

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

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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.

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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.

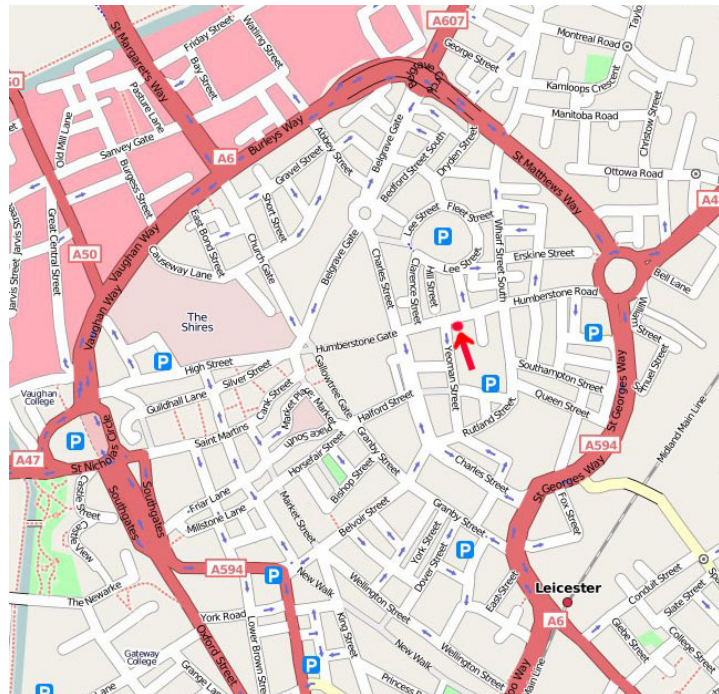
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**HOW TO FIND US**

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](http://www.transportdirect.info)



**Rooms for hire: 07722 782727**

**Secular Hall Events  
May - July 2013**

**Greed is the sickness,  
religion not the cure**

Prof. Robert Hinde  
6.30pm Sunday 19th May



**Luis Borges, memory  
and the brain**

Prof. Rodrigo Quian Quiroga  
6.30pm Sunday 16th June

**Asylum seekers - the  
modern untouchables**

Pam Inder and Bessie Hayes  
6.30pm Sunday 30th June



**The Prevent strategy  
and Leicester**

William Baldet  
6.30pm Sunday 14th July

**MORE EVENTS INSIDE**

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

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## MAY 2013

**Sunday 5th May, 6.30pm: Just suppose.** Mike Lawrence considers the possibility that we have been duped by the telling of history: he will present an alternative argument for the evolution of Christianity and its figurehead (<http://bit.ly/Zbfsds>).

**Sunday 12th May, 6.30pm: Tackling world blindness.** Geoff Woodruff, Emeritus Consultant at LRI, will report on the cataract surgery work being done in Bihar, India and elsewhere without the use of sophisticated equipment (<http://bit.ly/105lir6>).

**Sunday 19th May, 6.30pm: Can we cure our greedy society?** Prof. Robert Hinde FRS says that the root cause of our society's sickness is greed; but dealing with this moral matter is not dependent on religious belief (<http://bit.ly/Z9caZ8>).

**Sunday 26th May, 6.30pm: The economic war against Cuba.** Dr Salim Lamrani explains the origins and provisions of US sanctions against Cuba, how they contravene international law, and affect the lives of Cubans (<http://goo.gl/PcTrZ>).

## JUNE 2013

**Sunday 2nd June, 6.30pm: Much ado about Shakespeare.** Next year is the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. Malcolm Elliott examines his credentials and asks who the true author of the works might be (<http://bit.ly/119U7PA>).

**Sunday 9th June, 6.30pm: Boxers and other interesting people I've known.** Former boxer Carl Gunn has had an interesting life and won many awards for his gym aimed at keeping youngsters off the streets (<http://on.fb.me/15D8b9X>).

**Sunday 16th June, 6.30pm: Borges and memory.** Prof Rodrigo Quian Quiroga of Leicester University combines an interest in

the fiction of Luis Borges with his work as a neuroscientist on how the brain handles concepts (<http://bit.ly/13BIOFo>).

**Sunday 23rd June, 6.30pm: Asylum seekers - the modern untouchables.** Pam Inder (Chair) and Bessie Hayes (Vice Chair) of Leicester City of Sanctuary (LCoS) will set the record straight on asylum seekers and talk about the work of LCoS (<http://bit.ly/17adLib>).

**Sunday 30th June, 6.30pm: The case for humanity.** Allan Hayes, humanist representative on Leicester Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), wants RE to be replaced by education in life and humanity (<http://bit.ly/13j0kds>).

## JULY 2013

**Sunday 7th July, 6.30pm: Friends of Evington - secularism in action.** Helen Pettman, Editor of the *Evington Echo*, will tell us how being in the Secular Society inspired her to set up Friends of Evington, as a practical expression of secularism (<http://bit.ly/ZFNQJ6>).

**Sunday 14th July, 6.30pm: The government's Prevent strategy.** William Baldet, Prevent Coordinator, St Philip's Centre, will give an overview of this; why it is so aligned to safeguarding; and why it is needed in Leicester (<http://bit.ly/14EMwvQ>).

**Sunday 21st July, 6.30pm: The English Civil War and Central America today.** Michael Gerard and Caroline Moles will tell us about communities in Central America that are realising some radical ideas of our forbears (<http://bit.ly/17Oep6q>).

**Sunday 28th July, 6.30pm: Headstrong meeting.** Members and visitors are invited to raise any matter they wish for friendly informal discussion. All welcome. (<http://bit.ly/13nT4wX>)

## 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.