



Report of meeting held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ
See **Notes of 30th November meeting: [OpenResearchGroup-161130](#)**

Present: Waldemar, Pete, Janos, Paul, Mary:

Waldemar, visiting from Poland was welcomed, he told us that he receives Matters in the Air and shares this with members of the Global Table in their local community.

Pete said he had been studying “The Hidden Menace to World Peace” by John Gibb Stuart, which Mary had passed to him, having been given it by David Pidcock, when they met recently in Sheffield, and as he had just given his copy to Waldemar, asked her to lend him her copy next time. It gives the background on the Bank System - it explains about The Tonnage Act in 1694, which was a way of bringing in funds so that the King could pay back the loan from the Bank of England.

Following on conversation last week about experimenting with LETS systems, Mary explained that CCMJ has one in its members area (not yet taken up), also there is a Londonwide system, open to all. Also the software supporting the www.globaltable.org.uk website has a buddy-press plug-in, again yet to be worked on. We need to find a way of connecting up the many different groups, including Free Critical Thinking, Putney Debates, Assemblies for Democracy, Campaign for Interest-Free Money, and the National Federation Progressive Cooperators (NFPC), which had recently been addressed by the Shadow Chancellor, John McDonald. She felt that at some point these groups needed to find a way to feed their ideas into the political process, and engaging with the Labour Party offered a prospect of making a difference.

Conversation turned to the question of whether we are all equal. Mention was made of a recent article by Kazuo Ishiguro, a Japanese novelist born in Nagasaki in 1954, whose books include “The Remains of the Day”, and “Never Let me Go” (which was about people being clone-bred as organ-donors). The article said we are sleepwalking into inequality, as techniques are developed to amend the structure of genes: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/dec/02/kazuo-ishiguro-were-coming-close-to-the-point-where-we-can-create-people-who-are-superior-to-others>

We then went on to discuss the importance of thought/ attitude/ upbringing on physical factors of health. A key thinker on this is Bruce Lipton: <https://www.brucelipton.com>. References on Autism are: https://www.google.co.uk/?gfe_rd=cr&ei=SRNIWJ-3BY_S8AfQpymoCg#safe=strict&q=the+gene+that+causes+autism - and an equally interesting topic is the gene component in the development of Psychopathy: see: https://www.google.co.uk/?gfe_rd=cr&ei=SRNIWJ-3BY_S8AfQpymoCg#safe=strict&q=the+gene+that+causes+psychopathy

Pete suggested we adopt a format for future meetings, a 30-minute lead-in time, then one hour on a particular topic, then last half an hour, to summarise and agree what to do for next time. Perhaps the last meeting in the month, giving people the chance to present on a particular topic. On the question of voluntary contributions to meetings, it was agreed to reinstate these, and Janos asked Mary to look after the cash - she had suggested a small notebook to record everything. We would make this available to use as temporary cash-flow for fares, which Peter accepted, on the basis that he would pay back any loans when funds became available.

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