



Wednesday 2nd FEBRUARY 2011

**SCIENTIFIC MEETING:
Who cares about compassion?**

7:00pm - 9:30pm

**Registration and tea
from 6:30pm**

**Hughes Parry Hall,
University of London
36-45 Cartwright Gardens
London WC1H 9EF**

**Fee: £30
(OPUS Associates £15)
*(Students £15)**

includes refreshments

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Presenter: Tim Dartington

Chaired by: Jan Baker and Simon Tucker (OPUS Associates)

Tim Dartington is a group and organisational consultant, who trained at the Tavistock Institute. He has been a member of OPUS since 1978. His book, *Managing Vulnerability, the underlying dynamics of systems of care*, was published by Karnac Books in 2010.

This talk takes as its theme the need to retain or recover some ancient virtues in the delivery of health and social care. Who looks after the unenterprising in an enterprise culture, or the dependent in a post-dependent society? The economic costs of care were an issue even in the good days — the more so now that we are facing austerity and retrenchment in public services. The context has changed from paternalism to a language of human rights to 'personalisation'. The vulnerable in society may be expected to be heroic at one moment — and stoical the next. Tim argues that the policy imperatives may look different but the human condition remains much the same.