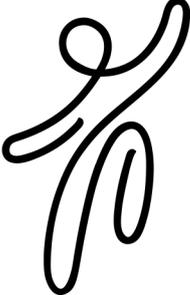


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 **Humanists UK**  
**Convention**

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**Humanist Professionals**  
**Conference** Programme

**9 June 2017**

# OVERVIEW

Please join us for registration from 10:30 on Friday 9 June.

All sessions take place in:

**Cambridge Corn Exchange**  
(2 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, CB2 3QB).

	<b>Foyer</b>	<b>St John's Bar</b>	<b>Kings Room</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Welcome and call to action</b>		
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Pre-planning funeral ceremonies - a taster</b>	<b>Curating your online presence</b>	<b>Leonard's medicine for the mind</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Successful approaches to dialogue</b>		
<b>13:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>14:15</b>	<b>Developing a voice you can rely on</b>	<b>How to talk to young people about Humanism</b>	<b>Prison education</b>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Use of questioning</b>	<b>Producing a good presentation through IT</b>	<b>How to give feedback</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>The value of Community Services to Humanists UK</b>		
<b>16:45</b>	<b>Close</b>		
<b>17:30</b>		<b>Cash bar opens in the Guildhall's Large Hall</b>	

# SESSIONS

## Welcome and call to action

**Friday 11:00–11:40 | Foyer**

Teddy is Humanists UK's Director of Community Services, responsible for the strategic development of the services Humanists UK offers in education, pastoral support, ceremonies, and other aspects of support in the community, in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. He is also responsible for development of research and pilot projects to ensure the secure future and promote the value of the services Humanists UK provides.

**Teddy Prout**

## Pre-planning funeral ceremonies – a taster

**Friday 11:45–12:25 | Foyer**

Humanists UK is introducing a new service which will provide pre-planned funeral ceremonies. This service will be for people who are not currently at the end of their life and for people who know that they are approaching the end of their life. To support this service, we will be establishing a one day training course for existing Humanists UK celebrants and pastoral carers. Its purpose will be to equip us with an awareness of some of the challenges people may face at end of life and to develop the skills needed to help us facilitate these often-difficult discussions. It will also introduce the different elements of Advance Planning. This one hour taster will introduce the subject and explore what other resources Humanists UK may need to put in place to ensure a high quality appropriate service.

**Nett Furley**

## Curating your online presence

**Friday 11:45–12:25 | St John's Bar**

Having been a key stakeholder on global and national campaigns, as well as sponsorship and events projects, in a unique global position for a well-known retailer for over 8 years, Natasha left the Channel Islands to return to her home city, London, to recruit and establish a high performing team for a successful digital marketing agency in 2015. A passionate humanist wedding celebrant since 2014, she threw caution to the wind and left the agency to cover Isabel's role, as Head of Ceremonies in 2017, and happily joined the 'tour de force' that is the Humanist Ceremonies team. She combines a lifelong love of great design, photography, art, and words, with an interest in working with people, into her work as a humanist celebrant. Although, she doesn't like taking 'selfies' much and worries about online security more than most.

**Natasha Gray**

## Leonard's medicine for the mind

**Friday 11:45–12:25 | King's Room**

Lizzie has always combined a deep and active interest in science, art and teaching. She gained a doctorate from the Department of Biochemistry at Oxford University followed by a three year research Fellowship before becoming a full-time artist working for the Medical Research Council (MRC). She has created a large collection of paintings inspired by biomedical research, funded by the MRC. The resulting artwork has been exhibited in the UK and internationally at the invitation of the British Council. She has received a large number of commissions from universities, institutions, companies and individuals. She is currently working on a commission for GlaxoSmithKline.

**Dr Lizzie Burns**

Over the past decade of working regularly with adults in hospital, scientist-turned-artist, Creative Specialist Dr Lizzie Burns will share some individual uplifting stories with the insight this has brought. The revelation from one patient is leading to the uncovering of a surprising overlooked aspect of becoming unwell. What about the mind in hospital?

# SESSIONS

## Successful approaches to dialogue

**Jeremy Rodell**

### Friday 12:30–13:15 | Corn Exchange Auditorium

After a science degree, Jeremy had a number of business roles in a major international company. It was only after his humanist wedding in 2001 that Jeremy realised Humanism was the term for what he had thought for many years. He is co-founder and Chair of South West London Humanists. In 2011 he co-founded Richmond Inclusive Schools Campaign and works closely with the Fair Admissions Campaign.

