

**Ishval  
Vision Statement  
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Introduction

The Trustees of Ishval have spent some time over the past few months looking at possibilities for the development of the Charity in the future. Nothing in the world stays the same, we all live in a universe of constant process and change, and we need to be alert and ready to respond to new situations and developments.

One change, which we had not anticipated, was the retirement of our longest-serving Trustee, and Chairman, Mrs Zero Mahlowe. She is the only one of us who had been a Trustee from the very founding of the organisation, the remaining three having been directly involved for only a few years. It would be difficult to do justice to the contribution she has made, but we would like to take this opportunity to offer her our heartfelt thanks for her many years of service. Zero remains, however, an active participant in Ishval, as any who came to her talk on 15<sup>th</sup> March will attest. She is currently in the process of a very valuable project, the recording of the complete Collected Works of Eugene Halliday.

It seems appropriate to set down some ideas that over the next few years we could bring into being and make substantial. At this time, a question needs to be asked: Will the knowledge that Eugene shared with many of us who knew him, be passed on; or will it fade with his memory, as those who knew him personally, themselves pass on.

We have available to us, of course, Eugene's extensive writings and the audio material from the talks he gave in Liverpool in the 1950s and 60s, and at Parklands from the 1960s to the 1980s. However, there is an opportunity existing at this moment, to build on this body of work and to create a vision for the future. This vision may be inherited by those who have no personal connections to Eugene, or to any of us. The Web is a worldwide medium for information gathering and the creation of centres of interest, which is an ideal "place" for the ideas expressed by Eugene Halliday to be seeded, so that they may find fertile ground to develop, anywhere in the world. This idea of centres of learning and self-development in many different locations is a real possibility and, also, one which I hope we, the trustees and all those who either knew Eugene, or have become aware of the value of his work, could collectively support.

Briefly the Vision that the trustees of the Ishval have been working to develop has five main components:

- Preservation
- Publication
- Structure
- Activities
- Finance

All of these components need to support each other in order to create a sustainable future for the work of Eugene Halliday. Collectively, the ideas require more time and energy than we, the trustees and executive members, can offer. We intend, therefore, to invite all persons who are interested in Eugene's work and appreciate its value, to join us as volunteers to cooperate and help us with specific projects and aspects of this work.

### Preservation:

There is an opportunity for this charity to offer to become a central point where Ishval-related materials that are held by individuals could be gathered together and be made appropriately available as a study archive. Eugene was prolific as a writer and an artist and many of the notes taken during private sessions contain symbolic drawings and seed ideas. Audio recordings of the sessions may also exist.

It is now time to look, both collectively and individually, at our response to the question of what will happen eventually to any such material that we have in our possession. Will we destroy it because it is a personal record that is relevant only to us personally or will we make it available as a learning resource for others? Each of us will have to find our own answer and respond accordingly. As a Charity, we can offer to be guardians of any such material that would be given or lent to us. In reality this may mean copying it by digital means and storing it electronically as well as in hard copy. The question arises, what would we do with any notes, letters, drawings, pictures or tapes, etc. The answer that comes to mind is, firstly to preserve the material, then by mutual agreement to make it either widely available; or more selectively available; or, perhaps, not yet available; depending on the nature of the material and the donor's personal feelings. Confidentiality would always be respected, and some editing of the material may be necessary before making certain work available.

In order to make this idea substantial, a small team of focussed volunteers would be needed to help coordinate, communicate and gather together and archive this valuable material.

### Publication:

In principle there are a number of Eugene's works still awaiting editing and publication. The vital work started by David Mahlowe, in publishing Eugene's Collected Works in hardback book form, was left unfinished at his death in 1998. Hephzibah is preparing a list of titles for publication and this is envisaged to be a long-term project that she will coordinate and undertake.

There is the potential for creation and publication of new works founded on the study and application of the principles taught by Eugene. An extensive archive is already developing on the internet, with lectures by Alan Roberts and others (visit [www.alanroberts.org](http://www.alanroberts.org) and [www.hephzibahyohannan.com](http://www.hephzibahyohannan.com); a book by Zhu Kabere (visit [http://www.ishval.org/pages/sp\\_collaborations.html](http://www.ishval.org/pages/sp_collaborations.html)) and a thesis by Carol Keay, *The Supreme Coherence of a Little Known Sage* (which will be available in the near future). A book comprising the lectures of David Mahlowe, is in preparation.

## Structure:

### 1) Trustees

The charity has at present three trustees, Hephzibah Yohannan (Secretary), Samuel Peter Leloneck and Richard Freeman (Treasurer).

### 2) Executive Committee

Robert Hardy and Alan Roberts are members of the Executive Committee and receive salaries from the charity for the work that they do. Hephzibah Yohannan is also a part time employee.

