

PANEL DISCUSSION

Local talk in a global age

Thursday 7 April 2016, 6pm-7.30pm

The Lit & Phil, 23 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE

Why are certain accents considered more intelligent, more friendly or more trustworthy? What kind of person do you imagine when you hear a Geordie, Scouse or Cockney accent? Is the so-called north-south divide reinforced by the way we speak? This discussion will explore how far local and regional identities are linked to speaking a dialect, and will consider what the future might be for accents and dialects in an increasingly globalised age.

Speakers:

Professor Joan Beal, University of Sheffield

Professor Tony Crowley, University of Leeds

Carmen Llamas, University of York

The discussion will be chaired by **Peter Arnold**, Chairman of the Northumbrian Language Society.

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