



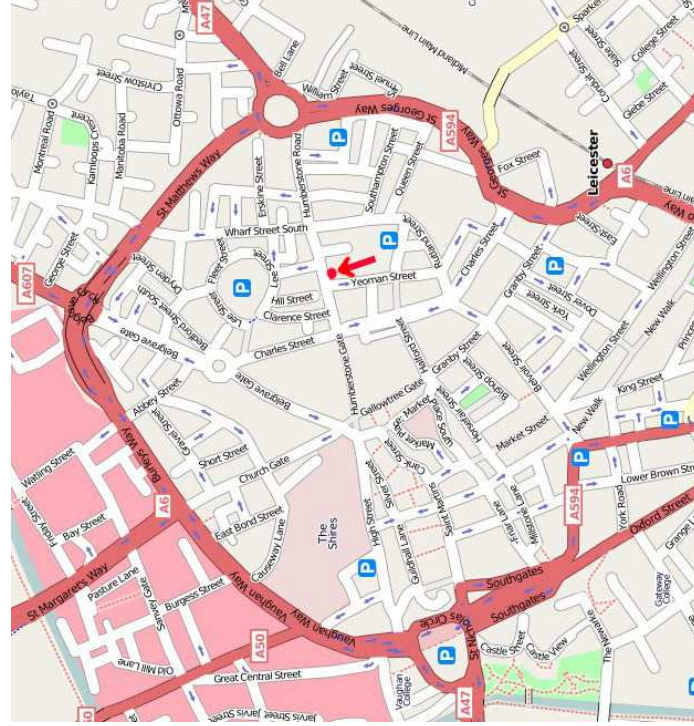
Leicester Secular Society

HOW TO FIND US

Secular Hall, home of Leicester Secular Society, is very easy to find on Humberstone Gate. It is directly opposite Sainsbury's supermarket and is a distinctive Victorian red-brick building. Its location is shown by the red spot and arrow on the map below.

There is plenty of public transport serving the city centre, including bus stops right outside the Hall and several bus stations nearby.

The railway station is about half a mile away (also shown on the map). There is nearby street parking (free after 6pm on weekdays and all day on Sundays, and metered for stays of up to three hours at other times) and several car parks, multi-storey and open-site. You will need to work out your own journey details but assistance can be gained from the internet on the following site: www.transportdirect.info



Leicester Secular Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Members are able to participate in the Society's democratic procedures and receive the monthly publication, *The Leicester Secularist*.

I have read 'The Principal Aims of Leicester Secular Society' and wish to become a member:

FORENAME
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How did you hear of us?

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*Subscription rates 2012: Individuals £21; Low income £7; Households £28. (50% discount 1st July to 31st December for new members with all annual renewals in January each year.)

Please post your form and payment to The Secretary, Leicester Secular Society, Secular Hall, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB, or hand to one of the Directors. Make cheques payable to 'Leicester Secular Society'. The Board must approve all applications.

Phone: 01509 211468

Email: mail@leicestersecularsociety.org.uk
Leicester Secular Society is a company limited by guarantee, Reg. No. 06292639.

Please note: Your details will be held on a computer unless you indicate otherwise and will be used for administration purposes and to keep you informed of relevant activities.

www.leicestersecularsociety.org.uk

Rooms for hire: 07722 782727

Secular Hall Events May - July 2012



England's anarchic August revisited
Dr Stuart Price
6.30pm Sunday 6th May



Islamic practice in secular Turkey
Ekmel Gecer
6.30pm Sunday 3rd June



The abuse of power by Roman Catholic clergy
Clare Gunby
6.30pm Sunday 24th June



Should Prince Charles ever be king?
Ken Ritchie
6.30pm Sunday 29th July

MORE EVENTS INSIDE

Feel welcome to come along to debate and to socialise over tea and biscuits.
Free entry unless stated otherwise (collection).

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MAY 2012

Sunday 6th May, 6.30pm: Calls to order - England's anarchic August revisited. Dr Stuart Price, Reader in Media Discourse at DMU, with an illustrated lecture examining news coverage of the 2011 riots, asks if disorder is seen as a threat, what kind of social order is imagined as desirable?

