

About Hucklow Summer School 2017:

The core purpose of Hucklow Summer School is religious education: we focus on matters of religion and spirituality and intend to draw out and develop the potential of all participants. We aim to provide a balanced programme, offering a rich mix of activities for both the heart and head, and a variety of optional sessions showcasing a range of worthwhile activities which participants might "take home" and try out in their own congregations and communities. We also ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for relaxed fellowship and fun during the week.



Small Group Activities are at the heart of summer school and provide a safe environment for deep exploration and personal relating. Morning Theme Talks provide a contrast in style to the small group activities, stimulate dialogue on religious and spiritual matters, and allow participants to engage with the topic on an intellectual level. Summer School also provides opportunities for daily spiritual practice such as morning meditation and evening epilogues.

Hucklow Summer School brings fellow Unitarians together and allows them to get to know each other deeply and form lasting and meaningful connections. It is our hope that participants will be inspired and challenged to develop and promote high-quality religious education activities when they return home.

Hucklow Summer School Panel

Currently, the Hucklow Summer School Panel consists of four members: Jane Blackall, Janet Costley, Kate McKenna and Ned Prideaux. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2017. It has a rolling membership to maintain continuity. New members are co-opted, to maintain the necessary balance of skills, as one or two members step down from the panel after Summer School each year. Summer School participants will have an opportunity to put names forward for consideration during the week at Great Hucklow.

Allocation of Places and Workshops at Summer School

The panel aims to attract approximately 1/3 newcomers to participate in the Summer School every year. We have set a deadline of Monday 3rd April for receipt of applications to Summer School. Shortly after this date, places will be allocated by the members of the panel, giving priority to first-timers and ministerial students, subject to the constraints of available accommodation. Please note that deposit cheques will be banked on receipt and if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date.

Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Do let us know if you have any particular skills or abilities that you would like to share during the week (e.g. music, dancing, art and craft ideas, worship, meditation, leading a one-off religious education workshop, etc.) by giving some details on your booking form. Members of the panel will contact potential session leaders in early summer, after Summer School places have been allocated, to finalise the timetable.

Children and Young People's Programme

There will be a morning programme for young people run by Claire Maddocks and her team of experienced leaders. The details of this programme will be finalised based on the number and age-range of applications received. Children and young people will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Minister for the Week and Summer School Coordinator

Rev. Danny Crosby will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our 'Minister for the Week'. Ned Prideaux will be our Coordinator and be the primary contact person for queries during the week itself.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2017:

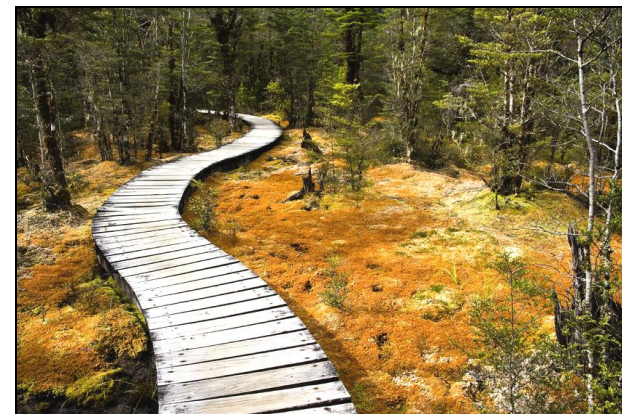
Contact Janet Costley on 01732 464211 or email Jane Blackall on info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk.

Hucklow Summer School 2017

For Personal and Leadership Development

'Walk Your Path with Joy'

Finding Hope and Resisting Despair in Turbulent Times



19th to 26th August 2017

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 3rd April 2017

Allocation of places will be confirmed in May 2017

www.hucklowsummerschool.co.uk

*Hucklow Summer School Panel: Part of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, 1-6 Essex Street, London, WC2R 3HY.
Website: www.unitarian.org.uk. Registered Charity: No. 250788.*

A LARGE PRINT FORM IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Hucklow Summer School 2017: Application Form

Adult Shared: £500 Children 12-16: £395 Children 5-11: £330 Children under 5: £150

Rooms at summer school are usually shared. Availability of single rooms is very limited and so these places will be carefully allocated on the basis of need for people with special circumstances. If you have particular medical or other reasons why a single room is essential then you must inform the panel of your circumstances at the time of application so that we can take this into account. A supplement of £55 will be payable for places in single or shared-en-suite rooms. Please Note: It is a policy of summer school that family members/partners should participate in different morning engagement groups.

Note: £393 of the standard rate is the cost of a week's full-board accommodation at the Nightingale Centre in a twin room. The remainder of the cost is a 'conference fee' which helps to cover the provision of a team of staff / organisers.

BURSARIES: Please do not let a shortage of money prevent you from attending!
Summer School bursaries are available and we are able to advise about other funding sources.

