

NWhumanists

united on purpose

'What the world most needs at this moment is a means of convincing human beings to embrace the whole of the species as their moral community. For this we need to develop an utterly non-sectarian way of talking about the full spectrum of human experience and human aspiration. We need a discourse on ethics and spirituality that is every bit as unconstrained by dogma and cultural prejudice as the discourse of science is'

Sam Harris

Announcing our inaugural regional conference

(Organised by Lancashire Secular Humanists, Liverpool Humanist Group and Greater Manchester Humanists)

Humanism for the 21st Century

Saturday 8th October – Sunday 9th October 2011

(Optional pre-conference evening entertainment on Friday 7th October)

St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester M12 6FZ

(A few minutes walk from Piccadilly station. Ample free on-street parking nearby)

The Conference Objectives are:

- To enrich the knowledge and commitment of new and existing members
- To develop links between local Humanist Groups – particularly those in the North West
- To develop links with other like-minded groups in the North West
- To help participants move forward in living their lives as Humanists
- To enthuse participants with the message that we have something really worthwhile to offer
- To help promote the value of Humanism to the wider public

Programme

Friday 7 October:

Evening Pre-conference entertainment (showing films of interest to Humanists)

Saturday 8 October:

From 9.00 am Registration

9.30 am Opening of conference

9.45 am Keynote address by Andrew Copson, CEO of BHA
followed by break-out groups and plenary discussion

1.00 pm Buffet lunch on site

2.30 pm Panel discussion on conference theme chaired by Guy Otten
Panellists: Andrew Copson, Evan Harris, BHA Vicepresident (tbc),
Professor Ray Tallis and Professor Carole Truman

5.30 pm Close

Evening: Informal dining at various locations (facilitated get-togethers)

Sunday 9 October:

9.30 am Why more equal societies almost always do better
Kathryn Busby, *The Equality Trust*

11.10 am "Why bother?" – with so many apparently insoluble global problems...
Marilyn Mason, *Humanists for a Better World (H4BW)*

12.30 pm Conference close

Tickets: £42 including lunch and refreshments (£36 early bird
reduction for bookings received by 18 August 2011)

For further information, or to book a place, contact:

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NWhumanists First Annual Conference

Booking Form

To:
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Please reserve places for the NWhumanists first annual conference on 8-9 October 2011.

I enclose a cheque for (£36 per person for early bird bookings received by 18 August 2011, thereafter £42 per person) made out to Greater Manchester Humanists.

Name email

Address Tel

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. Post code

Bookings will be acknowledged by email, with details of the venue. If you would like acknowledgement by post, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The course fee covers refreshments during the day and a hot buffet lunch (with a vegetarian option) on the Saturday. The main hall has an induction loop system.

Please tick the boxes below, as required:

If you would like the vegetarian option for lunch on the Saturday
Please indicate any special dietary requirements:

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If you are interested in participating in the pre-conference entertainment on the Friday evening (showing films of interest to Humanists)

If you are interested in joining a group of other participants for a meal on the Saturday evening

If you would like information about accommodation