

**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?

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*Subscription rates 2015: 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.

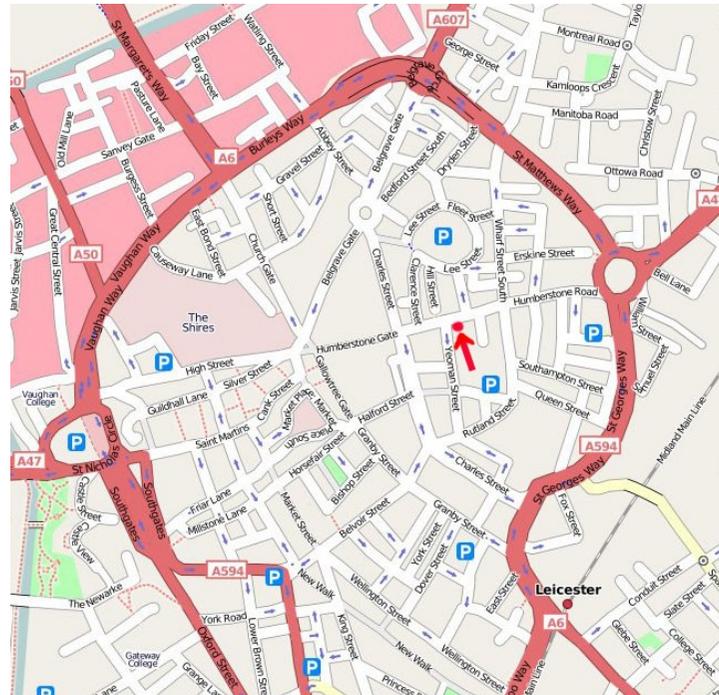
www.leicestersecularsociety.org.uk

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

**Secular Hall Events
May - July 2015**



'Disruption'
film and discussion on
climate change
With Friends of the Earth
6.30pm Sun 3rd May

Flute and piano recital
Wissam Boustany and
Aleksander Szram
6.30pm Sun 31st May



Alice Hawkins
Leicester's suffragette
Elaine Pantling
6.30pm Sun 5th July

**Next steps toward
LGBT equality**
Mathew Hulbert
6.30pm Sun 19th July



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

... and the Sunday Assembly!
All welcome to the god-free community that aims to live better, help often and wonder more
Secular Hall at 11am on these Sundays:
10th May - 14th June - 12th July

MAY 2015

- Sunday 3rd May, 6.30pm: 'Disruption'.** Film. Joint event with Friends of the Earth. 'Disruption' is a fast-paced cinematic journey through the wild world of climate change. One hour long, followed by discussion led by Leicester Friends of the Earth. Free entry.
- Sunday 10th May, 6.30pm: Post-election Headstrong session.** Come along and celebrate, commiserate or wonder what really has changed. Open discussion on the General Election results.
- Sunday 17th May, 3.30pm: Half-year report back from the Board.** LSS members only.
- Sunday 17th May, 6.30pm: Safeguarding Leicestershire's children.** Ivan Ould, Lead Member for Children and Families at Leicestershire County Council, explains his responsibilities for safeguarding children.
- Sunday 24th May, 6.30pm: Charles Bradlaugh: the long way from Northampton to London.** Liam Chowley reviews the life and times of Charles Bradlaugh, founder of the National Secular Society and instigator of the right to affirm.
- Sunday 31st May, 6.30pm: In search of inspiration.** Wissam Boustany (flute) and Aleksander Szram (piano) give a thrilling recital. Tickets £5 for members and concessions, £10 for non-members. Book with Mike on 0116 270 3335.

JUNE 2015

- Sunday 7th June, 6.30pm: Alternative work for alternative societies.** Maurizio Atzeni reports on his research into worker self-management co-operatives in the context of globalisation.
- Sunday 14th June, 6.30pm: Achieving deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.** Paul Fleming, Director of Sustainable Development at De Montfort University, discusses what

needs to be done to meet the ambitious targets agreed for cuts to greenhouse gas emissions.

Sunday 21st June, 2pm and 3.30pm: Guided visits for two parties of 16 to Inglewood, a famous Ernest Gimson designed Arts and Crafts house in Leicester. Booking details TBA on the website and in *Leicester Secularist*. **No evening meeting.**

Sunday 28th June, 6.30pm: Faith in school governance - Trojan horse or open goal? John Adams argues that the 'Trojan horse' scandal in Birmingham's schools exposed fundamental problems in both faith schools and school governance.

JULY 2015

- Sunday 5th July, 6.30pm: Alice Hawkins, Leicester's suffragette.** Elaine Pantling, local actor and comedian, is writing a play about Alice Hawkins. She will be sharing her findings to date!
- Sunday 12th July, 6.30pm: Tony Benn: 'Will and Testament'.** Film. A magisterial, beautifully shot testament to the life and struggles of Tony Benn. Free entry.
- Sunday 19th July, 6.30pm: Next steps toward LGBT equality.** Mathew Hulbert agrees that equal marriage is fantastic but argues there's much more to do before we can begin to talk about LGBT communities having equality.
- Sunday 26th July, 6.30pm: Ned's mystery walk!** Ned Newitt leads us on a short secular mystery walk around Leicester city centre followed by tea and cakes at Secular Hall. Assemble at Secular Hall at 6.30pm - and please bring a cake with you!

Summer Break through August

*Concessions for the following:

LSS Members
On low incomes (self-defined)
Totally reliant on benefits
(And free entry for asylum seekers with no resources at all)

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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