

Leicester Secular Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Members are able to participate in the Society's democratic procedures and receive the monthly publication *Leicester Secularist*.

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

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*Subscription rates 2013: 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.

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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.

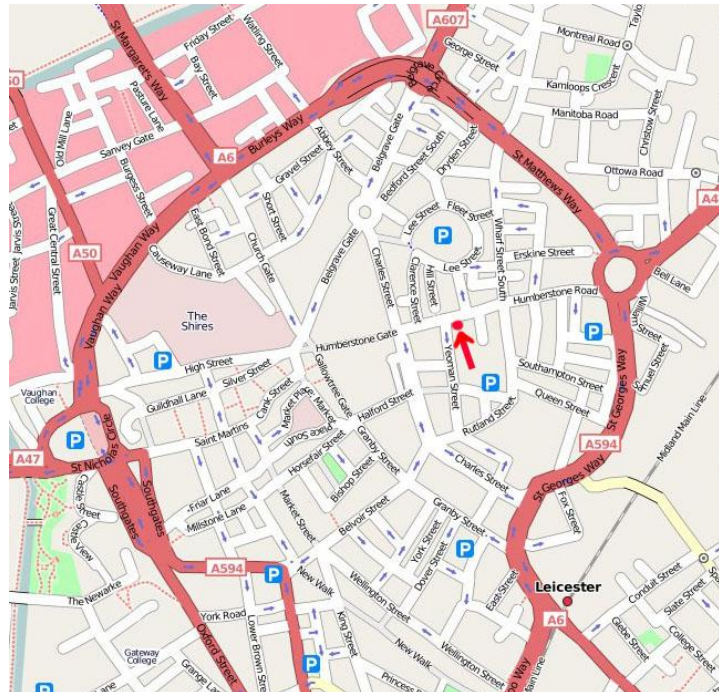
www.leicestersecularsociety.org.uk

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



Rooms for hire: 07722 782727

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Secular Hall Events
Sept - Dec 2013

A journey around José Saramago

Margaret Jull Costa

6.30pm Sunday 8th Sept



Tolstoy and Christian anarchism

Dr Alexandre Christoyannopoulos

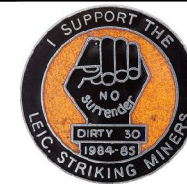
6.30pm Sunday 6th Oct



War no more

Bruce Kent

6.30pm Sunday 24th Nov



'The Dirty Thirty'

Len Holden and Brian Langtry

6.30pm Sunday 15th Dec

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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SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday 1st September, 6.30pm: A community or a community of communities? Suleman Nagdi MBE of the Federation of Muslim Organisations analyses the migration patterns that led to the diversity of the Muslim population in the UK.

Sunday 8th September, 6.30pm: A journey around José Saramago. Margaret Jull Costa, the translator of Nobel prize winner José Saramago, examines the inspiration behind the brilliant novels of this Portuguese anarcho-communist.

Sunday 15th September, 10.30am - 4.30pm: Heritage Open Day. Featuring a new exhibition in various media on the history of the Hall and the Society, made possible with 'All Our Stories' Heritage Lottery funding. Just drop in.

Sunday 15th September, 6.30pm: Country house living; at home with the Gimson. Barley Roscoe tells of the lives of Sydney and Jeannie Gimson (her great-grandparents) in Stoneywell Cottage, designed by Ernest Gimson of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Sunday 22nd September, 6.30pm: Tackling poverty through our beliefs. Through our beliefs and concern for social justice we can help tackle poverty in our cities. Salma Ravat of the Islamic Society of Britain, Eat 'n Meet and One Roof.

Sunday 29th September, 6.30pm: Memoirs of an Asian football casual. Author Riaz Khan talks about his book. Jointly sponsored with the Trades Council and Leicester's Everybody's Reading movement.

OCTOBER 2013

Sunday 6th October, 6.30pm: Leo Tolstoy and Christian anarchism. Dr Alexandre Christoyannopoulos of Loughborough University examines Tolstoy's anti-church and anti-state interpretation of Jesus's teachings.

Sunday 13th October, 6.30pm: Sleep. Prof. James Horne of the Sleep Research Centre, Loughborough University, reports on research into sleep at this world-leading institution in sleep research. No dozing off in this one!

Sunday 20th October, 6.45pm for 7.15pm: Concert, flute and piano. Jonathon Wakefield (flute) and Natalie Harnett (piano), with Harriet Daghorn (singer and narrator). From CPE Bach to Briccialdi; from Rutter to Ridout; topped off with Borne's sparkling Fantaisie Brillante on Themes from Bizet's Carmen. £8, concessions £6.

Sunday 27th October, 6.30pm: For the common good. Some thoughts on Catholic social teaching. Patricia Stoa, Chair of the Nottingham Diocese Justice and Peace Commission.

NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday 3rd November, 6.30pm: Headstrong session. Attendees are invited to raise any topic they wish for informal discussion.

Sunday 10th November, 6.30pm: All our stories. The Secular Society's All Our Stories project culminates in a celebration. All welcome.

Sunday 17th November, 3pm: LSS Annual General Meeting. Members-only meeting to hear officer reports and elect new officers and Board.

Sunday 24th November, 6.30pm: War no more. Bruce Kent, Vice Chair of CND, asks, 'Why don't we end the scourge of war?'

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday 1st December, 6.30pm: Comedy Night! Gary O'Donnell, Colin the Fireman, Alan Seaman and friends. Book early to see some of the best comedians on the Leicester scene. £8, concessions £6. For the modernisation fund.

Sunday 8th December, 6.30pm: Anu's feast. Member Anu Kapur's renown as a cook will be demonstrated with a delicious buffet of Asian dishes. Limited to 50 servings. £10 per head; £8 concessions. Proceeds to the modernisation fund.

Sunday 15th December, 6.30pm: 'The Dirty Thirty'. A film paying tribute to the group of Leicestershire pitmen who stood alone in the county in support of the 1984 miners' strike.

Sunday 22nd December, 6.30pm: Winter Solstice Quiz and Party. Bring and share seasonal food and drink at our fun-filled end of year event.

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.