

Dear Julian

I just wanted to thank you for the enormous organisational effort you must have put in for the festival to happen and happen so successfully, particularly in such atrocious conditions. Despite the awful weather the spirit and energy throughout the weekend seemed undiminished. I quite enjoyed my experience of spending a night in a yurt dreaming of a nomadic life, living close to nature life! But on my return to Suffolk I have to confess the dream faded abruptly with the availability of the power shower and flush loos!



I have been a member of AHP for many years and Humanistic values have had a profound effect on my personal life and working life, both in higher education and latterly in N.H.S. psychiatry. Humanistic philosophy has also been the theoretical bedrock of two books I have had published in recent years on 'Compassionate Care' and 'Recovery'. Having said that, since the 1980's and early 90's I have had very little contact with the humanistic community and part of my reason for wanting to attend the conference was a surfacing doubt that I may not feel so attuned to the current flow of humanistic thought as I did in the earlier radical days of the human potential movement.

Any such doubts disappeared over the weekend. Brian's wonderful discourse on being hopeful in destructive times; Nick's exciting concept of the 'wild mind'; and John's profound vision of a way of being beyond ego, were all engaging and enlightening.

Many thanks once again.

Pete Watkins

"The magical combination of Green and Away and AHPB was unbeatable - will possibly join if more events like this are on offer"

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