

AberWorkshops: Sociology

Bringing our
academic experts
to your learners










What are AberWorkshops?

AberWorkshops give your learners an opportunity to learn from, question and even challenge our friendly and engaging Academic staff.

Our teaching staff will deliver high quality subject content to your learners, with the aim of not only increasing students' knowledge of the subject matter, but also encouraging them to consider future study within the discipline of Sociology.

We have a variety of academic-focussed lectures/workshops in a number of different topic areas. Whilst all sessions are subject to availability, AberWorkshops are:

-  **Flexible in duration**
-  **Suitable for small and large audiences**
-  **Deliverable to year groups 12-13**
-  **Available virtually**
-  **Available face to face in school or college**
-  **Available to be delivered on Aberystwyth University campus**
-  **Open to learners with no prior knowledge of the subject, as well as those with an interest in the subject area. Learners do not need to be studying Sociology in school or college.**

 To make a booking or find out more, e-mail aberworkshops@aber.ac.uk

An introduction to Sociology at Aberystwyth

Sociology provides important sought-after critical thinking skills, leading to a wide range of career opportunities in the public and private sector, including developing social policy for local and national government, working in charitable and voluntary organisations, police and probation services, social work, human resources, journalism, and media education.

Focusing on patterns of human behaviour, the social relationships people form and the societies and wider cultures in which they dwell, sociologists strive to understand social structures and inequalities and how people act within these contexts. By considering key contemporary issues such as age, disability, immigration, health, the welfare state, ethnicity, sexuality and gender, and through adopting theoretical and evidence-based stances to critique society, sociologists can bring about transformative change to create a better world for all.

Sociological research at Aberystwyth examines intersections of age, disability, class, gender, sexuality, 'race' and ethnicity, in relation to key contemporary issues of risk (like the crisis in health care, immigration, the welfare state or the climate crisis) where sociological theory can be applied and have real world significance.

Sociologists at Aber are international leaders in their fields and involved in an exciting range of research, including ageing and death, trauma informed pedagogies, and digital femininities, addressing key societal problems with significant societal impact.



Sociology Studies

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Do we still need the NHS? – Dr Bethany Simmonds

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The sociology of health is a subfield of sociology, and is central to key debates about inequality in society. Research in this field provides evidence that those who are more deprived and have less resources, such as, working class and minority ethnic groups, or older and disabled people (and combinations of these identities) are less able to navigate the fragmented and underfunded health system in the UK. This talk explores alternatives to the NHS in other countries, to discuss whether we still need the NHS and the possible impact that paying for care would have on these groups' health and wellbeing.

What is normal? – Dr Emma Sheppard

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This interactive workshop explores social norms and disability, asking students to apply their critical thinking to their everyday lives, draw on their own experience, and consider whether 'normal' is a social norm. It will be of interest to students studying A-level sociology, but also engage those with interests in education, politics, or social care.

Is Britain a patriarchal society? – Dr Yvonne Ehrstein

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What is patriarchy? Does it still exist in the contemporary UK? Is there still inequality between women and men? Can women and girls 'have it all'? Are men and boys losing out if gender relations change? And what is the role of feminism in all this? This workshop will explore these questions and invite a critical engagement with the popular term patriarchy, examining its usefulness in light of continuing and new forms of gender inequality and the resurgence of feminist activism as well as increase in misogyny across multiple social sites

Key:

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Can be delivered in English

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Can be delivered in person

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Can be delivered through the medium of Welsh

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Can be delivered virtually



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