

About Hucklow Summer School 2015:

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, Janet Costley, Michael Dadson, Kate Dean, Nick Morrice and Rita Woditsch. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2015. 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 Friday 17th 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 children and young people run by a 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

Rev. Michael Dadson will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our 'Minister for the Week'.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2015:

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

Hucklow Summer School 2015

For Personal and Leadership Development

'Between the Dreaming and the Coming True'

Celebrating Twenty Years of Summer School!



22nd to 29th August 2015

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 17th April 2015

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.
Website: www.unitarian.org.uk. Registered Charity: No. 250788.*

A LARGE PRINT FORM IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Hucklow Summer School 2015: Application Form

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

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 carefully 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: £132 of the standard rate is the 'conference fee' which pays for 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.org.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?			
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 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.

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 10th July 2015.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 17th APRIL 2015.

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

Hucklow Summer School: 22nd–29th August 2015

Morning Theme Talks: 'Between the Dreaming and the Coming True'

In a series of daily theme talks we will be exploring the process of having big dreams and visions – for ourselves and our development as individuals; for our relationships with others; in the creative process; for our communities and churches; for changing the world! – and the ways in which we can make these dreams a reality. How do we dream bigger, craft a larger vision, reach beyond the limits to possibility that we currently perceive? How do we balance both poles of this process and avoid getting stuck in idle dreaming (which never translates into action) or compulsive action (which isn't grounded in clear vision)? How do we equip ourselves and others to bring about change and create a new reality?

Our team of speakers will be: Daniel Costley, Cody Coyne, Sheena Gabriel, Jo James & 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: 'Dream Yourself to Wholeness' with Liz Birtles & Nicky Jenkins

What stands between us and our dreams? How can we reunite soul and role? "One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious ... Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life and you will call it fate" – Jung. What we need lies within. We need to talk ourselves into hearing. It is by listening in silence that we begin to hear the truth about ourselves and our dreams. It is by embracing and accepting our whole selves that we can become one. This workshop includes story-telling, life review, meditation and writing.

B: 'Cherishing Dreams, Chasing Dreams' with Margaret Kirk & Nick Morrice

"They say a vision without a task is just a dream. And a task without a vision is just a drudge. But a task AND a vision is hope." – Simon Parke. What visions do we have for our lives? We will be exploring our personal dreams and visions, and considering how far we might hope to make them come true for us. We will look at childhood dreams, religious visions, the power of prayer, poetic fancies, scientific and political aspirations. But above all we will examine the successes and failures of our own dreams and visions, and how to shape them for the future. Writing, craftwork, film, music, walking outside and group discussion will all be part of this workshop. You might like to bring some "dreams" to share.

C: 'To Dream the Impossible Dream' with Jane Blackall & Katie McKenna

Our own sense of what is possible – for ourselves, our relationships, or the wider world – may be limited by inherited assumptions, societal norms, and ingrained patterns of thought that we may not even be consciously aware of. How can we find liberation from these constraints and be free to dream bigger, more beautiful, dreams? In this workshop we hope to explore some alternative ways of seeing that gently challenge convention and conformity in all spheres of our lives. Participants will be encouraged to experiment and play, make fresh connections, delve for deeper meanings, try out alternative perspectives, and imagine new possibilities. We will draw inspiration from non-conformists and outsiders of the past and present: radical thinkers and activists, contemporary queer culture, ground-breaking artists and creatives, and mystics down the ages.

D: 'The Space Between: Stillness and Motion/Words and Silence - Time.' with Rita Woditsch & Lynne Davies

'At the still point of the turning world.' (TS Eliot - Four Quartets)

We can explore through movement, poetry and personal journal, the Waiting, the moments, expectations and disappointments. When we are wakeful to ourselves, the pauses between are full of possibility. If we resist dragging the past into the future we can inhabit the present - the sacred ground of our human becoming. We can all dance - we can all write - when we stop judging ourselves harshly. Let's work together with curiosity, honesty - loose clothing, a pen and a mat to lie on!

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