



Mindfulness, Meditation, Zen Nothing More



Online Events and Recordings - Flint on the Heart Sutra

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The growth in online meeting since COVID has brought the matter of privacy and confidentiality into stark relief. The following note reflects this development. With lockdown regulations, there is a framework of law and good practice (including the GDPR) within which we are required to operate. During enquiry, we talk about things that are important to us, which can be very personal. Everyone needs to be aware that online confidentiality should not be confused with online privacy.

The time we spend online with Flint will be recorded. The recording will enable us to review and reflect on the talk and any discussion that follows. Making a recording also allows the session to be shared later with others. The link to the recording will be private, and we will ask that nobody releases it in the public domain. This said, we cannot prevent people sharing the link with others. You should also be aware that we cannot prevent anyone recording the live session, or downloading an archived recording.

Everyone who attends this session will be identifiable on the recording. Legally and ethically we need to ensure that all participants know this, and give their assent to it.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Flint and join in discussion. If you decide to join in, you must be clear that what you say about other people and events in your life will be part of the recording. You must take full responsibility for anything you say, and take care not to name or identify anyone who may be hurt, upset, or object to anything you say.

It is not practical to edit the recording of any discussion if you have said things you subsequently regret. Aside from the technical challenge of editing, once the recording is made accessible to participants it can be downloaded by anyone with the link. Even if we were able to do an edit on the original recording, we would have no means of editing any live recordings or downloads made by other people

In order to address the concerns set out here, we need to take the rather formal step of asking you to register for the event. The login to Zoom will be through the Zoom 'waiting room.' We will ask you to agree to the following statements:

I consent to being identified as a participant in this event, in both real time and in the recording?

I take full responsibility for any contributions I make in discussion at this event, and understand that what I say cannot be edited from the recording of the event.

Sorry if this sounds a bit serious; but actually it is!