



THE WIT IN QUESTION
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Son of distinguished parents: a Irish Nationalist mother and Ireland's leading eye surgeon father, also an amateur archaeologist and folklorist, Oscar Wilde spoke French and German fluently and could write poetry in Latin and Greek. From this interesting upbringing Wilde went on to redefine the meaning of wit, not only making us laugh, but drawing attention to the human condition. But he lost everything after the giddy successes of *'The Importance of Being Earnest'* and *'Lady Windermere's Fan'*, as he was condemned to prison for 'the love that dares not say its name', Sentenced to two years hard labour, he tragically died in penury aged only 46. In a short life he left us enduring drama, short stories, novels and astute sayings; still relevant, and some say the best of their day.

All Culture in Question lectures take place in the Art Workers Guild, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, unless otherwise indicated. Coffee is served at 10.30, the lecture begins at 11, and a light lunch with wine is served at 1 pm. The event ends by 3.30 p.m.

£85 INSCAPE members, £95 non-members. Your family, friends and neighbours who have not previously attended an Inscape lecture are most welcome to be our guests.