

About Hucklow Summer School 2009:

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 five members: Jane Blackall, Maggie Davies, Lindy Latham, Mel Prideaux and Patricia Walker-Hesson. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2009. 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 10th April 2009 for receipt of applications to Summer School. Shortly after this date, places will be allocated by the members of the panel, giving preference to newcomers 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, leading a 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's Programme

The children's programme will be led by Claire Maddocks and Eloise Williamson. Activities will run during each morning session. Children will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Claire and Eloise say: "Summer School is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends and this year we are going to go on a journey together. This will be a journey exploring ourselves, our community and our faith – a journey through time looking at the past, present and we may even gain an insight into the future. To help us do this we are going to use art, writing, music, drama, discussions, craft, and baking. We look forward to meeting you; it should be lots of fun!"

Minister of the Week

Rev. Lindy Latham will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our 'Minister of the Week'.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2009:

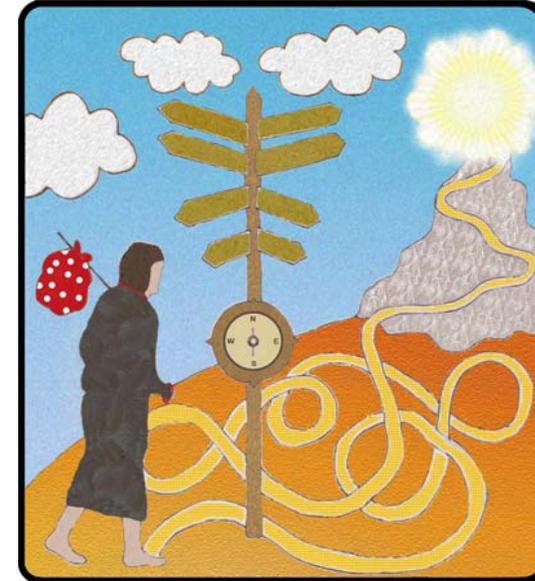
Contact Mel Prideaux on 01924 781 020 or email info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk



Hucklow Summer School 2009

For Personal and Leadership Development

THE JOURNEY



15th to 22nd August 2009

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 10th April 2009

www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

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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.*

Hucklow Summer School 2008: Application Form

Adult Shared: £290 Children 12-16: £210 Children 5-11: £175 Children under 5: £80

A very limited number of single rooms and shared ensuite rooms are available and will be allocated by the Hucklow Summer School panel according to need for people with special circumstances. A supplement of £40 will be payable in either case. Please Note: It is our policy that family members/partners should participate in different morning workshop groups.

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 did you obtain this Summer School leaflet?

Rooms at Great Hucklow are usually shared. Please indicate if you would like to share with someone in particular or if you have any other room 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.

Please send a deposit of £50 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.

Note: cheques will be banked on receipt – if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2009.

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

Please do not let a shortage of money prevent you from attending Summer School!!!

Some bursaries are available to help with funding. All enquiries will be dealt with in confidence.

Please contact Maggie Davies as soon as possible for further details of how to apply for financial assistance: Telephone: 01407 721 141 Email: maggied@copperstream.co.uk

Hucklow Summer School: 15th – 22nd August 2009

Morning Theme Talks: “To Be A Pilgrim” with Rev. Sarah Tinker

“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet, and learn to be at home.”

Wendell Berry

How deep the impulse is to set off on pilgrimage – to take the sacred path toward one's authentic self, to the core of our being. Such journeys may be solitary, yet more often are taken in the good company of others. Our theme sessions this week will trace the ancient pattern of sacred journeys, as each morning a fellow traveller will converse with us, sharing their passions, insights and life experiences. Pilgrimage allows the traveller time to turn inwards and reflect, the chance to ask questions of the self. Where does our spiritual compass point to? How do we recognise our true path? To be a pilgrim is to let go of accustomed ways and instead seek new vistas and visions; what better place than Hucklow Summer School to embark on such a journey.

Morning Engagement Groups

A: “Gems for the Journey”

with Rev. Linda Hart and Patricia Walker-Hesson

Spiritual practices are good tools for helping us to keep to a worthy path as we travel through life. Linda and Patricia, using the UUA curriculum ‘Spirit in Practice’, will offer opportunities to experience a variety of practices. These will include personal (or solitary) practices, body practices, soul practices and life practices. The aim is for each person to find a spiritual practice to suit themselves.

B: “In Whose Shoes . . . ? Finding Your Own Feet”

with Rev. Michael Dadson and Alison Thursfield

Who and where we are in life can be shaped by our education and conditioning, our assumptions and reactions... and occasionally by our own choosing. Using a range of activities – including spoken and written word, music and movement – we shall each take a look at how we have navigated our way through life so far... and wonder about how we might walk into our future wearing our *own* shoes.

C: “Travellers’ Tales: Harvesting the Stories of our Lives”

with Sheena Gabriel and Rev. John Harley

‘When we write from experience we harvest our lives.’ Bonnie Goldberg

The series of workshops will provide a reflective space in which to explore our personal stories, predominantly through writing, but also touching on other creative forms, as a means of bringing forth the stories within us. Beyond the telling of the story, we will seek to uncover deeper meanings and spiritual connections – to discover and harvest the gold that lays hidden within seemingly ordinary or difficult life experiences. There will be the opportunity to share, celebrate and honour each other's stories and to consider the wisdom and enduring values that can be passed on through our narratives. No experience of creative writing necessary.

D: “Sole to Soul: Walking as a Spiritual Practice”

with Mel Prideaux and Maggie Davies

‘We are the children of the earth and the earth is in our bodies - so the rhythm that's outside is inside.’

John O'Donohue

As we allow the landscape to reflect, inform, shadow, echo and sing to us with its movement and stillness, we discover how our physical walking connects us with our own inner ground. We will be outside, in woods and fields, accompanying one another in our walking, listening, conversing, being still and reflecting. We are constantly on the threshold of exploring new paths, and in this group we will traverse the territories of the visible and the invisible. How do we prepare ourselves? Are there familiar milestones? Is there light enough to see the way ahead? Do we journey alone? Through our soles we will explore our souls.

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