



*Humanist Students - Building our community*

Lift

45 White Lion Street

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## Programme

Time	Session	Speaker	Venue
<b>Saturday 14th April</b>			
09:45:00	Registration		
10:30:00	Icebreakers and networking	<b>Sean Turnbull</b> Student and Youth Coordinator  <b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students	Blue Hall
11:15:00	Welcome	<b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students  <b>Andrew Copson</b> Chief Executive, Humanists UK	Blue Hall



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		<b>Sean Turnbull</b> Student and Youth Coordinator, Humanists UK	
11:45:00	Problem solving	<b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students	Blue Hall
13:00:00	Lunch		Blue Hall
14:00:00	Keynote - Humanist Students - Building our community	<b>Dr Julian Baggini</b>	Blue Hall
15:00:00	Workshop - Loneliness and mental health	<b>David Savage</b> Chair - Non-Religious Pastoral Support Network	Blue Hall
	Workshop - Re-imagining Humanism: Reason, Empathy and the Arts	<b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students  <b>Darcy Keeble Watson</b>	Penton Room
16:00:00	Break		
16:15:00	Workshop - Faith to Faithless	<b>Imtiaz Shams</b> Chair, Faith to Faithless	Penton Room
	Workshop - Music and Community	<b>Ken Richman</b> London Humanist Choir  <b>Teddy Prout</b>	Blue Hall



		Director of Community Services, Humanists UK	
17:15:00	Round up	<b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students	Blue Hall
18:00:00	Close		
19:00:00	Building our community: social		The Islington Townhouse, 13 Liverpool Rd, London N1 0RW
<b>Sunday 15th April</b>			
10:15:00	Registration		Blue Hall
10:30:00	Panel - Secular traditions in religious and non-religious communities	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Jeremy Rodell</b> Dialogue Officer, Humanists UK</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> <b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students</p> <p><b>Rebeca Flier</b> Campaigns Officer. Union of Jewish Students</p> <p><b>Rabia Mirza Basri</b> Director of Media, Engagement, and Lobbying</p>	Blue Hall



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		British Muslims for Secular Democracy	
11:30:00	Keynote - Diversity and inclusion within non-religious movements	<b>Audrey Simmons</b> London Black Atheists	Blue Hall
12:30:00	Lunch		Blue Hall
13:30:00	Workshop - Getting started on campus	<b>Sean Turnbull</b> Student and Youth Coordinator, Humanists UK  <b>Hari Parekh</b> President Emeritus, Humanist Students	Blue Hall
	Workshop - Leaving a legacy	<b>Hannah Timson</b> President, Humanist Students  <b>Steve Hawkins</b> Exeter Humanist Students	Penton Room



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		<p><b>Chair:</b>  <b>Teddy Prout</b>          Director of Community Services,          Humanists UK</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b>  <b>James Dart</b>          Exeter Humanists</p> <p><b>John Turner,</b>          Emeritus Professor, UEA          Board member, Non-Religious          Pastoral Support Network</p> <p><b>Lizzie Streeter,</b>          Chair, LGBT Humanists</p> <p><b>Natalie Charles</b>          Celebrant, Humanists UK</p>	
14:30:00	Panel - What can Humanism do for you?		Blue Hall
15:30:00	Close		



## Keynote and workshop descriptions

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### Keynote speeches

#### Day 1 - Saturday 14th April

##### **Humanist Students - Building our community - Dr Julian Baggini**

Humanist Students are a group of individuals brought together by a common set of non-religious principles. What we want to become is a genuine community supporting its members, leading the conversations about the future of humanism and reaching across the entrenched divisions in society. This keynote, led by Julian Baggini, will explore how Humanist Students can build community across their campuses and the UK and the role Humanist Students can play as a community in creating a better society.

#### Day 2 - Sunday 15th April

##### **Diversity and inclusion within non-religious movements - Audrey Simmons**

How can Humanist Students ensure that diversity and inclusion is at the forefront of non-religious movements? This keynote, led by Audrey Simmons of London Black Atheists, will explore the current state of diversity in non-religious movements while also asking what a community of Humanist Students can do to:

- To make sure the movement attracts people from a range of different backgrounds?
- To make sure the movement attracts people who wouldn't normally associate themselves with humanism, atheism or secularism but who may already hold similar values.

### Workshops

#### Day 1 - Saturday 14th April

##### **Loneliness and mental health at university - David Savage**



University can be an extremely difficult time for some people with a reported 46 percent of students reporting to have experienced loneliness while at university. This session, led by experts in pastoral care and support services will look at what a community of compassionate Humanist Students working together can do to alleviate loneliness on campus as well as support pastoral and mental health services and identify fellow students in need of support or referral.

**Re-imagining Humanism: Reason, Empathy and the Arts - Hannah Timson and Darcy Keeble Watson**

Humanism is often celebrated for its ability to focus on reason, science and philosophy, but what role might the Arts have to play in building a strong human society, and how might we use them to critique and change the status quo? In this session we celebrate the achievements of Humanist artists, novelists, poets, comedians, theatre and film makers in shaping our society and engage in some creativity of our own.

**Faith to Faithless - Imtiaz Shams**

For many students university is the first time they are able to develop freedom away from the highly restrictive, high control religions or traditions their parents are part of. It may also be the first time they've questioned their own their own religious identity. Coming from a deeply religious background and breaking away from religion can be difficult and often dangerous. Led by Faith to Faithless this session will explore how students can access support if they're leaving a faith and how Humanist Students and societies can support apostates on campus.

**Music and Community - Ken Richman and Teddy Prout**

Humanism is often seen primarily as philosophical and ethical movement but the humanist tradition has a rich history of contributing to creativity, music and art. In this session we will explore how humanism can be expressed in music. Specifically how music can be used practically to bring together communities of like-minded non-religious people.

**Day 2 - Sunday 15th April**

**Getting started on campus - Sean Turnbull and Hari Parekh**

Want to start a society or start running humanist events and activities on campus? This session will explore how you can be more active promoting humanism on campus and begin to recruit others to join? If you want to express your humanism on campus but don't know where to start this session is for



you. Led by our Student and Youth Coordinator and Humanist Students President Emeritus we'll look at what has worked for societies and students in the past and challenges and opportunities on campus.

**Leaving a legacy - Hannah Timson and Steve Hawkins**

You might have started to run a couple of humanist events on campus or you've helped to set up a society. Maybe you're graduating in the next year? This session will explore what you can do make sure that there's still a humanist presence at your university and what your next steps might be?

**Panels**

**Day 2 - Sunday 15th April**

**Secular traditions in religious and non-religious communities**

Religious and secular identities are often complex. This session will explore the existence of secular traditions in variety of different religious and non-religious contexts. Specifically looking the positioning of secularism within Humanist, Muslim and Jewish communities.

**What can Humanism do for you?**

Humanists UK has a breadth of community services and sections that provide crucial support for its members and all non-religious people. This panel session will bring together a panel of speakers from Humanists UK's local groups, sections and programmes to discuss the different opportunities for students to learn more about the work Humanists UK does in education, Humanist Ceremonies, with local Humanist groups and longstanding special interest groups such as LGBT Humanists.