

About Hucklow Summer School 2011:

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 six members: Jane Blackall, Caroline Blair, Margaret Kirk, Mel Prideaux, Chris Thompson and Alison Thursfield. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2011. 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 21st April 2011 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

This year, the children's programme will be led by Peter Teets and Jim Blair. Activities will run during each morning session. Children will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Minister of the Week

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

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2011:

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

Hucklow Summer School 2011

For Personal and Leadership Development

WALKING THE TALK

Living a Life of Greater Integrity



20th to 27th August 2011

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 21st April 2011

www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

*Hucklow Summer School Panel: part of the Education and Training Commission,
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 2011: Application Form

Adult Shared: £440 Children 12-16: £325 Children 5-11: £275 Children under 5: £125

A supplement of £55 will be payable for places in shared en-suite rooms or single rooms. Availability of single rooms is very limited and so these places will be allocated by the Summer School panel according to need for people with special circumstances. Please Note: It is our policy that family members/partners should participate in different morning workshop groups.

Note: £125 of the standard rate is the 'conference fee' which pays for provision of a team of staff / organisers.

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

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 Mel on 01924 781 020 or email Jane: info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

Unfortunately, the cost of attending summer school has increased by a significant amount this year, due to unavoidable changes in the way that VAT is applied to our accommodation bill.

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?

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 £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.

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 Friday 8th July.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2011.

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

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Morning Theme Talks: 'Walking the Talk: Living a Life of Greater Integrity'

To 'Walk the Talk' means to conduct ourselves in such a way that our actions match our words; to put our professed values into practice; to live a life of integrity. Over the course of five theme sessions we will look at our shared values, the ways in which we do (and don't) manage to live up to our high ideals, some forms of practical support which might help us to live in closer alignment with our deepest values, and the commitments (large and small) we can realistically take on to 'do our bit' for the common good.

Our team of theme speakers will be: Jim Corrigan, Linda Hart, Jef Jones, Gillian Peel and Sarah Tinker.

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: "The Web of Life: Seeing and Acting Differently"

with Margaret Kirk and Kate Buchanan

"We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves..." – words attributed to Chief Seattle

This series of workshops will offer an opportunity to discover gentle ways in which we might see and act differently, with deeper attention and a sense of responsibility for the earth. We will explore aspects of eco-spirituality using all the senses – through meditation, art, sound, improvisation and the direct experience of nature. This engagement group will seek to be a celebration of nature and an affirming of our own ability to be more deeply committed to the earth's sustainability.

B: "Practising Peace in Daily Life"

with Jane Blackall and Jef Jones

In this engagement group we will explore ways in which we might be able to live more peacefully: sharing practices which might help us maintain inner peace and equanimity in the face of life's ups and downs; learning how to cultivate peace and greater understanding in our personal relationships using the principles of compassionate communication; looking at alternative ways of responding to conflict in our communities; considering the effects of violence and contentiousness in the media and popular culture; reflecting on the use of nonviolent action and protest to work for social justice; and identifying practical ways in which every one of us can contribute towards a culture of peace in the wider world.

C: "Giving"

with Caroline Blair and Rita Woditsch

"It is in giving that we receive." – words attributed to St Francis of Assisi.

This workshop will examine the act of giving, as it can be practised at all levels. We will start by looking at how we can give to ourselves, then, in successive sessions, move outwards: we will look at giving something to each other; then to our communities; then to the world; and finally to the transcendental. In the final session we will turn the theme round and look at receiving gifts as well as giving them. This will be an active workshop, with different activities on each day; there will be some writing, some simple craft work, some outdoor activities, plus time for reflection, journaling and sharing.

D: "Working with Others"

with Mel Prideaux and Winnie Gordon

An opportunity to explore our beliefs, attitudes and skills in working with others for social justice. Together we are stronger, but how do we build bridges with others? How do we 'reach in' to our own inner strength and commitment, so that we can better 'reach out' to others and work with them to change the world? Starting by recognising the strengths and gifts we bring to collaboration, in this engagement group we will share examples and exercises to help us engage deeply with the challenges that we face in collaborative and co-operative working.

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