

About Hucklow Summer School 2016:

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, Janet Costley, Michael Dadson, Katie McKenna and Rita Woditsch. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2016. 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.

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 Monday 11th 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. We advise you to take out travel insurance as we regret that we are unable to issue refunds for late cancellations (after the date when the balance of payment is due, six weeks before summer school).

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. John Harley will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our 'Minister for the Week'.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2016:

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

Hucklow Summer School 2016

For Personal and Leadership Development

'This Changes Everything'



20th to 27th August 2016

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 11th April 2016

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 2016: 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 ASAP IF YOU ARE LIKELY TO NEED ASSISTANCE WITH FUNDING.

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 8th July 2016.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2016.

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: 'This Changes Everything'

In a series of daily theme talks our team of speakers will offer their perspectives on the subject of change. Amongst the aspects we may examine are: ways in which we may bring about positive change in our own lives, our relationships, our community, and the world at large; strategies for responding to and coping with the inevitable changes that all life entails; the impact of significant moments which prove to be life-changing; and those social, political and environmental changes taking place on a global scale which have an impact on all life.

Our team of speakers will be: John Harley, Maria Pap, Jef Jones, Colleen Burns and Danny Crosby.

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: 'A Change is as Good as a Rest' with Jo O'Sullivan and Michael Dadson

Really? Can change be *good* for me – for all of us? During this week we aim to look at how we could manage change; sharing ideas and practices which might see our attitude shift from grumpy acceptance of change, to comfort with change, and maybe even to feeling, and being, proficient at *doing* change! Also too we will consider those aspects of our Unitarian 'mission' – both individually and together – which demand a response to Mahatma Gandhi's call to "be the change you wish to see in the world"

B: 'All Change!' with Elizabeth Birtles and Lindy Latham

"Somehow, in the process of trying to deny that things are always changing, we lose our sense of the sacredness of life. We tend to forget that we are part of the natural scheme of things." Pema Chödrön.

We will explore fear, mystery, loss, dying and death at personal, congregational and global levels. Inspired by the work of Parker J. Palmer, and using poetry, individual reflection and story-telling, we are invited into a circle of trust to create our own nourishing credo for living with uncertainty.

C: "'Taken at the Flood" - Epiphany Moments' with Margaret Kirk and Cody Coyne

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, / Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune,
Omitted, all the voyage of their life / Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea we are now afloat, / And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures." from *Julius Caesar* by Shakespeare

Can we recognise moments in our lives which are 'taken at the flood' - epiphany moments when we have been inspired, changed direction, or perspective? How significant have these moments been for us and can they happen many times? Are we sometimes aware of them as lost opportunities? Our workshop will be an opportunity to explore how such moments have shaped religion, art, politics and science in the lives of particular men and women and within our own lives through sharing, listening and writing. We will provide space for gentle reflection and use the stimulus of nature and music to discover the power of epiphany.

D: 'New Brooms?' with Katie McKenna and Robin Hanford

"In seeking what the future holds, in letting go the past, we seek the grace to clear a way through what can go and what can stay." - John L Bell

Like the fabled broom which lasted 50 years and in that time only needed three new heads and four new handles, we change entirely over our lifetimes, and yet remain essentially ourselves. This workshop uses writing, creativity and play to look at what we can take from each stage of life into the subsequent ones, and what we might not need to.

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