

For the one life we have



Guildford & Woking Humanists

Guildford and Woking Humanists offer an opportunity to explore the meaning of life without religion. We explore a range of social and moral issues relating to the creation of a more rational and secular world.

Would you like to meet us?

Everyone is welcome

We hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm, and also have pub gatherings, outings, walks and other social events.

"I would like every young person growing up with the mainstream liberal non-religious values of today to know that their worldview isn't second-best or incoherent and that there is a name for it – humanism."

Shappi Khorsandi – President of Humanists UK

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Humanists...



Think for themselves about what is right and wrong, based on reason and respect for others, rather than on holy books of dubious provenance, written a long time ago.



Find meaning, beauty and joy in the one life we have, without the need to believe in an afterlife.



Look to evidence and science instead of religion as the best way to discover and make sense of the world.



Believe people can use empathy and compassion to make the world a better place for everyone.

Where does humanism come from?

The roots of humanism go back to 500BC and earlier. They have been nurtured by thinkers such as Thales, Epicurus, Democritus, Lucretius, Erasmus, Voltaire, Gibbon, Hume, Paine, Shelley, Darwin, George Eliot, Thomas Hardy, Bertrand Russell, Jonathan Miller and a host of others.

“Reason, decency, tolerance, empathy and hope are human traits that we should aspire to, not because we seek reward of eternal life or because we fear the punishment of a supernatural being, but because they define our humanity.”

Jim Al-Khalili – Former president of British Humanist Association

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Our 2018 Calendar*		
Tues 9th January	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	AGM/Monthly Meeting with speaker: Dr John Nichols <i>The History of Medicine with a Humanist Slant</i>
Tues 13th February	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Charlie Yianoullou <i>Secularism Protects</i>
Tues 13th March	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Prof Chris French <i>Psychology of Belief</i>
Tues 20th March	Guildford	Group Spring Dinner
Tues 10th April	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Lesley Close <i>Assisted Dying: Does the Law Need to Change?</i>
Tues 8th May	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting <i>Group Discussion - Humanist Questions & Issues</i>
Sun 13th May	Thursley Recreation Ground	Spring Walk <i>4 mile walk ending at Three Horseshoes pub</i>
Tues 12th June	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Teddy Prout <i>The Story of Music from a Humanist Perspective</i>
Thur 21st June	Woking	World Humanist Day dinner <i>Details TBA</i>
Tues 10th July	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Phil Walder <i>Should Humanists Eat Meat?</i>
Sun 22nd July	Brookwood, Woking	Group outing <i>Guided walk around Brookwood Cemetery</i>
Sat 18th August	Horsell	Garden Party <i>Details TBA</i>
Tues 11th September	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Deborah Hyde <i>Witches & Witchcraft: Roots, Beliefs and Persecution</i>
Sun 16th September	TBA	Autumn Walk
Tues 9th October	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Prof Paul Krause <i>AI: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly</i>
Thur 18th October	Guildford	Group Autumn Dinner <i>Details TBA</i>
Tues 13th November	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Ariane Sherine <i>Talk Yourself Better</i>
Tues 11th December	Guildford	Group Winter Dinner <i>Pizza Express, Guildford High Street, 7:30pm</i>

*Please check our website for the latest up to date details

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Entrance to group meetings is free, but a £3 donation is suggested (except from students) as a contribution towards the hire of the room and the speaker's expenses.

"Believing that it is possible to live confidently without metaphysical or religious certainty and that all opinions are open to revision and correction, [Humanists] see human flourishing as dependent on open communication, discussion, criticism and unforced consensus."

Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy