

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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How did you hear of us?

*Subscription rates 2014: 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.

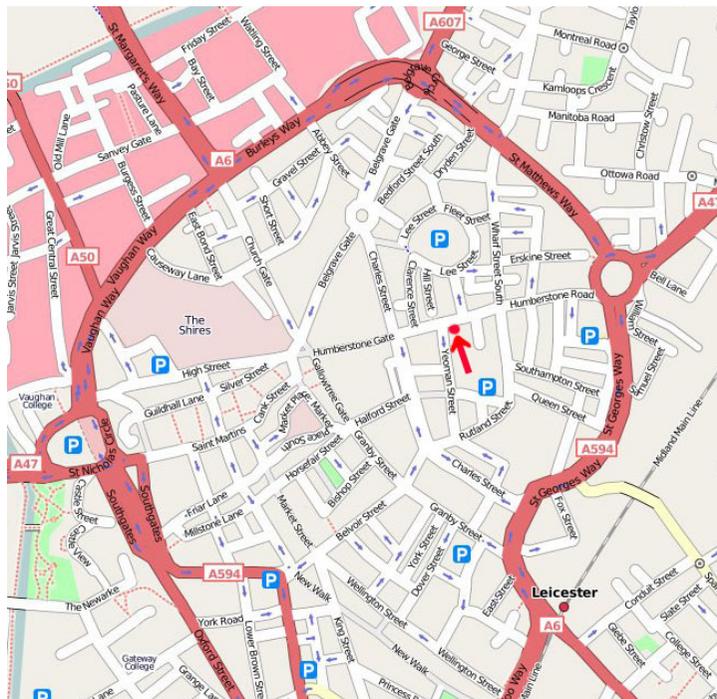
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HOW TO FIND US

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



Rooms for hire: 07722 782727



Secular Hall Events
Jan-Apr 2014

On yer bike!

Dr Dave Horton and
 Andy Salkeld

6.30pm Sunday 19th Jan



'The news at Kate - my professional opinion'

Kate Smurthwaite

6.30pm Sunday 16th Feb
 Book your ticket!



Stopping female genital mutilation

LSS and Fawcett Group
 6.30pm Sunday 2nd Mar



Jihadism then and now

Ghaffar Hussain
 6.30pm Sunday 6th April

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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JANUARY 2014

Sunday 5th January, 6.30pm: Headstrong session. Attendees are free to raise any topic for friendly informal discussion and debate. Come along - all welcome.

Sunday 12th January: All Our Stories final events. 3pm at the Phoenix - showing of our documentary film on the Society in wartime. 6.30pm at Secular Hall - celebration with food, drink, music and short talks.

Sunday 19th January, 6.30pm: On yer bike - cycling in Leicester. Dr Dave Horton and Andy Salkeld. Looking back at the *1964 Leicester Traffic Plan, 50 Years of Council Vandalism, Thinking About Cycling and Removing Barriers to People-friendly Cities in the 21st Century.*

Sunday 26th January, 6.30pm: Burns Night! The traditional celebration of the life and works of Robbie Burns with pipes, poetry and performance. Includes tasty traditional fare and a shot of Scotch. £7 per head (£6 members and concessions.) Book with Mike on 0116 270 3335.

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday 2nd February, 6.30pm: 'It's a girl' documentary on 'gendercide'. This film is a shocking exposé of the practice of aborting female fetuses and murdering female babies at birth prevalent in some countries. Discussion follows. Free entry.

Sunday 9th February, 6.30pm: Darwin Day lecture. What genetics tells us about human evolution. Mark Jobling of Leicester University presents the latest genetic evidence for adaptation, and, among other things, our relationship to the Neanderthals.

Sunday 16th February, 6.30pm: 'The news at Kate - my professional opinion.' Renowned comedian Kate Smurthwaite joins us for this Leicester Comedy Festival event. Booking essential. £7.50, concessions £6. Tickets from Mike on 0116 270 3335 or through the Festival box office at <http://tinyurl.com/d5rnltl>

Sunday 23rd February, 6.30pm: The new atheism - what's so new? Chris Street of Atheism UK compares the writings of Dawkins,

Hitchens, Dennett and Harris with their forerunners in anti-religion movements of the past.

MARCH 2014

Sunday 2nd March, 6.30pm: What can we do about female genital mutilation (FGM) in the UK? A joint event with the Leicestershire Fawcett Group to mark UN International Women's Day. Speakers TBA.

Sunday 9th March, 6.30pm: Official openings! A re-enactment of the original opening ceremony for Secular Hall (in 1881) written by Eleanor Davidson, with an official opening of the newly modernised ground floor. All welcome.

Sunday 16th March, 6.30pm: Secularism in Derby. Mike Lake, long-time campaigner for secularism in Derby, talks about his work and the saga of the Al Madhani Muslim free school.

Sunday 23rd March, 6.30pm: Annie Williamson and Hamish Whiteley entertain. Top-quality folksong and witty poetry and stories from this acclaimed pair of local artistes. £5 on the door (£4 concessions).

Sunday 30th March, 6.30pm: Can you be good without God? Member Peter Thompson reviews the fiction of George Eliot and Iris Murdoch for a demonstration of the ways in which people create morality in their everyday lives.

APRIL 2014

Sunday 6th April, 6.30pm: Jihadism then and now. Ghaffar Hussain, senior researcher at the Quilliam Foundation, reviews the history and evolution of Islamic jihadism.

Sunday 13th April, 6.30pm: Arts and Crafts, Ernest Gimson and the Cotswold Group. Jane May of Leicester Museum reviews the history and character of the Arts and Crafts movement and its influence on buildings like Secular Hall.

Sunday 20th April, 10.30am: Leicester Secular Society's traditional spring walk. This year in partnership with Nottingham Secular Society. Watch the website and the *Secularist* for details of the route and assembly point. (No evening meeting.)

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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