



July Café Scientifique

Monday, 7th July at 7pm in the bar of The Showroom

Science and the Law: The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, 2008

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The recent Parliamentary debates concerning key provisions in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology bill highlight continuing concerns about the respect that, as a community, we attach to the human embryo. Ever since the Warnock Report in the 1980s, we have insisted that we accord the human embryo a special status and yet licences can be (and are) issued to use human embryos for research (including now using so-called cybrids or hybrids for research), and human embryos can be screened and then selected or rejected depending upon their suitability to serve as prospective "saviour siblings". Is this the best that we can do and what does the future hold?

More info: contact the organisers via Dr. Chamu Kuppuswamy - c.kuppuswamy@shef.ac.uk

Sharpen your interest and knowledge of science in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Café Scientifique is an opportunity for all members of the public to meet practising scientists. Take part in a debate/discussion around a drink or plate of food at the Showroom Bar.

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Admission is FREE, No need to sign up.

Format: Generally the Café begins at 7.00pm in the restaurant area of the Showroom.

We begin with a short presentation of about 20 minutes from a guest speaker, followed by a break to allow people to refresh their glasses and think of questions they may wish to ask. During the break there are also small group discussions before a larger discussion takes place which can get quite lively! For further information go to:

<http://www.sciencecafesheffield.org>