

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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*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.

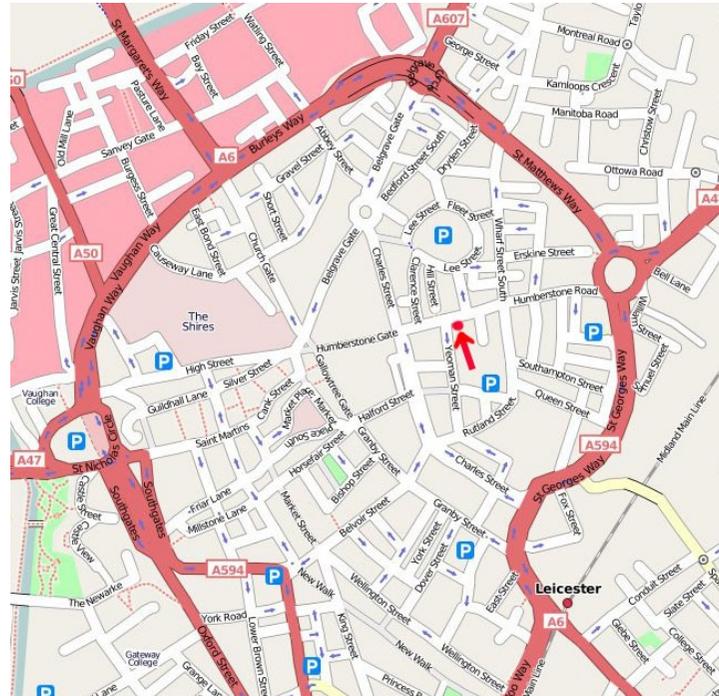
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HOW TO FIND US

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
January-April 2015



Meaning in mental health
 Dr Peter Miller
 of Leics NHS MH Trust
 6.30pm Sun 18th Jan

Drug and alcohol policy - a new approach?
 Prof David Nutt
 7pm Tue 17th Feb




Pakistan - educating the girls
 Dr Saeeda Shah
 6.30pm Sun 8th March

The General Election Debate
 Representatives of six parties vie for your vote
 6.30pm Sun 29th March



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:
 11th Jan - 8th Feb - 8th Mar - 12th Apr

JANUARY 2015

Sunday 11th January, 6.30pm: The Lives of Others. Film. For the 25th anniversary of the end of the Berlin Wall we present Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's award-winning psychological and political thriller on the power of the state, resistance and art. Free entry. Don't miss it!

Sunday 18th January, 6.30pm: Meaning in mental health. Dr Peter Miller, CEO of Leics Partnership NHS MH Trust, will present research and personal views on meaning and purpose in maintaining good mental health.

Sunday 25th January, 6.30pm: Burns Night! Traditional celebration of the works of Rabbie Burns with pipes, poetry and performance. Includes traditional fare and a shot of Scotch. £8 per head (£6.50 members and concessions). Licensed bar. Book with Mike on 0116 270 3335.

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday 1st February, 6.30pm: Islam and secularism - is there common ground? Dr Usama Hasan of the Quilliam Foundation. Most Muslim-majority countries have an ongoing tussle between Islamists and secularists. Is there such a thing as 'Islamic secularism'?

Sunday 8th February, 6.30pm: Headstrong session. Come along and bring any topic of your choosing for discussion in an informal setting.

Sunday 15th February, 6.30pm: 'Comedy Sale Pt II'. Sanderson Jones (of Sunday Assembly fame) performs his award-winning stand-up show as part of Leicester Comedy Festival. Booking essential. £10, concessions £8. Licensed bar. Tickets from Mike on 0116 270 3335 or through the Festival box office (fee) at <http://www.comedy-festival.co.uk>, phone: 0116 242 3595.

Tuesday 17th February, 7pm: The Annual Darwin Lecture. Drug and alcohol policy - time for a new scientific enlightenment. Prof. David Nutt of Imperial College London calls for a new science-based drug and alcohol policy. One-time chair of the Advisory Committee on the Misuse of Drugs, Prof. Nutt is a leading international scientist and thinker. Please book your (free) place with Mike Burden on 0116 270 3335.

Sunday 22nd February, 6.30pm: Religion, witchcraft and a fleet of jets! Leading Nigerian secularist Leo Igwe exposes the greed and cynicism of Nigeria's Christian 'witch-hunters'.

MARCH 2015

Sunday 1st March, 6.30pm: If it ain't broke, don't fix it. In the light of the Scottish independence referendum Alistair Jones of DMU asks what needs to change in our constitution.

Sunday 8th March, 6.30pm: International Women's Day event with the Fawcett Society. Education and Muslim girls. Dr Saeeda Shah of Leicester University discusses the education of girls in Pakistan and in the Muslim diaspora in the UK in the light of the attack on Malala Yousafzai.

Sunday 15th March, 6.30pm: Joe Orton - the writer and his work. Dr Emma Parker of Leicester University talks about the life and work of this extraordinary Leicester playwright.

Sunday 22nd March, 6.30pm: 'Zacks and Abdullah' - jazz from South Africa. Ned Newitt's 11-piece band, the Afro City Swingsters, celebrate the work of Izaak 'Zacks' Nkosi and Abdullah Ibrahim during the Apartheid period. Free entry (collection). Licensed bar.

Sunday 29th March, 6.30pm: The General Election debate. With Unlock Democracy. Candidates of the six main strands in British politics give brief statements and answer your questions for the coming General Election.

APRIL 2015

Sunday 5th April, 6.30pm: Headstrong session. Come along and bring any topic of your choosing for discussion in an informal setting.

Sunday 12th April, 6.30pm: The two faces of Columbia - tourist paradise or police state? Caroline Moles and Michael Gerard offer their views of a complex and sometimes violent society.

Sunday 19th April, 10.30am: Spring walk. Details TBA in the *Leicester Secularist* and on our website: lsec.org.uk. **No evening meeting.**

Sunday 26th April, 6.30pm: Catching the living, naming the dead. Prof. Mark Jobling of Leicester University's Dept of Genetics talks about the use of DNA in forensic science.

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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