

Leicester Secular Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

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

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Membership rates:

Individuals £24; Low income £8; Households £32.

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.

Please make cheques payable to 'Leicester Secular Society'. The L.S.S. Board must approve all applications. Phone: 01509 211468

Contact details and online membership application form are also available at www.Lsec.org.uk

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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.

Aims of the 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, caste, 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.




Spring programme 2025

BURNS NIGHT

Sunday, 26 January

The traditional celebration of the life and works of Robbie Burns with pipes, poetry and the Canora Ceilidh Trio

(Tickets £16 & £12)



Annual Darwin Lecture

Professor Chris Brightling

**LONG COVID:
A PANDEMIC LEGACY**

Secular Hall 6.30pm Sunday 9th February



GREAT CENTRAL REUNIFICATION

TOM INGALL



**Women Pilots of the
Air Transport Auxiliary**

Dorothy Saul-Pooler



Sunday 9th March

SPRING PROGRAMME

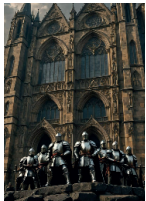
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6.30pm Sunday 5th January

Dr Sukhwant Dhaliwal - *The Sikh Court (zoom)*

Dr. Dhaliwal will talk about Sikh fundamentalism

6.30pm, Sunday 12th January



Daniel Sharp - *The New Theism*

This talk looks at the rise of a new counter-Enlightenment that defends religion and Christianity in particular. The New Theists argue 'not that religion is true, but that it is useful.' Daniel is the new editor of the Freethinker.

6.30pm, Sunday 19th January

Angelo Errico – *Co-op Estate Planning: Tax, Care & Toy Boys*

For many people, one of the biggest worries as they grow old is being able to give their family a helping hand & make sure that when they die, what they have worked all their life for goes to the people they love the most.



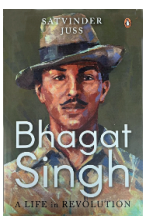
6.30pm Sunday 26th January

Burns Night Supper

The traditional celebration of the life and works of Robbie Burns with pipes, poetry and the Canora Ceilidh Trio. Tickets (£16 - £12 members) phone 07722 782727

6.30pm Sunday 2nd February

Satvinder Juss - *Bhagat Singh: A Life in*



Revolution

In 1928 Bhagat Singh plotted to kill the police chief responsible for the death of Indian writer and politician L. L. Rai. Unfortunately the wrong man was killed and in 1931 Bhagat Singh was hanged for murder at the age of 23. Satvinder Juss has written the definitive biography.

6.30pm Sunday 9th February

Darwin Lecture - Professor Chris Brightling:

Long Covid: a pandemic legacy

Long Covid has emerged as a constellation of symptoms such as fatigue, breathlessness and cognitive impairment following infection with Covid-19. This talk will address how common it is, what is causing it and what treatments are on the horizon.

6.30pm Sunday 16th February

Tom Ingall - *Great Central Reunification progress*

An update from the Great Central Railway on their project to reconnect two halves of the railway and create an eighteen mile heritage line across the shires. A fully illustrated talk of interest to all.

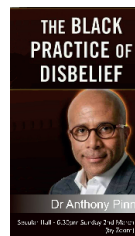
6.30pm Sunday 23rd February

Dr Len Holden & Fiona Lamont - *The Eco-Novel and Environmental Concerns*

Two local authors examine present day environmental concerns and how they have addressed them in their recently published novels.

6.30pm Sunday 2nd March

Dr Anthony B. Pinn - *The Black Practice of Disbelief (zoom)*



Dr Anthony B. Pinn from Rice University Houston, will give a zoom talk in conversation about Black Humanism: its history, its present, and the rich cultural sensibilities that infuse it. He is the author of the book: "*The Black Practice of Disbelief.*"

6.30pm, Sunday 9th March

Dorothy Saul-Pooley - *The Forgotten Women Pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary*

Dorothy Saul-Pooley, an air pilot with 38 years' flying experience, will talk about the women pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary. To mark International Women's Day

6.30pm Sunday, 16th March

Ned Newitt- *Leicester's Smigielski Estates*



This is about post war housing and slum clearance and looks at how the housing shortage was tackled in Leicester. It also surveys the problems of high rise flats, the use of non traditional construction and layouts and how this became a nightmare for many tenants.

6:30pm Sunday, 23rd March

Eoin Carter: *Science & Religion: Lessons from History*

Eoin is a PhD student at Cambridge University and is working on the history of the Freethought movement. He is also a member of the NSS Council.

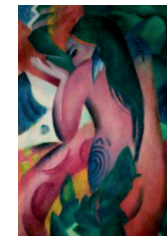
6:30pm Sunday, 30th March

Stirring songs and stories

An informal evening with the creative talents of Red Leicester Choir and Leicestershire Guild of Storytelling. Hear songs with a story to tell and enjoy tales to make the heart sing.

6:30pm Sunday, 6th April

Nick Matthews – *Leicester's German Expressionist Paintings and Drawings*



How did a remarkable collection of German artworks come to Leicester in the middle of World War Two? Nick Matthews looks at Leicester's German Expressionist collection and two remarkable men: museum director Trevor Thomas and curator Hans Hess.

6:30pm Sunday, 13th April

Dr. Rajin Chowdhury - *Curing Death By PowerPoint*

Why presentations using slides are so bad and the science on how you can fix it.