

Warwick Creative Exchange

~ Promoting Research and Developing Dialogue between West Midlands Cultural Organisations and Warwick's Academic Community ~

We are delighted to invite you to **Is Culture Valuable?**, the first in a planned series of seminars, to be held on **Thursday 27th June, 6-8pm**, in the **Studio Theatre, Warwick Arts Centre**, The University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL

Is Culture Valuable?

~ Articulating cultural value is a key and ongoing issue for cultural organisations as well as for academics working across a wide range of disciplines. At this moment in particular, there is pressure and temptation to frame the value of arts and culture in ways that draw heavily from economics and to justify public spending in this field primarily in terms of jobs, economic development, and tourism. This seminar aims to tackle these issues from a wider set of concerns and approaches, in order to contribute to the growing debate on why and how the arts and culture are valued by both the people who create it and those who participate in it.

Is Culture Valuable?

~ A conversation facilitated by playwright and cultural commentator, **David Edgar**

~ Contributors:

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