

**Leicester Secular Society**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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

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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.

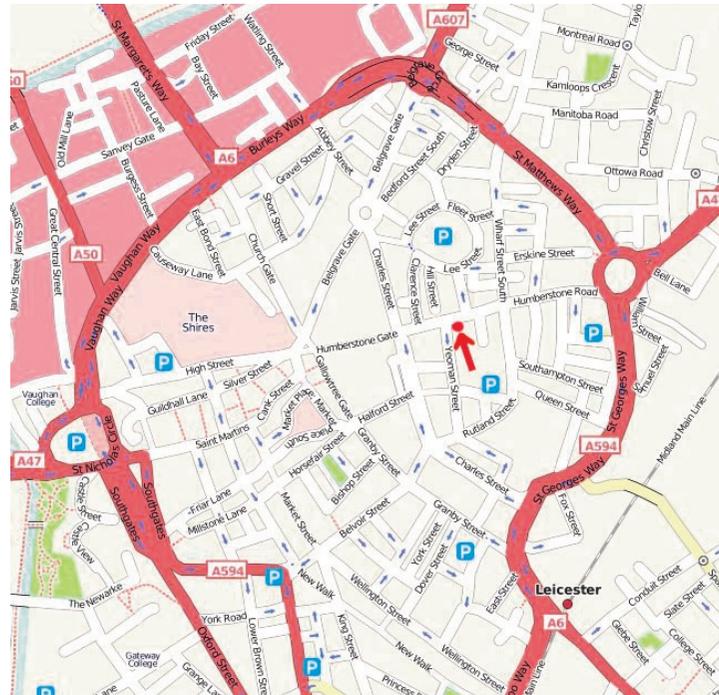
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**HOW TO FIND US**

Secular Hall, home of Leicester Secular Society, is very easy to find at 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB. It is directly opposite Sainsbury's supermarket and is a distinctive Victorian red-brick building. Its location is shown by the red spot 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](http://www.transportdirect.info)



**Rooms for hire: 07722 782727**  
**or: [rooms@lsec.org.uk](mailto:rooms@lsec.org.uk)**

**Secular Hall Events**  
**September - December 2014**

**Scotland independence debate**  
 Chair: George Ballantyne  
 6.30pm Sunday 7th Sep



**Organised religion a threat to human rights**  
 Peter Tatchell  
 6.30pm Sunday 26th Oct

**The normalisation of pornography**  
 Dr Heather Brunskell-Evans (University of Leicester)  
 6.30pm Sunday 16th Nov



**Tom Paine: the most valuable Englishman**  
 Documentary film (free)  
 6.30pm Sunday 7th Dec

**LOTS 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:**  
 28th Sept - 12th Oct - 9th Nov - 14th Dec

## SEPTEMBER 2014

**Sunday 7th Sept, 6.30pm: Should Scotland be independent?** ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ supporters argue it out. Audience members will participate and a (non-binding!) vote will be taken at the end.

**Sunday 14th Sept, 10.30am - 5pm: Heritage Open Day.** Secular Hall is open to the public for an exhibition on its history, tours of the building, refreshments, book sale, etc. Free entry.

**Sunday 14th Sept, 6.30pm: Local opposition to WWI.** Local historian Ned Newitt presents a review of original sources recounting the story of the local opposition to the war in 1914.

**Saturday 20th Sept, 8.30am: Coach trip to Kelmscott Manor.** William Morris’s home and now a museum of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Tickets £16 (concessions £14\*). Price excludes entry, £9. Booking essential. Call Mike on 0116 270 3335. Returning to Leicester for 7pm.

**Sunday 21st Sept, 6.30pm: Headstrong.** All welcome to bring ideas and questions for friendly informal debate.

**Sunday 28th Sept, 6.30pm: Infidel Feminism.** As part of ‘Everybody’s Reading Week’ Dr Laura Schwartz of Warwick University speaks on her book about non-religious women who campaigned for women’s rights in the 19th century.

## OCTOBER 2014

**Sunday 5th October, 6.30pm: Poetry, set to music.** Merle Gering (poems) and Michael Gerard (music) team up to entertain in this quirky gig reflecting the full gamut of human experience.

**Sunday 12th October, 6.30pm: Headstrong.** All welcome to bring ideas and questions for friendly informal debate.

**Saturday 18th October, 7pm: Anu’s Feast.** You won’t regret making this your Saturday night out. Doors open 7pm, meal served 7.30pm; Annie Williamson and Hamish Whiteley entertain; licensed bar. £12 (£10 concessions\*). Booking essential. Phone Mike on 0116 270 3335.

**Sunday 19th October, 6.30pm: Making use of social media.** John Coster, of Citizen’s Eye, shows how to use social media like Facebook and Twitter to the full. Live and interactive!

**Sunday 26th October, 6.30pm: Organised religion is the greatest global threat to human rights.** Leading campaigner Peter Tatchell gives this major presentation which will include a review of anti-gay laws in many countries.

## NOVEMBER 2014

**Sunday 2nd November, 6.30pm: Animal rights.** Kerry Ann Sedgewick of Leicester Animal Rights will argue that we must widen the concept of ‘human’ rights to apply to animals too.

**Sunday 9th November, 6.30pm: Was it a good thing?** Open University historian Chris Williams, reviews the arguments for and against World War One and asks which are valid and which not.

**Sunday 16th November, 6.30pm: The normalisation of pornography.** Dr Heather Brunskell-Adams of UoL will examine the way in which sexualised imagery has become the norm in our culture and media over the last two decades.

**Sunday 23rd November, 3pm: LSS AGM. Members only.** Officers will review the past year, motions will be discussed. Elections held.

**Sunday 30th November, 6.30pm: The serious business of humour.** John Florance of BBC Radio Leicester will talk about the so-called British sense of humour. No joking.

## DECEMBER 2014

**Sunday 7th December, 6.30pm: ‘The Most Valuable Englishman Ever’.** Leicester Human Rights Arts and Film Festival. A remarkable 1.5 hr documentary about Tom Paine, author of *The Rights of Man* and one of the Secular Hall busts.

**Sunday 14th December, 6.30pm: Religious privilege in the UK.** Harry Perry offers a round-up of the many ways in which religion is privileged in the UK.

**Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm. The Winter Solstice Quiz.** Quizmaster Trevor Chesterton compères this traditional LSS fun night. Bring seasonal fare and drinks to share. All welcome.

\*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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