## FFWPU UK: Wonderful 2 Day Divine Principle Workshop At Livingstone House

Michael Balcomb December 3, 2023



Last weekend, a successful workshop was held in the beautiful Livingstone House with members, guests and even help from our UPA Missionaries. Here is a testimony from Russell G. who co-ordinated the workshop...



"It was great to hold a 2-day Divine Principle workshop, as we come to the end of 2023 and make new determinations for the coming year.

I think Livingstone House is such a welcoming place and the best venue currently for such events. Clive and Maria P. have done a great job of keeping the premises in good condition and were always at hand to accommodate our needs.

We had 22 participants, ten 1st gen, seven 2nd gen (including four UPA students), five new guests and six staff. Of the new guests, all of whom were students, two stayed for the main day of lecturing, one stayed for the first night and all of Saturday and two remained for the whole workshop!

I always think that the mix of 1st, 2nd gen members and new guests makes an exciting dynamic because all can bring a different experience to the study and sharing sessions.

The workshop began on Friday evening, with an orientation and brief introduction to Divine Principle given by the very capable Farhad N. (Currently President of the "Intercultural Peace Association" at Greenwich University).



We were also very lucky to have the lecturing skills of our brother Ashley C. this time, who utilised the slide presentations created by David H. and William H., which included many quotes from world scriptures as well as the Bible. I felt that his investment of heart moved all who listened, resulting in a few tears being shed! It was particularly great to hear the responses given by new guests to the lectures, reminding older members of the time on their first workshop.



On Saturday afternoon the schedule allowed participants the opportunity for a ramble around the nearby woods or to pit their table tennis skills against each other in the dining room! Saturday evening also gave everyone a chance to express themselves in family entertainment performances followed by the Blockbuster "Ghost" which introduces some aspects of spiritual reality.



The Closing Ceremony on Sunday came all too soon and the final lectures left the new guests eager to hear more! Overall, it was an exhilarating experience and it confirms the fact that Divine Principle still has the power to transform us when we take time out to study it in depth."