Funding for the work undertaken by the three employees was generously donated to Ishval by the Mr & Mrs FC Freeman Family Charitable Trust. After Fred's death, a further sum was generously made available by the Freeman Family Charitable Trust, in order to enable the work in hand to continue for a limited period of time.

The Executive was set up by Fred Freeman in 2006, in order to carry out the work identified by the trustees of Ishval. At that time, the work was focused on Fred's intent to make Eugene Halliday's work known world-wide, through the medium of the internet. This involved considerable archiving work, both literary and audio, as well as the construction of the related websites.

It is now envisaged to expand the roles and members of the Executive to include others who will take responsibility for specific projects and areas of activity. Some potential Executive members are self-selecting in that they are already undertaking valuable work in relation to promulgation and study of Eugene's work - for example, Shibat and Ana Whardell, Vidah Roberts, Joan Crane, Margaret Littler, Zohar and Ron Ford, to mention but a few. Others, we hope, will be interested to volunteer to develop our activities further.

### 3) Eugene Halliday Society

The Trustees have felt for some time, that it would be good to have an alternative name to Ishval, to use when meeting new people - a name which immediately explains what we are about, and is easy to grasp; a name which does not require extensive explanation, and which is shorter than the official name of the Charity. Documentation showed that both David Mahlowe and Fred Freeman had considered using the name "Eugene Halliday Society". We have taken the decision to adopt this as a "working name" which we can use, without changing the original name.

"Eugene Halliday Society" and "Ishval"  
are now registered working names of the  
Eugene Halliday Institute for the Study of Hierological Values  
formerly, Institute for the Study of Hierological Values,  
founded by Eugene Halliday, Fred Freeman and David Mahlowe in 1966

#### 4) Membership

Another idea under consideration, which has important implications for taking Eugene's work forward, is that of offering to create a formal membership structure for the Eugene Halliday Society. If this is felt to be a good thing, the creation of a structure may help to give a framework for all the work that is actually happening, and to strengthen and support it. The increased inter-communication would allow for more rapid development of new ideas and opportunities that could be more efficiently realised collectively.

The trustees recognise and value greatly the work and enthusiasm of a great many people who have continued to meet and share Eugene's work over the years, in more than one place - Ana and Shibata Whardell for organising the meetings of the Friends of Ishval; Bob Hardy for his tireless work on the Ishval and Archive websites; Alan and Vidah Roberts and Zohar and Ron Ford for inviting friends into their homes for talks and activities; Samuel Lelonek for designing the friendly face of the Eugene Halliday Society web-pages; the Ladies of the Yantra who have continued to meet without a break, since Parklands was still in full swing. The Friends of Ishval, and those attending all the meetings, are mostly the same people who went to hear and work with Eugene at Parklands, or who knew him through the work of the I.H.S. at Tan-y-Garth Hall. There are also other groups around the country, some of whom subscribe to the Halliday Review, who meet to discuss Eugene's work.

We feel, now, that the time is ripe for us to invite all our friends and colleagues to join us in one related organisation. We have also begun to network and meet new people, who are showing an interest in Eugene's work - Christian de Quincey, Tony Peake and his colleagues, members of other local organisations such as the Scientific and Medical Network. At the last meeting of the Friends of Ishval, we had half a dozen new people join us; and if it hadn't been for the snow, we may have had nearly a dozen more. This is one of the reasons that we have adopted the working name "Eugene Halliday Society".

There has been a steady increase in activity in the North West over the past few years, and it has now reached a level where so much is going on, that some people struggle to attend all the events. It could be beneficial if we were to join together as members of the Eugene Halliday Society, and coordinate our activities. This would also give us a recognisable profile for networking activities.

#### Activities:

There are many activities already under way, and many more potential activities, which could effectively be coordinated through the medium of the Eugene Halliday Society:

- Development and updating of the Internet Archives of talks and publications.
- Development and updating of the new Eugene Halliday Society website
- The organisation of Meetings and Talks in private houses and public venues
- Future activity-based workshops, such as artwork, yoga, mandala, Yantra, and DAI classes (Drama As Integrator) and other experiential workshops
- Developing and moderating the online discussion Forum
- Networking with other organisations to introduce the Ideas of E.H. (this has already begun, for example Alan and Hephzibah recently gave an introductory talk on E.H. to "Manchester Spirituality Talks")
- Communicating with the charity members

### Finance:

Last but not least, finance: financial support will be required to make all of the above happen. There is some limited support from the Freeman family for the short term but not enough to complete the vision. The charity in the past has been generously supported by Fred and Yvonne Freeman; however, that situation has now changed. The trustees have agreed that in principle the charity needs to become self-financing if the work is to continue in the long term. There are several avenues to explore regarding future finance including a membership subscription. The charity has received one legacy and been promised others; this money will also help support our future work.

### An Invitation:

If you have any queries or comments in the meantime, or can't attend the meeting, please contact us on 07917-406-689 or [info@eugenehallidaysociety.org](mailto:info@eugenehallidaysociety.org)