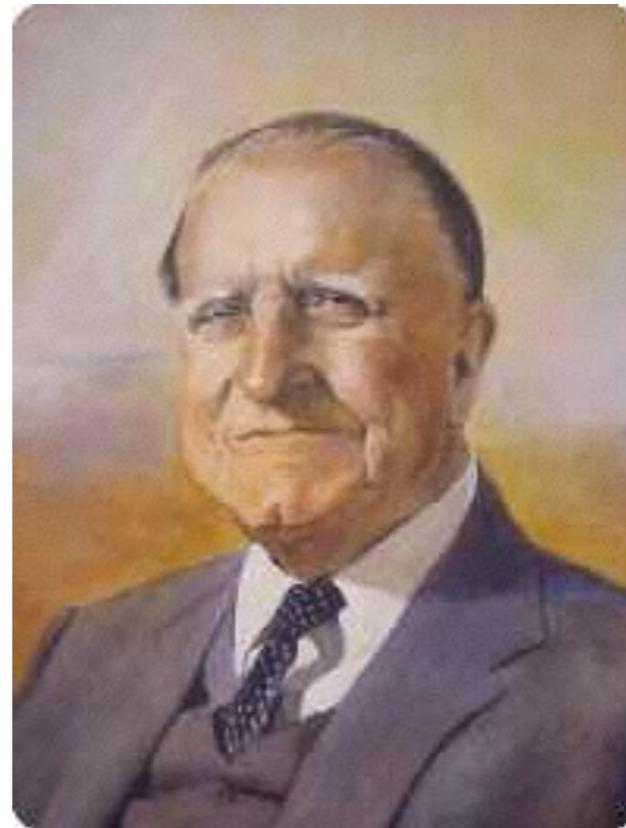


LEON MACLAREN THE FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMIC SCIENCE THE MAN AND HIS LEGACY



A morning devoted to the memory of Leon MacLaren

Free for philosophy course members. Guests £10

11 Mandeville Place W1U 3AJ
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Since it's been 25 years since the founder of the School, Leon MacLaren, died we are spending a morning devoted to his memory. We will hear about him from those who knew him well, and to both remember him and introduce him to those who never met him. It will also allow us to reflect on the inspiration such a remarkable person provided.

SPEAKERS:
IAN MASON
LAURA HYDE
DAVID WARD
JEFFERY COURTNEY

Ian Mason is Principal of the School of Economic Science. He first met Leon MacLaren in 1972. Through the School and Mr MacLaren's wisdom Ian came to a deep appreciation of the idea of natural law and the philosophy of unity, not only as personal philosophic practice but also as principles that can be expressed throughout society and government. Under the influence of the School Ian qualified as a barrister and went on to lead studies in law, government and economics within the School as well as participating fully in the teaching and practice of philosophy.

Jeffery Courtney was one of a group of four professional artists that Mr MacLaren formed in the eighties. Mr MacLaren's intention was to train the group to carry out their professional work with a strong philosophical influence and in this way to open the possibility of offering works of art that were inspired by profound thought. In the process it gave the artists a whole new dimension in which to work and an understanding of the value and importance of art. The practices and disciplines he gave still guide their art.

Laura Hyde is a former Headteacher of St James Senior Girls' School (1995-2014) and a Schools' Inspector. The vision which inspired Leon MacLaren to found St James in 1975 was deeply understood by Laura who was entrusted with the opportunity to guide the school's development. She is now Director of Education for St James Schools UK, a Consultant in Educational Development and a Governor of Reading Blue Coat School. She is also a qualified life coach. As private secretary to Leon MacLaren (1980-1985) Laura worked with him every day, assisting in the writing of his many lectures for philosophy classes and accompanying him on teaching tours abroad.

David Ward is a musician, pianist, accompanist, conductor and former teacher at The Royal College of Music. For many years he studied piano with Leon MacLaren, mostly with his beloved Mozart. He then directed Mr MacLaren's own compositions: 'In the Beginning' with words taken from Old and New Testaments, and settings of the Eesha and Kena Upanishads and a hymn from the Rig Weda. He was also one of the editors of a book written by Mr. MacLaren called Harmony which tells of the mathematical proportions in music, and a book called 'Leon MacLaren Memories and Tributes'.