

Organs, Dead or Alive?

The Ethics of Organ Donation

A Star Lecture by Professor John Harris at the University of Manchester

Philosopher John Harris is Lord Alliance Professor of Bioethics at the University of Manchester's *Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation*. As the author or editor of 20 books and over 300 papers, he has many years' experience as an innovator in debate about the moral and legal issues involved in health and healthcare. He has been cited as one of the most globally influential philosophers in bioethical matters, and this influence spans both academia and the public sphere. Professor Harris' wide ranging interests in bioethics include : human enhancement; aging; rights to use of biomaterials; and a long standing commitment to transforming policy and practice in organ donation.

This lecture directly confronts the challenges posed by a dire shortage of donor organs and tissue for transplantation, both in the UK and globally. Without donor organs, many people who could otherwise go on to lead full lives die each year.

Every year in the UK 1000 patients die whilst on the waiting list for organs...

...that's about 3 deaths each day of the year

Professor Harris will talk participants through a range of questions – that this fact raises:

- Should we donate organs after death - or even while we are alive?
- Would it be ethical to refuse?;
- Should (and could) society compel donation?;
- Should we allow people to sell organs, dead or alive?

In the process participants will develop some of the thinking tools needed to navigate such difficult debates .

Organs, Dead or Alive? will be of interest and accessible to Year 12 and 13 students studying a range of subjects, including: Philosophy; Law, Religious Studies, Biology and those investigating related topics in EPQs; and it will also be of direct relevance to those interested in pursuing careers in Medicine, Nursing or other healthcare subjects.

What: Star lecture and Q&A

Who for: Year 12 and 13 students

When: Tuesday 11th March 2014, 12:30 – 2:30pm

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