

About Hucklow Summer School 2020

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, Michael Allured, Louise Baumberg, Kate McKenna and Nicola Temple. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School. 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 Engagement Groups 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 Wednesday 1st April 2020 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

Please 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's Programme with Claire Maddocks & Jim Blair (under 11s): 'The U Factor'

Have you ever thought about what makes you unique or what makes you the special individual that you are? Have you ever explored what it means to be a member of a Unitarian Community? Over the course of the week, we'll be delving into these questions (and I'm sure many more) and hoping to discover some answers and probably more questions that we can explore too. N.B. The children's programme runs during morning theme talks and engagement groups: children and young people are the responsibility of parents/carers at other times.

Pastoral Support and Summer School Coordinator

Michael Allured will be providing pastoral care and staff support throughout the week. Louise Baumberg will be our Coordinator and be the primary contact person for queries during the week itself.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2020:

Email Jane Blackall on info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk or phone Louise Baumberg on 01483 537206.

Hucklow Summer School 2020

For Personal and Leadership Development

'Speaking the Truth in Love'

Having the Courage of our Convictions in a Post-Truth Age



22nd to 29th August 2020

**at the Nightingale Centre,
Great Hucklow, Derbyshire**

Applications due by 1st April 2020

Allocation of places will be confirmed in May 2020

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. Registered Charity: No. 250788.*

A LARGE PRINT FORM IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Hucklow Summer School 2020: Application Form

Adult Shared: £575 Children 12-16: £435 Children 5-11: £370 Children under 5: £165

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 £50 will be payable for places in single rooms or shared-en-suite rooms. Please Note: It is a policy of Summer School that family members/partners should participate in different engagement groups.

Note: £434 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:
Email Jane: info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk or telephone Louise: 01483 537206

Names of people in your group	Age (if under 17)	1 st choice group (ABCD)	2 nd 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 or vegan 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 Louise on 01483 537206 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. Bank transfers to GA of Unitarian and FCC; Sort Code: 40 02 07; Acc: 30375284 (notify alonghurst@unitarian.org.uk). Credit/debit card payments by telephone to Essex Hall on 0207 240 238 (10.30-5.30 Monday to Friday).

The balance will be due six weeks before summer school, on 10th July 2020. 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 WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2020.

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 2020

'Speaking the Truth in Love': Having the Courage of our Convictions in a Post-Truth Age

How can we discern the difference between truth and lies, in a world which increasingly seems beset with malicious forces intent on sowing confusion by spreading disinformation, propaganda, and 'fake news'? How can we ensure that our openness to multiple truths does not leave us vulnerable to manipulation by people of ill intent or unwilling to 'take sides' in matters where justice is at stake? How can we be sure enough of what's right and wrong to stand up and speak out boldly about our moral convictions? How can we cultivate the qualities of honesty, integrity, truth-telling, and good judgement in our own everyday lives? And how might we best articulate our shared Unitarian values, and focus our collective action, in order to help bring about a better world? In this year's Summer School we'll consider how we can summon the confidence and courage to 'speak the truth in love' as individuals, communities, and as a denomination.

Our speakers: Louise Baumberg, Stephanie Bisby, Linda Hart, Ann Peart, Mel Prideaux.

Engagement Groups:

Each person is part of a small engagement group which meets for two hours each day to explore a given theme:

A: 'Seeking Our True North' with Nicola Temple and Lindy Latham

How can we support each other to have the courage to speak our truth in love and to find new pathways to change some of the ways we live on both a personal and community level? Can we achieve this without being overwhelmed and with the ability to forgive ourselves when we fall short of our personal expectations? Through sharing our stories in a circle of respect, confidentiality and trust we will explore ways to continue our own personal journeys with clearer intention (which could include journaling/drawing/poetry/sharing great literature/meditation/music...the choice will be yours...well, some of the time, anyway!)

B: 'Who Am I? Who Are We?' with Daniel Costley and Cody Coyne

In a post-truth age, the answers to these questions can be difficult to find, yet are essential if we are to understand our authentic selves. This group will explore how we sense the world, know ourselves, and relate to others. Using a diverse range of material from philosophy, religion, literature and art, we will work and reflect on our own and in groups. We will engage with the world with all our senses, and consider how they shape us as individuals. And we will reflect on the truth and myth of our very existence.

C: 'Won't You Be My Neighbor?' ~ Fred Rogers with Catherine Coyne and Kate McKenna

This group will use discussion, creativity, play and quiet reflection to gently explore imagination, truth, and the interplay between them. Taking inspiration from people of all ages, we will discover together how much we need both in order to create good sacred communities, both locally and globally. We will investigate the ways in which emotional honesty is important for building a better, healthier, world. Kate and Catherine both "met" American children's TV presenter Mr Rogers as adults, and are interested in using his way of educating young people as a blueprint for how to be "good neighbours" in the world. You don't need to know Mr Rogers: we will meet him along the way!

D: 'Always Coming Home' (intergenerational: 11+) with Marta Pacini and Claire MacDonald

In this intergenerational group, open to anyone aged 11+, we are going to explore what the truth looks like for us through the medium of fictional worlds. Drawing inspiration from the worlds of Terry Pratchett, Ursula K. Le Guin and others, we are going to create our own Utopia and make it into a board game!

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