# CELEBRANT APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in joining the Humanist Ceremonies network. Please type your answers in the spaces provided and return to [ceremonies-recruitment@humanism.org.uk](mailto:ceremonies-recruitment@humanism.org.uk)*.*

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| Name |  |
| Name you like to be called by |  |
| Address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone number/s |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Humanists UK membership number\* |  |

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**\*In order to apply for training and membership of the Humanist Ceremonies network, you must be an existing member of Humanists UK. If you are not a member, please click** [**here**](https://humanism.org.uk/join/) **to join.**

### Referee contact details

Please provide contact details of an individual who could provide a character reference by phone, should this be necessary. This should not be a family relative. Please ensure this individual is aware that we may contact them.

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone numbers |  |

### Ceremony Type

Which ceremony type would you like to train in first? You can check which of our courses are currently open for applications on our [Courses & Fees page](https://humanism.org.uk/ceremonies/training-to-be-a-humanist-celebrant/course-fees-and-dates/)

Funerals **Yes/No**

Namings **Yes/No**

Weddings **Yes/No**

### Upcoming Courses

Let us know which of our courses below you are able to attend, numbered in order of preference up to a maximum of three. Our screening process can take up to one month to complete, so please take this into account when making your choices.

If you are not able to attend any of the dates listed below, leave this section blank and we will add you to the waiting list for future courses.

Our policy on deferrals and withdrawals can be found at the end of this application form.

Except for our Northern Ireland weddings course, all residential elements of our training will be held at University of Warwick Conference Centre, Warwick, CV4 7SH.

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| **Ceremony** | **Available Upcoming Courses** | **Your preference** |
| **Funerals** | **Funerals Autumn 2021 – Online Only** Stage One: Monday 12 July 2021 (Online)  Stage Two: Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 August (Online)  Stage Three: Friday 10 & Saturday 11 September (Online) |  |
| **Funerals Winter 2021 – Online Only** Stage One: Saturday 9 October 2021 (Online)  Stage Two: Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 November (Online)  Stage Three: Friday 3 & Saturday 4 December (Online) |  |
| **Funerals Spring A 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Friday 14 January (Online)  Stage Two: Thursday 10 & Friday 11 February (Residential)  Stage Three: Friday 11 & Saturday 12 March (Residential) |  |
| **Funerals Spring B 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Friday 4 February (Online)  Stage Two: Thursday 3 & Friday 4 March (Residential)  Stage Three: Friday 1 & Saturday 2 April (Residential) |  |
| **Funerals Summer 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Thursday 26 May (Online)  Stage Two: Thursday 23 & Friday 24 June (Residential)  Stage Three: Friday 22 & Saturday 23 July (Residential) |  |
| **Funerals Autumn 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Friday 30 September (Online)  Stage Two: Thursday 27 & Friday 28 October (Residential)  Stage Three: Friday 25 & Saturday 26 November (Residential) |  |
| **Funerals Winter 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Friday 7 October (Online)  Stage Two: Thursday 3 & Friday 4 November (Residential)  Stage Three: Friday 2 & Saturday 3 December (Residential) |  |
| **Weddings** | **Weddings Autumn 2021 – Online & Residential (Venue TBC)**  **(Northern Ireland residents only)** Stage One: Wednesday 22 September (Online)  Stage Two:Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 October (Residential)Stage Two: Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 November (Residential) |  |
| **Weddings Spring A 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Tuesday 15 March (Online)  Stage Two: Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 April (Residential)  Stage Three: Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 May (Residential) |  |
| **Weddings Spring B 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Friday 22 April (Online)  Stage Two: Thursday 19 & Friday 20 May (Residential)  Stage Three: Thursday 16 & Friday 17 June (Residential) |  |
| **Weddings Summer 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Tuesday 7 June (Online)  Stage Two: Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 July (Residential)  Stage Three: Tuesday 2 & Friday 3 August (Residential) |  |
| **Weddings Autumn 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Tuesday 9 August (Online)  Stage Two: Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 September (Residential)  Stage Three: Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 October (Residential) |  |
| **Namings** | **Namings Spring 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Tuesday 29 March (Online)  Stage Two: Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 April (Residential) |  |
| **Namings Summer 2022 – Online & Residential**  Stage One: Tuesday 19 July (Online)  Stage Two: Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 August (Residential) |  |

I am happy to be contacted at short notice should a last-minute place become available on one of my preferred courses.

**YES/NO** (Delete as appropriate)

I understand that, in addition to the course training days, the training includes written homework, which may take several hours and working to a tight deadline. It will also involve reading, observing ceremonies, and preparing additional work. I am able to accommodate this alongside my existing work/domestic commitments.

**YES/NO** (Delete as appropriate)

**Important note for funeral training applicants:** Celebrants are often asked to respond to requests at short notice, typically between 5 and 10 days. Candidates should give careful consideration to whether they can manage such requests depending on their individual circumstances. If this is not currently possible, you may wish to consider training at a future date.

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### Please answer the following questions as fully as possible

1. **Why do you want to conduct humanist ceremonies?**
2. **Where did you hear about Humanist Ceremonies training?**
3. **What is your understanding of Humanism?**
4. **What do you consider to be the main aims and principles of a humanist ceremony?**
5. **Please give details of any experience you have of questioning and listening to clients.**
6. **Please give details of any experience you have of writing pieces of work of 1,500 words or more.**

1. **Please give details of any experience you have of public speaking.**
2. **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/>
3. 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 and social media platforms that you own/run?**

1. **Do you have any difficulty or disability we should take into account when planning either the screening interview, or the training? We try to ensure all our training venues are accessible, but please indicate if you have trouble climbing stairs.** **For the screening interview we usually use Zoom, or a similar video conferencing platform. Are there any adjustments we can make to facilitate the interview?**
2. **Is there any other relevant information you would like to include?**
3. Please 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, and often with a long lead time. **Please tick ‘yes’ to confirm** that you understand this.

* Yes

1. Please note: taking ceremonies will usually involve a family visit plus travel to the actual ceremony location. **Please tick ‘yes’ to confirm** that you have a car or access to suitable transport**.**

* Yes

1. **Please confirm** that you have a computer at home with internet access and an email account.

* Yes

1. All training course material needs to be submitted in Microsoft Word format. We strongly advise that that you have a device running Microsoft Word or which will run it by the time the training course begins.   
   You are welcome to use systems such as Google Docs or LibreOffice but you must submit work in Word format, and we will only provide documents in Word format. It is your responsibility to convert between the two, and the alternative system needs to be capable of handling 'tracked changes', comments, and other standard Word features. Please also be aware that converting often causes formatting and layout differences that may cause confusion.  
     
   Please tick ‘Yes’ to confirm your understanding and agreement to the above.

* Yes

16. **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 and confirm the following:**

* 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. The non-refundable initial deposit of £500 is to be paid at the point of being accepted for training.
  7. Receiving training does not guarantee me any particular number of ceremonies to perform.
  8. 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.
  9. I understand that Humanists UK will undertake a DBS check on my behalf and agree to completing any request to facilitate this.

**Withdrawals and Deferrals Policy**

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 will need to pay the full fee. The non-refundable deposit from the original training will be kept.

I, [please print/type name]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand all of 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)