Sunday 13th May, 6.30pm: From care home to master builder. Kevin Ellis will give a review of his experience of growing up in a care home and of the effects it has had on his adult life. He has had his story broadcast on BBC Radio 4. Kevin became a teacher and then made the transition to become an award-winning master builder.

Sunday 20th May, 6.30pm: Why you should volunteer. Mehdi Barghchi, Postgraduate Skills Training Co-ordinator at Leicester University, looks at volunteering from both sides and considers its wider implications.

Sunday 27th May, 3pm: Half year report-back meeting from the LSS Board to Secular Society members. The Society's officers will report back on progress on the AGM resolutions and review the year's other activities so far, plus some discussion of the Society's strategy for the future. LSS Members only.

JUNE 2012

Sunday 3rd June, 6.30pm: Islamic practice in secular Turkey. Ekmel Gecer talks about the tensions for Muslims in practising their religion within Turkey's secular state. Is it right to criticise Iran for forcing women to wear the hijab when in Turkey it is banned in public property? Does a secular state have a duty to facilitate religious practice?

Sunday 10th June, 6.30pm: Is communal living sustainable? - a case study in northern Spain. Peter Goffin went on a pilgrimage to the Cantabrian Mountains to try out a commune in an abandoned village. He reports on what he found and contrasts it with his experiences in Britain and El Salvador.

Sunday 17th June, 6.30pm: Friends of Bethlehem. Complementing the visit of young dancers of Bethlehem's Ghirass centre (NOT performing tonight, but giving public performances elsewhere on 25th and 28th June), Claire Wintram and Claudia Prestel will tell of the project and current situation in Bethlehem and the West Bank.

Sunday 24th June, 6.30pm: The abuse of power by Roman Catholic clergy. Clare Gunby, Lecturer in Criminal Justice at John Moore's University, Liverpool, reflects on some of the significant factors in the perpetration of abuse by Roman Catholic clergy.

Tuesday 26th June, 7pm: Guided tour around Charnwood Lodge Nature Reserve. Neil Pilcher, Senior Conservation Officer. To book and get details contact Mike Burden 0116 270 3335 or at mikeburden2001@yahoo.co.uk. £3 per person. 7pm, don't be late.

JULY 2012

Sunday 1st July, 6.30pm: The Con-Dem-ned. Cuts to welfare benefits and rising fuel and food costs - who is most vulnerable? Paul Davis.

Sunday 8th July, 6.30pm: Headstrong meeting. Come along and share your thoughts on anything you want to raise - and comment on those of others.

Sunday 15th July, 6.30pm: Getting off your backside for secularism - what works and what doesn't. Mike Lake of Derbyshire
Secularists explains how secularism is pursued in Derbyshire.

Sunday 22nd July, 6.30pm: Creating woodland together. Sarah Crofts gives a presentation about the Woodland Trust's 'More Trees, More Good' campaign in Leicestershire and Rutland. Working with communities it aims to double native woodland cover in the UK.

Sunday 29th July, 6.30pm: Should Prince Charles ever be king? Ken Ritchie explains why a written constitution would make sense and makes the case for an elected head of state.

The Principal Aims of Leicester Secular Society

Challenging religious privilege and dogma: We advocate the separation of religion and state, proper representation of people with no religion, the ending of privileges for religious organisations and the secularisation of 'faith' schools. We challenge religious teachings that divert people away from reality.

Defending rationalism and free speech: We believe people should be free to express and publish their beliefs, however controversial, without fear of prosecution, persecution, or physical harm, as long as they accord the same rights to others. Anyone should be prepared to submit their views to vigorous debate, questioning of their evidence and testing of their conclusions.

Working for justice and fairness: We believe our efforts should be devoted to the elimination of human misery, injustice, poverty and ignorance in the world as it is here and now. We oppose unfair discrimination, bigotry and coercion based on factors such as beliefs, racial or ethnic origins, disability, sex, age, sexuality, or lifestyle.

Promoting a morality for life: We believe moral values and virtues like fairness, kindness, loyalty and honesty arise from people needing to live together in peace and harmony, not from any religion. Moral rules must be judged by their consequences for people now, not by their appearance in the 'holy' writings of ancient societies.

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