

BRITISH PAIN SOCIETY SUMMER RETREAT  
HOSTED BY THE PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
RYDAL HALL, CUMBRIA 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025  
“WOMEN AND PAIN”

**SUNDAY 29th June:**

16.00 Arrive. Tea

18.30 Dinner and Housekeeping

**MONDAY 30th June:**

8.15 Tai Chi in the gardens with Betsan Corkhill

8.45 Breakfast

09.20 Dr Tim Johnson Welcome and Introduction

09.30 **Dr Lorraine de Gray, Dean of the Faculty of Pain, Royal College of Anaesthetists: ‘Wandering Wombs and Hysteria - a History of the Pain Gender Gap’**

10.30 Discussion

11.00 Coffee

11.30. **Dr Ooi-Thye Chong, Acupuncturist and Lecturer in Integrative Medicine, University of Edinburgh: “Acupuncture for Pelvic Pain in Women”**

12.30 Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Walking in the gardens, hill climbing, swimming in Rydal Water or just do nothing

16.00 Tea

16.30 **Dr Mia Van Manen: Anaesthetist and Critical Care Doctor in Oxford : ‘Hypnosis for Childbirth’**

17.30 Discussion

18.30 Dinner

**TUESDAY 1st July**

08.15 Tai Chi in the gardens

08.45 Breakfast

09.20 Introduction: Dr Maureen Tilford

09.30 **Prof Amanda Williams, Professor of Clinical Health Psychology, pain management centre at University College Hospital London:** “ Painful Women: Subject and Object”

10.30 Discussion

11.00 Coffee

11.30 **Prof Paul Dieppe: Emeritus Professor of Health and Well-being at the University of Exeter in the UK. Former Dean of Medicine in Bristol:** “Healing, Nature and Pain”

12.30 Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Time to walk in the gardens, climb a hill, swim in Rydal Water or do nothing!

16.00 Tea

16.30 **Dr Sarah Milton, Senior Research Fellow. Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, King’s College London**

17.30 Discussion

18.30 Dinner

### **WEDNESDAY 2nd July**

08.15 Tai Chi in the gardens

08.45 Breakfast

09.20 Introduction

09.30 **Prof Andrew Horne: Prof of Gynaecology and Reproductive Sciences, Edinburgh University:** “**Breaking the cycle: Current and Emerging Strategies for Endometriosis Pain**”.

10.30 Discussion

11.00 Coffee

11.30 **Dr Peter Wemyss-Gorman, founder member of the Philosophy and Ethics Special Interest Group**

11.45 Musical Interlude

13.00 Lunch, then hometime!