

For the one life we have



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.

“As an anthropologist, I believe strongly in our common humanity. We can rise above the tribal divisions that have caused so much anguish and real damage in the past. The real hallmarks of humanity are: curiosity and an amazing ability to cooperate. If we can use science wisely and work together, I believe we can overcome the huge challenges facing us this century.”

Professor Alice Roberts – 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 2020 Calendar*		
Tues 14th January	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	AGM/Monthly Meeting with speaker: Dr Chris Bore - Consultant in digital signal processing <i>The Da Vinci Codex: hacking Leonardo's smartphone</i>
Tues 11th February	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Dr John Nichols - GP and medical researcher <i>A (slightly biased) brief history of humanism</i>
Wed 12th February	Brasil Vegano Cafe 26 Madrid Road Guildford GU2 7NU	Darwin Day 2020! <i>Lunch at 12pm</i> Please let us know if you would like to join us
Tues 10th March	Guildford Institute Assembly Room	Monthly meeting with speaker: Alavari Jeevathol and Alex Rees <i>Who are the Young Humanists?</i>
Sun 21st June		World Humanist Day
Tues 14th July	Zoom Registration details in newsletter.	Monthly meeting with speaker: Dr John Nichols - GP and medical researcher <i>Nutrition, ageing, and cancer</i>
Tues 8th September	Zoom Registration details in newsletter.	Monthly meeting with speaker: Alistair Lichten - National Secular Society <i>Faith schools and their effect on society</i>
Tues 13th October	TBD	TBD
Tues 10th November	Zoom Registration details in newsletter.	Monthly meeting with speaker: Henrietta Stock - Guildford Environment Forum <i>How should Guildford react to climate emergency?</i>
Tues 8th December	TBD	GWH Annual Dinner <i>Details TBD</i>

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

How to find us

We meet at:

The Guildford Institute

Ward Street

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However, we have recently been meeting on Zoom, and send out invitations via our email newsletter.



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www.meetup.com/Guildford-Woking-Humanists

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

"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