf>.