Among other charity roles, Jeremy volunteers as a humanist speaker for 3FF, which works to build understanding between people of different faiths and beliefs. He thinks Humanism can make an important positive contribution to our plural society.

## Developing a voice you can rely on

**Isabel Russo**

### Friday 14:15–14:55 | Foyer

Isabel worked as an actress in theatre, film, and television for 20 years before becoming a humanist celebrant in 2009. Isabel then worked as a funeral, wedding, and naming celebrant for four years, before taking on Head of Ceremonies at Humanists UK in May 2013. The role of ritual and storytelling in shaping and influencing community has been a central thread throughout her working life.

## How to talk to young people about Humanism

**Luke Donnellan**

### Friday 14:15–14:55 | St John's Bar

Luke is Head of Education at Humanists UK, and as such is responsible for promoting the understanding of Humanism, especially in formal education settings. He manages the Humanists UK school speakers programme; teacher training and CPD; and the production of educational resources. Before joining Humanists UK, he was a primary school teacher and maths leader. He also worked as a freelance philosophy teacher in both primary and secondary schools, having trained with SAPERE and The Philosophy Foundation. Before his work in education, he was a TV producer and director. He worked on science and history documentaries, and children's and factual entertainment for the BBC, Channel Five, and CITV, as well as producing educational training materials and classroom video resources for Teachers TV, Channel 4 Learning, and BBC Learning Zone.

## Prison education

**Dr Ruth Armstrong  
and Dr Amy Ludlow**

### Friday 14:15–14:55 | King's Room

Dr Ruth Armstrong is a British Academy Post Doctoral Fellow at the Institute of Criminology, and a Research Associate at St. John's College in the University of Cambridge. Ruth has conducted research internationally and in the UK on different aspects of life in prison and post release, especially focussing on the individual and social aspects of routes out of crime.

Dr Amy Ludlow is a College Lecturer and Fellow in Law, at Gonville and Caius College and an Affiliated Lecturer at the Faculty of Law in the University of Cambridge. Amy has conducted wide-ranging research in prisons, focussing especially on how organisational reforms in the sector, particularly marketisation and privatisation, affect prison staff culture and quality of life for staff and prisoners.

Together Ruth and Amy have designed and are delivering and evaluating an educational initiative called Learning Together - an initiative that builds learning communities that span prison and university walls. Their work is yielding new research insights about the role of dialogic, communal learning in supporting movements away from crime.

# SESSIONS

## **Use of questioning**

**Peter Worley**

**Friday 15:00-15:45 | Foyer**

Peter is President of SOPHIA, the European Foundation for the advancement of doing philosophy with children and a Visiting Research Associate at King's College London. He is a multi-award winning author for Bloomsbury Education and author and editor for Crown House Publishing on The Philosophy Foundation series of books.

## **Producing a good presentation through IT**

**Andrew West**

**Friday 15:00-15:45 | St John's Bar**

Andrew joined in May 2011, after two years volunteering as Humanists UK's Photographer-in-Residence. He ran his own IT company for nine years before joining Humanists UK, and is now responsible for managing the Humanists UK website, its many spin-off websites, the office computers, and the contact database. In 2011, he completed a part-time photography degree, where he spent four years trying to teach his tutors the difference between 'humanist' and 'humorist'. He also represented Humanists UK on the Fourth Plinth.

## **How to give feedback**

**Teddy Prout**

**Friday 15:00-15:45 | King's Room**

Before joining Humanists UK, Teddy was a senior leader in education, working in a large academy in West London, and came to Humanists UK from Mencap where he led national projects for children and families.

## **The value of Community Services to Humanists UK**

**Andrew Copson**

**Friday 16:00-16:45 | Foyer**

Andrew became Chief Executive in January 2010 after five years coordinating Humanists UK's education and public affairs work. His writing on humanist and secularist issues has appeared in The Guardian, The Independent, The Times and New Statesman as well as in various journals and he has represented Humanists UK and Humanism extensively on television news on BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Sky, as well as on television programmes such as *Newsnight*, *The Daily Politics*, *Sunday Morning Live* and *The Big Questions*. He has also appeared on radio on programmes from *Today*, *You and Yours*, *Sunday*, *The World Tonight*, *The World at One*, *The Last Word*, and *Beyond Belief* on the BBC, to local and national commercial radio stations.