**Celebrant application form
(Experienced Celebrants)**

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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  |  |

**Experienced celebrants will be invited to take part in a video call interview as part of their application to become accredited members of the Humanist Ceremonies network. If successful, they will be asked to complete a package of training according to need.**

# In order to apply for training and membership of the Humanist Ceremonies network, you must first be an existing member of Humanists UK.

# If you are not a member please click [here](https://humanism.org.uk/join/) to join

Please provide contact details for an individual (not a relation) 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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| Name  |  |
| Address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone numbers |  |

**Please indicate below which ceremony type(s) you currently perform, and would like to continue to perform, as part of the Humanist Ceremonies network:**

**If asked to take all or part of our training, please indicate which of these courses you can attend:**

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| **Ceremony Type** | **Upcoming Courses** | **Please indicate your preference/s**  |
| **Funerals** |  **Funerals Spring 2021** Stage One: Sun 17 January Stage Two: Sat 13/Sun 14 FebruaryStage Three: Fri 12/Sat 13 March |  |
| **Funerals Summer 2021**Stage One: Mon 19 AprilStage Two: Mon 17/Tue 18 MayStage Three: Fri 11/Sat 12 June |  |
| **Funerals Autumn 2021**Stage One: Mon 12 JulyStage Two: Mon 9/Tue 10 AugStage Three: Fri 10/Sat 11 Sept |  |
|  **Funerals Winter 2021** Stage One: Sat 9 Oct Stage Two: Sat 6/Sun 7 Nov Stage Three: Fri 3/Sat 4 Dec |  |
| **Weddings** |  **Weddings Autumn 2020**Stage One: Mon 21 Sept Stage Two: Sat 17/Sun 18 Oct Stage Three: Sat 14/ Sun 15 Nov |  |
|  **Weddings Spring 2021** Stage One: Sat 6 FebStage Two: Sat 6/Sun 7 MarStage Three: Sat 10/Sun 11 Apr |  |
|  **Weddings Summer 2021** Stage One: Sun 27 Jun Stage Two: Mon 26/Tue 27 Jul Stage Three: Mon 23/Tue 24 Aug |  |
| **Weddings Autumn 2021 (Northern Ireland residents only)** Stage One: Thurs 16/ Fri 17 SeptStage Two: Thurs 14/Fri 15 Oct |  |
| **Namings** |  **Namings Spring 2021** Stage One: Sun 28 Mar Stage Two: Sun 25/Mon 26 Apr |  |

1. Have you trained with any other ceremonies training provider? If so, please tell us with whom and when.
2. Please tell us a little about your experience as a celebrant so far, including roughly how many ceremonies you have performed in each type.
3. Where did you hear about Humanist Ceremonies™
4. What is your understanding of Humanism?
5. What do you consider to be the main aims and principles of a humanist ceremony?
6. What do you see as being the challenges and the strengths of working collegiately with other celebrants in the same network?
7. 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/>).

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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?
2. Do you have any difficulty climbing stairs or any other disability we should take into account when planning training? (We try to ensure all our training venues are accessible.)
3. Is there any other relevant information you would like to include?
4. Please note: taking ceremonies will usually involve a family visit plus travel to the actual ceremony location. **Please mark an X against ‘yes’ to confirm** that you have a car or access to suitable transport**.**

Yes

1. All training course material needs to be submitted in Microsoft Word or in Google Docs.  **Please mark an X against ‘yes’ to confirm** that you have a device running Microsoft Word, or which will run it, by the time the training course begins and that you are happy to create a Google account if needed.

Yes

1. If you are successfully recruited into the Humanist Ceremonies™ network, following your training and/or assessment, you will be asked to sign our Terms of Accreditation. One of the terms states that Humanist Ceremonies™ celebrants will: *Conduct only non-religious ceremonies for which they are accredited, exclusively in the name of Humanist Ceremonies™ network of Humanists UK.*This means that you will not be allowed to conduct ceremonies either independently, or for another organisation, while also being accredited by Humanists UK. For example, if you become accredited by Humanists UK to take humanist weddings, you will not be able to continue to run a funeral celebrant practice independently, while also running a Humanist Ceremonies™ wedding practice.

**Please mark an ‘X’ against ‘yes’ to confirm that you understand this.**

Yes

**Criminal Convictions.**

1. 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.**

**Withdrawals and Deferrals**

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 name]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand all of the above and would like to apply for Humanist Ceremonies training.

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

*Please email this form to:* ceremonies-recruitment@humanism.org.uk