

**HUMANIST CEREMONIES – CELEBRANT APPLICATION FORM**

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| Name |  |
| Name you like to be called by |  |
| Address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone numbers Preferred interview days/times |  |
| Date of birth |  |

Please provide contact details for an individual unrelated to you who could provide a character reference by phone, should this be necessary. Please ensure this individual is aware that we may contact them.

**Referee contact details**

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| Phone numbers |  |

1. Are you a member of Humanists UK?

Please note that your application for training **will not be processed** until you have joined Humanists UK. To join, please follow this link <https://humanism.org.uk/join> or call 020 7324 3060 to pay over the phone by debit/credit card. Once you have a membership number please re-submit your application.

1. Do you hold any religious or supernatural/alternative beliefs that could be conceived as being inconsistent with humanist beliefs or principles, or belong to any organisations that do? Please indicate with an X below. (If you’re unsure please read the following page for guidance).

[**https://humanism.org.uk/humanism/**](https://humanism.org.uk/humanism/)

1. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

1. No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide further details, including the name of any organisation, and explain how this fits with your desire to be a humanist celebrant.

1. As a Humanist celebrant your public profile is extremely important. Could you please list all of the websites that you own/run?
2. Please indicate with an **X** the training course in which you are interested. To view the course dates please visit: [training course dates & fees](https://humanism.org.uk/ceremonies/training-to-be-a-humanist-celebrant/course-fees-and-dates/%20).If you are happy to train for any ceremony type please indicate your preferences with 1 for your first preference, 2 for your second and 3 for your third.

***Places do fill quickly, but let us know if you would like to be notified if a place becomes available on your first option at short notice.***

**Current Courses - Please check you are able to attend all stages of the course you wish to attend.**

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| **Ceremony Type** | **Courses**  **2018** | **Please indicate your preferred choice(s)** |
| **Funerals** | **Wales**  Stage One: Fri 18 May  Stage Two: Thurs 14/Fri 15 June  Stage Three: Fri 13/Sat 14 July  **Autumn (2 Courses available)**  Stage One: Fri 7 September  Stage Two: Thurs 4/Fri 5 October  Stage Three: Fri 2/Sat 3 November |  |
| **Namings** | **Spring**  Stage One: Friday 16 March  Stage Two: Thursday 12 and Friday 13 April  **Autumn**  Stage One: Fri 21 September  Stage Two: Thurs 18/Fri 19 October |  |
| **Weddings** | **Autumn**  **Course 2A**  Stage One: Fri 14 September  Stage Two: Thurs 11/Fri 12 October  Stage Three: Thurs 8/Fri 9 November  **Course 2B**  Stage One: Sat 15 September  Stage Two: Sat 13/Sun 14 October  Stage Three: Sat 10/Sun 11 November |  |
| **Weddings**  **(Northern Ireland residents only)** | **Summer**  Stage One: Mon 2/Tues 3 July  Stage Two: Mon 6/Tues 7 August |  |

**I am happy to be contacted at short notice should a place become available on a course** YES/NO **(Delete where applicable)**

1. **Do you have any difficulty climbing stairs or any other disability we should take into account when planning the training?** (We try to ensure all our training venues are accessible.)
2. **What is your availability to take ceremonies likely to be?** (Note: Funerals are almost exclusively Monday to Friday between 0900 and 1600, while the majority of Weddings are at the weekend, with a skew towards the summer months)
3. **Do you have a car or access to suitable transport?**
4. **Do you have a computer at home with internet access and an email account?**
5. **All training course material needs to be submitted in Microsoft Word and not in a Microsoft-compatible format. Do you have a device running Microsoft Word, or which will run it, by the time the training course begins?**
6. **Where did you hear about Humanist Ceremonies training?**
7. **What is your understanding of Humanism?**
8. **What do you consider to be the main aims and principles of a humanist ceremony?**
9. **Please give details of any experience you have of writing pieces of 1,500 words or more.**

1. **Please give details of any experience you have of public speaking.**
2. **Please give details of any experience you have of questioning and listening to clients.**

**16. Why do you want to conduct humanist ceremonies?**

**17. Is there any other relevant information you would like to include?**

**18. As part of the screening process, you will be interviewed via Skype or FaceTime, if you prefer to be interviewed by Skype please include your username below:**

Skype/Facetime (delete as appropriate) Skype Username:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**19. Criminal Convictions.**

Please provide full details of any unspent criminal conviction. You should give full details of: the date the offence was committed, the date of conviction and name of the court, the penalty or punishment imposed and the circumstances leading to the offence.

Please read the following and enter your name below:

* 1. **I understand that personal information I provide as part of the recruitment process will be shared with the Humanists UK Training and Development team in order to facilitate my recruitment and training experience.**
  2. **I also understand that training can involve sharing personal information in a group setting, such as during a mock ceremony preparation exercise, and I will treat personal information shared by other trainees with dignity and respect to their privacy.**
  3. **As part of my introduction to the Humanist Ceremonies network my contact details will be shared with a mentor, relevant network support coordinators, and other members of the Humanist Ceremonies network as required.**
  4. **I will have to pass each stage of the training process successfully before being allowed to proceed.**
  5. **Fees paid are non-refundable (however) we are willing to take extenuating circumstances into consideration if we are told at the first possible opportunity.**
  6. **Receiving training does not guarantee me any particular number of ceremonies to perform.**
  7. **I will be required to sign a code of conduct governing my performance of ceremonies and in the event of breach of the code of conduct, my accreditation may be withdrawn.**

**Deferrals and Withdrawals**

**Once a ceremonies training course has started a trainee may ask for a deferral to a later course only for unforeseeable and exceptional reasons.**

**Trainees have the right to withdraw from courses at any time. If they do withdraw but wish to continue the training at a later date, they will be expected to start at the beginning of the training and they will need to pay the full fee. The non-refundable deposit from the original training will also be kept.**

I, [please print name], understand all the above and would like to apply for Humanist Ceremonies training.

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form electronically to:* [ceremonies-recruitment@humanism.org.uk](mailto:ceremonies-recruitment@humanism.org.uk)*.*