



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

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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.

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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 Sept - Dec 2012



Subordination of women in British Muslim communities
Anne Marie Waters
6.30pm Sunday 23rd Sept

Religion, science and atheism for schools
Alom Shaha
7.30pm Thursday 11th Oct



A virtuoso piano recital
Mariko Terashi
6.30pm Sunday 18th Nov

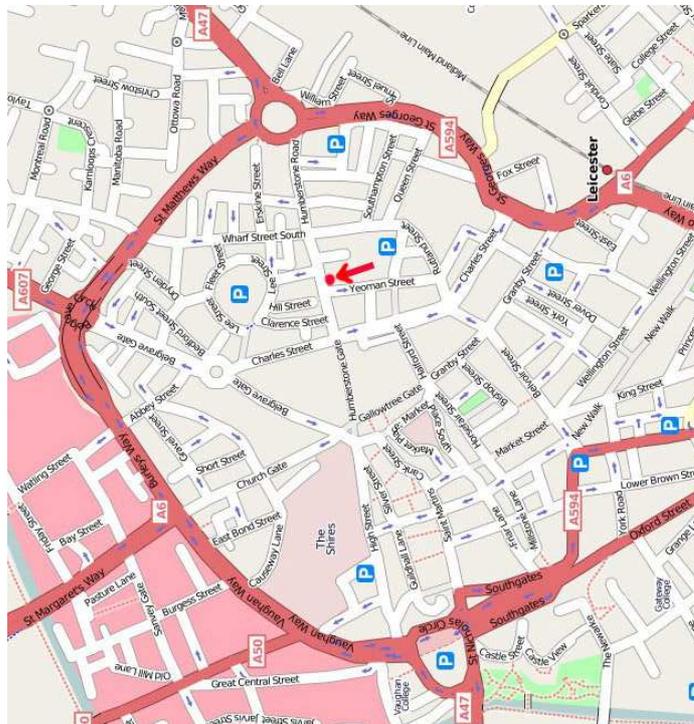
The new controversy over religion
Prof. John Milbank
6.30pm Sunday 2nd Dec

MORE EVENTS INSIDE

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

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SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday 2nd Sept, 6.30pm for 7pm start: 'In my fashion'. Mary Essinger, local author, talks about starting working life in the heyday of Leicester's knitting factories after WWII.

Sunday 9th Sept, 10.30am - 5pm: English Heritage Open Day. Tours of the building, displays, people to talk to about secularism. Light refreshments. Non-members very welcome.

Sunday 9th Sept, 6.30pm: Leicester's heritage. Cllr Susan Barton, Chair of Leicester City Council's Heritage Subcommittee, who leads the Civic Campaigns Team, talks about conserving Leicester's notable heritage.

Sunday 16th Sept, 6.30pm: 'Optimism of the intellect', an experiment in hopefulness. Prof. Richard Johnson asks whether Gramsci's theories can help today's radicals prepare a fundamental social transformation to benefit 'the 99%'.

Sunday 23rd Sept, 6.30pm: How real is the subordination of women in British Muslim communities? Anne Marie Waters of One Law for All discusses the evidence around the reality of life as a Muslim woman in the UK.

Sunday 30th Sept, 6.30pm: A short history of radical bookshops. Ross Bradshaw gives an insider view on the demise and rebirth of the independent radical bookshop movement.

OCTOBER 2012

Sunday 7th Oct, 6.30pm: Sustainable energy for all. Dani Gent reports from Nicaragua on the increasing use of solar power generation in off-grid locations.

Monday 8th Oct, 7.30pm: Embrace secularism, don't fear it. Terry Sanderson, President of the NSS, has a message for religious believers.

Tuesday 9th October, 7.30pm: 'As an atheist I feel like a second-class citizen.' Lorna Mumford of UCL looks at the exclusion felt by atheists as the religious increasingly call the tune.

Thursday 11th Oct, 7.30pm: Religion, science and atheism for schools. Secondary school science teacher and atheist, Alom Shaha, reviews his experience of teaching in a school with children mainly from Muslim backgrounds.

Sunday 14th Oct, 6.30pm for 7pm start: Woody Guthrie - hard times and hard travellin' - a centenary tribute. Prof. Will Kaufmann with a live music presentation retelling the story of Guthrie's life and times. Tickets £8/£6.

Sunday 21st Oct, 6.30pm: Headstrong meeting. Come along and debate issues raised by those attending. Raise yours too.

Sunday 28th Oct, 6.30pm: The rise and fall of the English country house. Len Holden uses local examples to illustrate the changing fortunes of the landed gentry, their country piles and the people who worked in them.

NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday 4th Nov, 6.30pm: 'Some like it hot' - bees, butterflies and plants around Masaya's active volcano. Dr Michael Gillman (OU) and Hilary Erenier (University of Northampton) examine the flora and fauna around this persistently degassing volcano.

Sunday 11th Nov, 3pm: LSS Annual General Meeting. Members only. Officers' reports. Motions, and elections of directors and officers.

Sunday 18th Nov, 6.30pm for 7pm start: Mariko Terashi piano recital. Mariko always delights audiences with her astonishingly accomplished classical playing. Tickets £8/£6.

Sunday 25th Nov, 6.30pm: Translation in diversity - an Anglo-Spanish poetry evening. Bobba Cass emceeds as diverse attendees contribute poems with a Spanish flavour.

DECEMBER 2012

Sunday 2nd Dec, 6.30pm: Why the new controversy over religion? Prof. John Milbank of Nottingham University, a Christian theologian, asks whether religious and non-religious people will ever agree about the bounds of secularity.

Sunday 9th Dec, 6.30pm: How to build a galaxy. Dr Mark Wilkinson of Leicester University explains everything you ever wanted to know about inter-stellar gas, space dust and dark matter.

Sunday 16th Dec, 6.30pm: The Winter Solstice Quiz (and other things!). Have fun in friendly competition and speaking challenges. Bring seasonal food and drink to share. All welcome.

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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