

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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How did you hear of us?

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*Subscription rates

2017: Individuals £21; Low income £7; Households £28.

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.

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Leicester Secular Society is a company limited by guarantee, Reg. No. 06292639.

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

HOW TO FIND US

The Secular Hall, home of Leicester Secular Society, is very easy to find on Humberstone Gate (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 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 Sundays, and metered for stays of up to three hours at other times). There are several nearby car parks. Multi-storey on Lee Circle and Halford Street (LE1 1TQ). An open-site car park on Clyde Street (LE1 2BG).



Rooms for hire: 07722 782727 or www.Lsec.org.uk

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Secular Hall Events September - December 2017



**A British Republic
And Why The Monarchy
Must Go**

Graham Smith
Sunday 17th September, 6.30pm

ALICE IN HER SHOES

*A preview of a new play
about Alice Hawkins*

ELAINE PANTLING
Sunday 1st Oct, 6.30pm



DISPOSSESSION

THE GREAT SOCIAL HOUSING SWINDLE

A new feature documentary film
Sunday 29th October, 6.30pm

100 Years Of Tear Gas And Human Rights

Anna Feigenbaum
Sunday 10th December, 6.30pm



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

...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:
17th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov & 12th Dec

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday Sept 3rd 6.30pm, Gary McLelland: *For God's sake: How blasphemy laws are used to undermine freedom of expression.* Gary is the Chief Executive of the International Humanist & Ethical Union, the global umbrella body for Humanists, Atheists & Secularists.

Sunday Sept 10th, Heritage Open Day. The Secular Hall opens its doors to the general public. Tours of the building, an exhibition about the history of the Society and its Hall and a display of historic images of what is now the Cultural Quarter. Stay as long as you like or just drop in for a cup of tea and a snack! Evening lecture to be announced.

Sunday Sept 17th, 6.30pm, Graham Smith: *A British Republic and Why the Monarchy Must Go.* Graham is the Chief Executive of the campaign group 'Republic.'

Sunday Sept 24th 6.30pm, Headstrong Meeting

Come along and bring any topic of your choosing for discussion in an informal setting. All welcome.

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday Oct 1st 6.30pm, Elaine Pantling: *Alice in her Shoes.* Preview of new play that celebrates the life of Alice Hawkins, suffragette, written and performed by Elaine Pantling.

Sunday Oct 8th 6.30pm, Zinthiya Ganeshpanchan: *Join us for Tea.* This event provides an opportunity to understand the lives of the women and girls living in the tea plantations of Sri Lanka

Sunday Oct 15th 6.30pm, Social event – Indian meal at the Hall. Come and enjoy an Indian meal (vegetarian and non-vegetarian). Entertainment and licensed bar. Tickets - suggested donation, £10. 50 places only - reserve a ticket by texting 07989 122 917 or email secretary.lsec@gmail.com or speak to Gillian at any Sunday evening lecture.

Sunday Oct 22nd 6.30pm, Corinne Fowler: *Colonial Countryside: Exploring English Country Houses' Colonial Connections.* Many country houses have Caribbean or East India Company connections. A Black History Month event.

Sunday Oct 29th 6.30pm, film: *Dispossession: The Great Social Housing Swindle.* A new feature documentary, directed by Paul Sng and narrated by Maxine Peake. Runtime 1hr 20 mins

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday Nov 5th 6.30pm, Kenneth Lowles: *The Balfour Declaration 1917: Seeds of Conflict.* Marking the centenary of the Balfour Declaration. An outline of Britain's contribution to the Arab-Israeli conflict in the 20th Century.

Sunday Nov 12th 6.30pm, Milan Rai: *Chomsky's Propaganda Model of the Mainstream Media* There's no state control of the mass media, but we still have 'brainwashing under freedom'; an enormously powerful propaganda system.

Sunday Nov 19th 3pm, AGM (members only)

Society officers report back on the year. Motions. Elections to the Board. Light refreshments available. Have your say. Stand for/elect a strong Board for a strong Society.

6.30pm: Red Leicester Evening (open to all) *What we sing is what we are.* The Red Leicester Choir will be talking about their story with songs of celebration and protest. Light refreshments available from 6pm.

Sunday Nov 26th 6.30pm, Mermaids Charity: *Transgender Children and Teenagers.* Mermaids strives to provide information on issues regarding gender identity amongst children and teenagers, to dispel myths and promote positive inclusion.

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday Dec 3rd, Rosalind Adams: *The Story of a Book:* From the first idea to the publication of 'The Children's Book of Richard III.'

Sunday Dec 10th 6.30pm, Anna Feigenbaum: *100 Years Of Tear Gas And Human Rights.* Dr. Feigenbaum shows how policing with poison came to be - and why it matters for human rights around the world. Human Rights Arts and Film Festival Lecture.

Sunday Dec 17th 6.30pm, Winter Solstice Celebration Quiz from Trevor Chesterton, 5 minute talks and 5

minute performances from members. Please bring food and/or drink to share.

Date to be announced: Harry Leslie Smith: *Harry's Last Stand.* 94 year old 2nd world war veteran, writer and activist speaks about how the world his generation built is falling down and what we can do to save it.

Date to be announced: *Visit to Century Theatre, Coalville* Built after the second world war as a travelling theatre, the Century Theatre is unique. Visit includes transport, a slide show, talk and backstage tour. Suggested donation £5

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.