

About Hucklow Summer School 2013:

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 Group consists of six members: Liz Birtles, Caroline Blair, Kate Buchanan, Michael Dadson, Chris Thompson and Alison Thursfield. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2013. 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 15th April 2013 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.

Young People's Programme

This year, there will be an intergenerational engagement group, and extra activities for young people during morning theme talks. 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 2013:

Contact Kate Buchanan on 07870 322 519 or email Chris on info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk.

Hucklow Summer School 2013

For Personal and Leadership Development

LIVING AT THE EDGE

How do we find meaning in the margins where we find ourselves?



17th to 24th August 2013

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 15th April 2013

www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

*Hucklow Summer School Panel: Part of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, 1-6 Essex Street, London, WC2R 3HY.
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Morning Theme Talks: “Living at the Edge: how do we find meaning in the margins where we find ourselves?”

Our team of speakers will be: Kate Buchanan, Jim Corrigan, Winnie Gordon, Rob Gregson, John Naish

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: On the Edge of Nature with Nancy Crumbine and Julie Dadson

Enlivening our awareness of the sacred in the Hucklow landscape

We will walk, write, sing, laugh and build... a simple natural shelter for meditation. We seek to encourage in each other the awareness of the exquisitely complex divinity of nature as it brings us time and again to the edge that transforms each of us into creature and creator. We will draw from ecology, conservation, and the writings of naturalist poets such as Thoreau, Emerson, John Muir and Mary Oliver.

B: Postcards from the Edge with Sheena Gabriel and Stephen Crowther

Art can provide a powerful means for discovering hitherto unknown aspects of ourselves in relation to our world, our journey through life and the Divine. Participants will be encouraged to take gentle risks in playfully and creatively exploring those aspects that lie on and beyond the edges of everyday awareness. We will use a range of media and activities including: painting, clay, collage, found objects; responding to words, images, music, meditation and visualisation, as a means of exploration. The group will be invited to reflect on their responses to the creative process and share any new understandings and insights gained from their experience. The group is open to all and requires no artistic skill to participate.

C: Recovering Who You Are with Michael Dadson and Alison Thursfield

A reflective writing workshop taking stock of our lives

From a simple, game-based start, we aim to help you gradually to see the big and bigger picture of your life, noticing the themes and tendencies which have given it the unique character of You, and picking up the threads you will choose to use in continuing to weave your future

D: An Odyssey for the Soul with Jim Blair and John Harley

Inspired by Homer's Odyssey, we will explore the concept of our adventurous journey through life. We will have opportunities to explore our lives through stories, play, improvisation, art, drama, and whole host of creative activities. Join us for a safe and inspiring journey where we will meet our archetypes, heroes/heroines, shadows and hopes and fears. We will explore approaches to better enable us to manage and celebrate our challenges and joys. Absolutely no previous experience of drama or art is necessary – just curiosity and willingness to be creative together.

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 Kate on 07870 322 519 or email Chris: info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 15th APRIL 2013.

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

Hucklow Summer School 2013: Application Form

Adult Shared: £465, Young people 12-16: £340, Children 5-11: £275, Children under 5: £125

A supplement of £52.50 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.

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 later. If your application is successful, the balance will be due six weeks before summer school, on Friday 5th July.