

# Robert Owen, Past Present and Future



Robert Owen (1771-1858) was a wealthy mill-owner whose experience of the barbaric effects of the Industrial Revolution on individuals, combined with inspiration from “the Enlightenment”, prompted him to become a visionary social and educational reformer. Owen put his ideas to the test in New Lanark, a Scottish mill village, where he provided an education for the community, covering pre-school to adult education in the Institute for “Formation of Character”. Subsequently, Owen took his ideas to America, attempting to establish a Community of Equality at New Harmony, Indiana (1824-1828).

The site of Owen’s original Institute for Formation of Character in New Lanark has now been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site ([www.newlanark.org/world-heritage-site](http://www.newlanark.org/world-heritage-site)). The Institute for the Formation of Character also celebrates the 200th anniversary of its opening in January 2016, so it is very fitting that that the Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change invites you to visit, to explore the philosophy of Robert Owen and the legacy of his revolutionary ideas on Education and social welfare in Scotland and beyond.

## Programme

### SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY

15.00-16.30	Depart for coach journey from Glasgow to New Lanark
16.30-17.00	Check in to New Lanark Hotel
18.00-18.15	Welcome from Lorna Davidson, Director of the New Lanark Trust
18.15-19.15	Guest Speaker, Professor Robert Davis, School of Education, University of Glasgow
19.30	Robert Owen Celebration Dinner

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY

10.00-11.30	Tour of New Lanark, led by the New Lanark Trust
11.30-11.45	Teas/Coffees
11.45-13.00	Guest Speaker, Professor Andy Hargreaves, Lynch School of Education, Boston College
13.00-13.30	Soup and Sandwiches
13.45-15.00	Depart for coach journey to Glasgow



#### Registering for the Event

Costs of attending this event is £200, which will include return coach from Glasgow.

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