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ROGER SCRUTON
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SCRUTOPIA

21st-28th July 2025

“What kinds of freedom really matter?”

We are delighted that you are interested in attending Scrutopia 2025. This year's theme will be *What kinds of freedom really matter?*

In this document you will find key information for the week including some FAQs. If you decide this experience is right for you then please do apply by filling out our [online application](#).

Now entering it's 8th year, Scrutopia has evolved with each event. We are always looking to improve the experience and bring as much to the week as possible. Our Alumni is ever expanding and is a fantastic network of people to be a part of. This year we hope to invite members of our Alumni to join us for our Gala Dinner.

We look forward to receiving your applications and seeing you in the summer.

Sophie & Abbi

SUNDEY HILL SUMMER SCHOOLS





WHAT TO EXPECT

The format for the week begins with a relaxed arrival and introduction to the team while familiarising yourself with the accommodation at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6JS. All rooms are ensuite and you will be fully catered during your time with us. The grade II listed campus offers stunning scenery for study and reflection during the week.

Each day of the course will offer one to two lectures, which will begin with a presentation and be followed by seminar style discussion. Speakers will be drawn from Roger Scruton's distinguished circle of friends, students and colleagues from the world of philosophy. They will offer original papers relevant to our theme. Usually this leads us to discuss the subjects Roger was most passionate about such as aesthetics, conservatism, music and green philosophy.

Time is provided to explore the beautiful Cotswold town of Cirencester and excursions from the RAU happen most days. Including trips to Roger's home - Sundeley Hill Farm where you can see the ongoing legacy of his work.

Each evening will include a drinks reception followed by dinner where speakers from the day will be present to continue conversations.

Some of the highlights of the week will be;

- Visits to Sundeley Hill Farm including a farm walk and tea in the orchard
- A concert in The Roger Scruton Library and BBQ supper at the farm
- Visits to beautiful Cotswold towns such as Malmesbury and Burford
- A church service at Garsdon where Roger played the organ and is buried
- Vineyard tour and local cheese and wine tasting
- Gala Dinner with special guest speaker and a chance to meet Scrutopia Alumni





FAQs

IS TRANSPORT INCLUDED?

We ask you to arrange your own transport to and from the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester. We can offer advice for travel within the UK. All transport during the week of activities and visits is included.

IS FOOD AND DRINK INCLUDED?

Yes, all meals will be provided, breakfast and lunch are buffet style. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided during lectures. The evening begins with a wine reception and is followed by a sit down dinner in The Bathurst Dining Room. The Gala Dinner is a chance to dress formally for the evening.

WHEN DOES THE COURSE START?

The first lecture will start promptly at 3pm on Monday the 21st July. Arrival and registration will take place on Monday from 12-2pm, for those travelling internationally we can offer arrival and accommodation on the evening of Sunday the 20th July. Please ensure you arrive in good time to check into your room before the first lecture.

HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

The main body of the course will take place Monday-Sunday, most days will start after breakfast at 9.30am with a lecture followed by a cultural activity. The course will finish on Monday 28th July at midday.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON THE COURSE?

Numbers vary each year but there are 18-26 people involved in the course, students and faculty.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications can be made online by filling out this [form](#).

