

**Leicester Secular Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Members are able to participate in the Society's democratic procedures and receive the monthly publication, *The 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 2011/12: 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.

Phone: 07598 971420.

Email: mail@leicestersecularsociety.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.

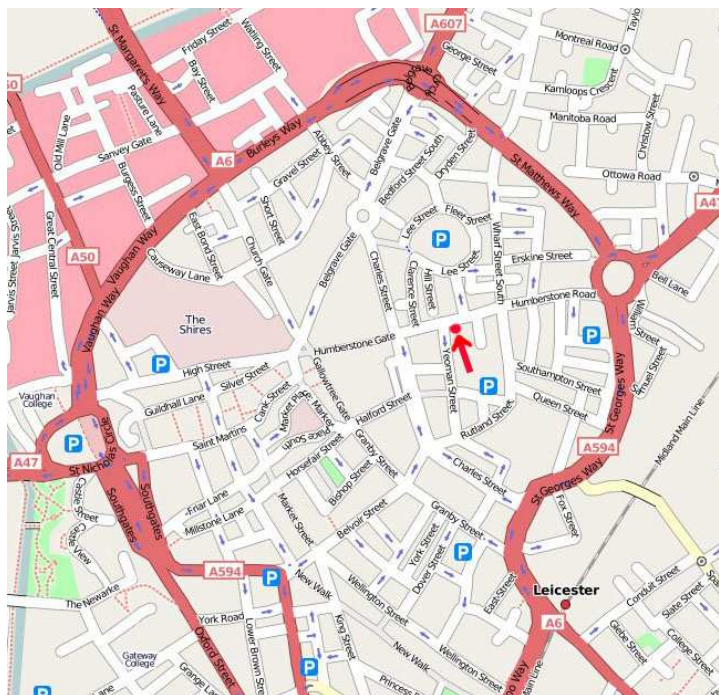
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HOW TO FIND US

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: 07598 971420

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**Secular Hall Events
Sept - Dec 2011**

**US policy and its effects
in South Asia**

Avtar Sadiq

6.30pm Sunday 18th Sept



**The ego trick - our
elusive sense of self**

Julian Baggini

6.30pm Sunday 16th Oct

**Dementia - facts,
figures and feelings**

Jill Perry

6.30pm Sunday 27th Nov



You're being watched!

Chris Williams

6.30pm Sunday 11th Dec

MORE EVENTS INSIDE

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

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SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday 4th Sept, 6.30pm: When poets went to war - Spain 1936-1939. Jim Jump of the International Brigade Memorial Trust.

Sunday 11th Sept, 11am - 6pm: English Heritage Open Day. The 130th anniversary of Secular Hall and 160th of the Society. Historical displays. Bookstall. Tours of the building. Refreshments.

Sunday 11th Sept, 6.30pm: The life and times of George Jacob Holyoake. Stefan Dickers, Bishopsgate Institute. George Jacob Holyoake was jailed for blasphemy in 1842.

Sunday 18th Sept, 6.30pm: US policy and its effects in South Asia. Avtar Sadiq, Indian Workers Association (GB). Avtar is a poet and writer of short stories in his native Punjabi. He contributes many articles to the English press.

Sunday 25th Sept, 6.30pm: Global security and the future of nuclear weapons. Rizwana Abassi of Leicester University on the history of the non-proliferation treaty and the current state of play.

Thursday 29th Sept, 7.30pm: Libya, country in turmoil. Dave Roberts will give first-hand impressions and video footage of recent events.

OCTOBER 2011

Sunday 2nd Oct, 6.30pm: Thomas Babington and the abolition of the slave trade. Terry Sheppard on how a friendship forged at Cambridge between Wilberforce and Rothley's Thomas Babington helped the abolitionist camp.

Sunday 9th Oct, 6.30pm: A coal miner's daughter. Lynn Senior entertains with things her grandfather - a miner born in 1912 - told her about life in a Durham village between the wars.

Thursday 13th Oct, 7.30pm: Faith, Humanism and the secular state. Allan Hayes.

Friday 14th Oct, 7.30pm: *The spirit level.* Richard Wilkinson on why equality is better for everyone and growth a bad thing.

Sunday 16th Oct, 6.30pm: *The ego trick - an exploration of our elusive sense of self.* Julian Baggini, well-known author and sceptic, sets out to answer fundamental and unsettling questions.

Tuesday 18th Oct, 7.30pm: Christians, Muslims and Humanists review messages of the 'prophets'.

Sunday 23rd Oct, 6.30pm: Open mic event. Bobba Cass, local gay grey poet, with One Leicester poems and an invitation to the audience to say or read their own.

Thursday 27th Oct, 7pm doors, 7.30pm start: Grace Petrie, rising star of the local music scene, with powerful songs about what's wrong with the world. Entry £5; concessions £4.

Sunday 30th Oct, 6.30pm: Phantoms of the cerebral circulation. Emma Chung. A World Stroke Day talk on our current knowledge of the cerebral arteries and the ground-breaking stroke research at Leicester University.

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday 6th Nov, 6.30pm: Secularism, feminism and other scary things. Cynthia Cockburn, feminist researcher and author, talks about 'godless iconoclasts and man-haters'.

Sunday 13th Nov, 3pm: LSS Annual General Meeting. Members only. Officers' reports. Motions, and elections of Directors and officers.

Sunday 20th Nov, 6.30pm doors, 7pm start: Mariko Terashi piano recital. Mariko always delights audiences with her astonishingly accomplished classical playing. Entry £5; concessions £4.

Sunday 27th Nov, 6.30pm: Dementia - facts, figures and feelings. Alzheimer's Society trainer Jill Perry will review the facts and talk about the experience of having dementia.

DECEMBER 2011

Sunday 4th Dec, 6.30pm: The Secular Society library, past and present. Society Librarian Gillian Lighton will talk about some of the notable books in the library and the people behind them. A second-hand bookstall too!

Sunday 11th Dec, 6.30pm: You're being watched! Chris Williams recounts the history of police TV surveillance of political opponents of British governments going back to the 1960s and beyond.

Sunday 18th Dec, 6.30pm: The Winter Solstice Quiz! Quizmaster Trevor Chesterton leads this event. Have fun in friendly competition. Please bring seasonal food and drink to share.

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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