



Report of meeting held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ
See: **Notes** of 18th January 2017 meeting: [OpenResearchGroup-170118](#)

Present: Janos (chair), Mary (notes), Ellena, ?

History Matters

- Social arrangements can change
- collective competence to do the right thing also changes
- During most of history the masses were like children, driven by their instincts etc
- this gave rise to the paternalistic idea of the ruling classes, and dictatorships.
- this need not continue, because the value of universal literacy lays open the root for the masses to become intelligent and competent.

Why they are not acting like adults is the question, they are not allowed to grow up because the ruling classes would not be allowed to remain in charge.

Is there support for the fact that the ruling classes do not allow us to be fully educated?
NB dual education system is responsible.

Low level of literacy in school

No civics

Social media, fake news,

Poor education also means we need immigrants to provide skilled labour

Secondary moderns not educated, taught to do as they were told

From Lucas Plan meeting

Shop stewards left school on Friday, started school on the Monday, expectation that they would get a job in their father's firm, taught not to question authority, if they did they were marked as a troublemaker.