

About Hucklow Summer School 2014:

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

The panel organises the programme and currently includes Caroline Blair, Kate Buchanan, Janet Costley, Stephen Crowther, Michael Dadson, and Christine Thompson.

Theme speakers

Each morning there will be a special theme talk based on one aspect of our theme. This year's speakers are **Jane Blackall, Celia Cartwright, Ralph Catts, Maria Curtis & Michael Dadson.**

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.

Minister for the Week

Rev Michael Dadson will be providing pastoral care and staff support throughout the week.

More information:

Contact Janet 01732 464211 or email Chris.info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

Hucklow Summer School 2014

For Personal and Leadership Development

THE AUTHENTIC SELF

Discovering the Real You



16th to 23rd August 2014

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 25th April 2014

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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This year's theme is "The Authentic Self: Discovering the Real You"

Morning Engagement Group options for adults

Each Summer School attendee is part of a small workshop group which meets for two hours each day to explore a given theme. Please choose from the following:

A: The Conference of Birds with Rev John Harley and Claire MacDonald
Mapping myths and stories through drama, art and writing

We will begin and end this workshop outside, bringing our imaginations to an ancient flock of quizzical birds who embark on a mysterious journey on which they reach not an end, but a beginning. The Conference of Birds is an epic and poetic medieval Sufi story. We will explore its themes of fear, flight and understanding in the company of other art and writings about birds, becoming perhaps lighter on own feet and capable of flight, at least, in words and pictures. No previous experience of drama is necessary or knowledge of this book, although participants may wish to start exploring this story before they arrive.

B: The Art of Self-Recovery with Rev Rob Gregson and Kate Buchanan

We will spend the week living as dedicated Spiritual Creatives using a variety of artistic techniques in order to rediscover our creative passions and spiritual selves. Through collage, drawing, music and mini-sculpture, we will explore our spiritual journey. You don't have to be great at art to enjoy this class! Just come along and find out where your creative spirit may lead you.

C: Coming Home To Ourselves with Stephen Crowther and Kate McKenna

In this group, we will take a journey inwards, exploring the yearning for connection and belonging. We will look at our 'shoulds' and question their validity. We will look at identifying and engaging with the things that can help us to feel fully at home in ourselves and therefore in the world. We will journey using writing, discussion, reflection and journaling as our means of transport.

D: Identifying and living as your authentic self with Rev Winnie Gordon and Ned Prideaux

This group seeks to help us each to identify our authentic self and the barriers, including fears, to living as our authentic self. The emphasis of the week is on identifying and sharing who we really are rather than who we think we should be. Expect to reflect, create, share, listen, and explore your playful side.

Summer School Fees

Fees include accommodation, all activities and delicious meals!

Adult (shared): £485

Young people 12-16: £365

Children 5-11: £300

Children under 5: £130

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. A supplement of £55 will be payable for places in shared en-suite rooms or single rooms. *£125 of the standard rate is the 'conference fee' which pays for provision of a team of staff/organisers.*

Morning groups for children and young people

This year, there will be two age groups, and extra activities during morning theme talks. Children will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

E: Life is a rollercoaster, without the sickness! (12 – 16 yrs) with Jim Blair

A safe and inspiring journey where we will meet our heroes/heroines, hopes and fears.

We'll play together using games, craft, music, literature, technology, meditation and nature. No skills required, but you will need curiosity and willingness to be creative together. When you register I will contact you with more information, including your views on how we structure the programme. We will explore:

- How we identify and nurture who we really are,
- How do we face our fears and concerns and shine
- What we want and what do we need in our bag of magic to grow into awesome young people
- Consider how we remain respectful of others but also to be confident enough to ask for what we want
- How do I show up as me, with all that is happening around me?

F: One more step (5 – 11 yrs) with Carrie Boyce and Claire Maddocks

Exploring the theme of steps and footprints

These steps will signify journeys they have already walked along and explorations still to discover. It will include investigating barriers that may get in our way and teach us mechanisms to help us overcome them. We will discuss who may have provided the bridges to safe grounds and how we utilise both these people and spaces to grow both ourselves and our imagination. This will help us to be a part of our world as individuals and together.

Our group will explore the themes selected through a mix media of art, craft, drama, discussion, meditation, nature and poetry. We look forward to a week of fun, laughter and well being. We may all come as individuals, walking on our own paths but over the week we will walk together as one.

Afternoon and evening activities

There is a range of optional activities each day, provided by the participants including art, music and discussion. We are always delighted to see the variety of activities volunteered by the participants each year. If you would like to run a session, please mention this on your form.



DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2014.

If you 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 bursaries are available. We are, also, able to advise about other funding sources. Please contact us **as soon as possible** for further details of how to apply for assistance, email Chris: info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk*

Hucklow Summer School 2014: Application Form

16th to 23rd August 2014 Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire
 Adult Shared: £485, Young People: 12-16 £365, Children: 5-11 £300, Children under 5: £125



This is a loving spiritual community with a busy and lively atmosphere. We encourage sharing rooms to get the most out of your week with us. A supplement of £55 is payable for places in shared en-suite or single rooms. All ground floor rooms are en-suite. Availability of single rooms is very limited and so these places are allocated by the Summer School Panel according to need for people with special circumstances. £125 of the standard rate is the 'conference fee' that pays for provision of a team of staff and organisers.

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 25th April 2014 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. Bursaries are available!

Please Note: It is our policy that family members/partners should participate in different morning workshop groups from each other.

Names of people in your group	Age <i>(if under 17)</i>	1 st choice workshop	2 nd choice workshop
Person 1:			
Person 2:			
Person 3:			
Person 4:			
Address:			
Telephone:			
Email Address:			
Congregation/Fellowship <i>(if any)</i> :			
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 and accommodation.			

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 6th July.