

## About Hucklow Summer School 2018:

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 four members: Jane Blackall, Janet Costley, Katie McKenna and Ned Prideaux. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2018. 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 most years. 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 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 deposits will be banked on receipt and if your application is unsuccessful we will refund your deposit at a later date. Deposits will *only* be refunded if you are not offered a place. If you need to drop out after you have been allocated a place neither the deposit nor the full balance is refundable. Please consider appropriate insurance.

### 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 Claire Maddocks and Izzy Rosenberg. 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 and Summer School Coordinator

Rev. Sheena Gabriel will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our 'Minister for the Week'. Ned Prideaux will be our Coordinator and be the primary contact person for queries during the week itself.

### For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2018:

Contact Janet Costley on 01732 464211 or email Jane Blackall on [info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk](mailto:info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk).

# Hucklow Summer School 2018

For Personal and Leadership Development

## 'How, Then, Shall We Live?' Living, Dying, and Considering Our Legacy



18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Allocation of places will be confirmed in May 2018

[www.hucklowsummerschool.co.uk](http://www.hucklowsummerschool.co.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](http://www.unitarian.org.uk). Registered Charity: No. 250788.*

A LARGE PRINT FORM IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

# Hucklow Summer School 2018: Application Form

Adult Shared: £520 Children 12-16: £410 Children 5-11: £350 Children under 5: £150

Rooms at summer school are usually shared. Availability of single rooms is very limited and so these places will be carefully allocated on the basis of need for people with special circumstances. If you have particular medical or other reasons why a single room is essential then you must inform the panel of your circumstances at the time of application so that we can take this into account. A supplement of £55 will be payable for places in single or shared-en-suite rooms. Please Note: It is a policy of summer school that family members/partners should participate in different morning engagement groups.

Note: £406 of the standard rate is the cost of a week's full-board accommodation at the Nightingale Centre in a twin room. The remainder of the cost is a 'conference fee' which helps to cover the 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.co.uk

Names of people in your group	Age (if under 17)	1 <sup>st</sup> choice group (ABCD)	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice group (ABCD)
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?

Bedrooms at Great Hucklow are mostly shared twin rooms, with some triples, and one dormitory. Please indicate if you would like to share with someone in particular or if you have other 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. If you wish to discuss any specific issue in confidence then please contact Janet Costley on 01732 464211 at the earliest opportunity.

**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.  
It is also possible to pay by bank transfer or by card over the telephone – please email us for details.

Note: cheques will be banked on receipt – if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date.  
The balance will be due six weeks before summer school, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018. If you need to drop out after you have been allocated a place neither the deposit nor the full balance is refundable. Please consider appropriate insurance.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018.**

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

# Hucklow Summer School: 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## ‘How, Then, Shall We Live?’ – Living, Dying, and Considering Our Legacy

In a series of daily theme talks our team of speakers will offer their perspectives on the question of how we should live in light of the knowledge that we, just like all those who have ever lived, will ultimately die. What does a ‘good life’ look like? And how can we live a good and faithful life in practice, especially when we find ourselves in challenging personal circumstances, and as troubling world events unfold around us? What constitutes a ‘good death’ – and how can we best prepare ourselves for dying? And how might it prove fruitful to reflect on our own legacy – individually and collectively – while we are still in the midst of life, or even as we begin to sense that our lives are drawing to a close?

**Our speakers: Jane Blackall, Michael Allured, Rob Gregson, Helen Simpson, Bill Darlison.**

## 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: ‘Crossing and Dwelling: Marking Paths and Making Places’ with Claire MacDonald and Mark Stewart

How do we remember and honour our life journeys? How do we cross the thresholds to come? What parts of our lives do we want to bless, curse, lay flowers on, sing songs to, bury, forget, revive, weep over, laugh about, tell a story about? Our workshop will be an up on your feet exploration, working together, listening and walking, sharing stories and retelling bits and pieces of the journeys we have taken, in order to think differently about the road we have come along and where we still have to go.

### B: ‘The Soulful Road’ with Kate Dean and Elizabeth Harley

Is it possible to prepare a good death? How does this affect our life? We will explore the subject through the concept of ‘the soul midwife’, the role of ritual with the dying and what we can do to prepare for our own death. Going beyond the taboos of mortality, we will consider ways to support others on their Soulful Road. We will explore this subject through a variety of different approaches including ‘deep listening’, writing and discussion as well as some simple creative activities.

### C: ‘Tell Them Stories and Everything will be Well’ (quotation by Philip Pullman) with Dot Hewerdine and Katie McKenna

We explain our lives, and understand the world, by using stories: in Philip Pullman’s land of the dead, it is only by telling stories of the richness of life that souls are released to the universe. How do we discover the truth in our own stories, and how do we listen to others so that we understand the truth in their stories? In this group we’ll look at the importance of story in communication between all humans, and investigate our own lives and values using our life stories.

### D: ‘A Journey through the Valley of the Shadow: Love, Loss & Remembrance’ with Danny Crosby and Jef Jones

To be alive and to be touched by other people’s lives is a precious gift. When we lose someone we love and who has loved us, inside our sorrow there are questions: Where is the Love now that they are gone? What meaning can we make out of our loss? How do we create lives of remembrance? What love will we ourselves leave behind? In a safe and creative group setting we will work with our shared experience of grief and look for the treasure within it. We will explore together how lamenting, commemorating and honouring might make our lives more meaningful and more beautiful; we will explore ways in which our lives will prove worth dying for by the love we leave behind.

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