Please contact us as soon as possible for further details of how to apply for assistance:
 Telephone Janet on 01732 464211 or email Jane: info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk

Names of people in your group	Age (if under 17)	1 st choice workshop	2 nd choice workshop
Person 1:			
Person 2:			
Person 3:			
Person 4:			
Address:			
Telephone:			
Email Address:			
Congregation/Fellowship (if any):			
Where/from whom did you obtain this Summer School leaflet?			
Bedrooms at Great Hucklow are mostly shared twin rooms, with some triples, and one dormitory. Please indicate if you would like to share with someone in particular or if you have other preferences.			
Any special requirements (e.g. vegetarian diet / food allergies):			
Any skills you can offer (e.g. leading afternoon or evening activities):			
Please let us know how we can take your particular needs or circumstances, including disability issues, into consideration when organising the programme. If you wish to discuss any specific issue in confidence then please contact Janet Costley on 01732 464211 at the earliest opportunity.			

Please send this application form with a deposit of £100 per person to:

Hucklow Summer School, GA of Unitarian & FCC, Essex Hall, 1-6 Essex St, London WC2R 3HY

Cheques are to be made payable to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

It is also possible to pay by bank transfer or by card over the telephone – please email us for details.

Note: cheques will be banked on receipt – if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date. If your application is successful, the balance will be due six weeks before summer school, on 7th July 2017.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2017.

If you have missed the deadline please do contact us to find out if any remaining places are available.

Hucklow Summer School: 19th – 26th August 2017

'Walk Your Path with Joy' - Finding Hope & Resisting Despair in Turbulent Times

'Help us fulfil what lies within the circle of our lives – each day we ask no more, no less.

Untangle the knots within, so we can mend our hearts' simple ties to others...

Free us to walk your path with joy!' Neil Douglas-Klotz – 'Prayers of the Cosmos'

As we march, mosey, and muddle our way through life, each of us will encounter all sorts of personal challenges on our travels. In addition, we may feel increasingly overwhelmed and powerless in the face of current world events, political currents, and environmental crises. How can we keep our heads up in hard times, without turning away from the world's woes, and stay engaged to do our bit for the common good? This week at summer school, through daily talks and engagement groups, we will explore the ways in which we can find fulfilment, connection, hope and joy along life's meandering path.

Our speakers: Nancy Crumbine, Claire MacDonald, Margaret Kirk, Stephen Carlile, Katie McKenna.

Morning Engagement Groups:

Each person is part of a small workshop group which meets for two hours each day to explore a given theme:

A: 'Now is the Time to Open your Heart' with Lindy Latham and Janet Costley

In this troubled world, what is in our hearts can become paralysed by fear. The Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh says: "We all experience fear, but if we can look deeply into our fear, we will be able to free ourselves from its grip and touch joy." Bring yourself as you are to share your wisdom and life experiences, to take time to slow down and reflect on what really matters through gentle conversation, the stillness of meditation, the movement of walking and other ways chosen by you.

B: 'With Great Good Care' with Sarah Tinker and Michael Allured

How best shall we live in troubled times and yet still find joy in living? One answer is: with great good care – for ourselves, for one another and for our wider world. Our group will focus on simple practices of self-care, movement and voice-work based awareness exercises – practices we can take back to our everyday lives and to our Unitarian communities. We'll explore the small details, the simple tasks, the gentle steps that bring us joy in life and so strengthen us for work in the world. Our time together will be a retreat, a much needed space to re-discover the pleasures of being alive.

C: 'Forget Your Perfect Offering' with Elizabeth Birtles and Stephen Crowther

'Free us to walk your path with joy' (Neil Douglas-Klotz)

What path is this....? Whose path is it....? How am I freed to walk this path....? We invite you to bring an openness and willingness to know yourself and God more deeply by exploring whatever this path is, or might be, for you. Each session will offer a focus designed to facilitate your own inner exploration of the prayerful plea "Free us to walk your path with joy". We will give each other space and time for quiet reflection, sharing, listening, discerning, responding creatively and the renewing of commitment.

D: 'God in Daily Life – Theological Reflections' with Jane Blackall and Daniel Costley

'We may have good intentions to reflect on the many layers of our lives, but the busyness of our existence tends to take priority over quiet time. Typically we reflect on issues by letting them rattle around in our heads...

We need a clear and deliberate process for thinking through our experiences – one that enables us to look at life through the lens of faith.' - Abigail Johnson. This group - something different to the Summer School norm -

requires some extra commitment prior to arrival and numbers will be limited; participants will be required to prepare a structured personal reflection / journaling on an issue in their own life or the life of the world (guidance will be sent) – looking at real events through a series of questions, designed to help individuals consider situations *'through the lens of faith'*. All group members will need to be prepared to share and explore further these theological reflections together, with care, in a guided way, when we get to Hucklow.

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd preference workshop (A, B, C or D) on the application form.