Join us for the 2018 one day symposium in hermeneutic phenomenology

Friday 27th April 2018
at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland.

“To put oneself on a journey, to experience, means to learn”
(Heidegger 1971, p 143).
This event is for post-graduate research students, researchers and academics working within health and social care. It is an exciting opportunity to listen to experienced researchers who have used a hermeneutic phenomenological approach to highlight some of the challenges in undertaking this type of study and to demonstrate how philosophical concepts can be applied to illuminate meaning within health and social care related research projects. A panel discussion will also be held to provide opportunities for further questioning and elaboration.

**Speakers:**

**Dr Lesley Dibley**  
University of Greenwich, London  
Finding Heidegger in research data: demonstrating connections between evidence and theory

**Dr Tony Gill**  
University of Central Lancashire, Preston  
Unique insights into lived experiences of people living with schizophrenia

**Dr Fiona Work**  
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen  
Epistemology, Ontology and Thanatology for Dummies

**Dr Steve Smith**  
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen  
Challenges of using hermeneutic phenomenology to explore experiences of Solution Focused Brief Therapy

**Ms Denise Harris**  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Lived-through past, experienced present, anticipated future: Understanding "existential loss" in the context of life-limiting illness

**Dr Sally Goldspink**  
Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford  
Booming Clangs and Whispering Ghosts; Attending to the Reflexive Echoes in IPA Research

**Dr Lesley Kay**  
Kingston University, London  
Birthing in the twilight of certainty: women’s experiences of ‘average everydayness’

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**Facilitators:**

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**Symposium Booking and Enquiries:**

The hermeneutic phenomenology symposium will take place at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. The fee for the one-day event is £75.00 which includes refreshments (tea and coffee), and lunch.

Please note there are a limited number of places available for the symposium event, and booking should be made by 30th March, 2018. Details of the event and campus location will be issued prior to the event.

For participants of the proceeding four-day hermeneutic phenomenology methodology course (23rd to 26th April, 2018) this symposium is part of this event and does not incur extra cost.

For queries please contact: Heather Nicolson, Robert Gordon University h.nicolson@rgu.ac.uk or visit the website www.rgu.ac.uk/hp-event-2018

To book a place, please complete the online booking form on the above website. Online card payment option available at time of booking, or at www.rgu.ac.uk/hp-event-2018-payment