

Young Humanists Volunteer Pack

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Young Humanists. This document tells you a bit about what we are trying to achieve, and sets out the various ways that 18-35 year olds can get involved as volunteers.

Young Humanists

Young Humanists are the 18-35 section of Humanists UK. We want a world where tolerance, empathy and reason prevail, and where policy is created on the basis of evidence and equality. To do that, we work to ensure that more and more young people are aware of and active in Humanism at the local level, and provide a national voice on issues that are relevant to them. If you'd like to help us to do more of this and to do it better: keep reading. Listed below are the main ways you can get involved.

Become a Young Humanists Ambassador

The role:

Around two thirds of young people in the UK are not religious. However the younger community is extremely under-represented in [local humanist groups](#) around the country. As an Ambassador, you will network with nearby Local Groups, Humanist Students societies and other relevant groups (e.g. skeptics groups), to ensure that the needs of 18-35 year old non-religious people in your area are met.

Activities might include:

- Putting on events with a view to getting younger people involved (e.g. pub quizzes, campaign work, family-friendly events like coffee-mornings or Sunday brunches, litter picks or picnics)
- Advising local humanist groups on how to put on events that will get young people involved
- Attending relevant nearby events in order to promote Young Humanists
- Where possible, we encourage Ambassadors to request a position on their nearest Local Group's committee (or to set one up if there isn't a group nearby!)

You will have plenty of expertise to draw on from the current Young Humanists Executive Committee and Officers, including lots of advice and support on social media and event management, as well as a network of existing Ambassadors who can share their experiences with you. You will also have a go-to member of the Executive Committee for any advice or suggestions.

Skills required:

Young Humanists Ambassadors have a range of skills, but the core requirements are:

- Enthusiasm for engaging more young people in Humanism
- Ability to remain on-message and on-brand (you are our voice around the country)
- Strong organisational skills
- Written and verbal communication skills
- You may also have experience with event management or networking.

We expect this type of role to require around 2 hours per week, with possible increases in the run-up to events.

What to do if you're interested:

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, send an email to Lauren, Young Humanists Coordinator – lauren@younghumanists.org.uk – with your name, location, experience, and motivation to get involved to register your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Other ways to get involved

If you are looking to volunteer, but want to dedicate shorter periods of time, below are some other ways you can get involved.

Market research

The role:

Humanists UK have a range of market research questions that you might be interested in working on, the results of which will help to shape future areas of work or campaigning. Some of these require a few days' worth of work, others a few weeks.

Skills required:

- Attention to detail
- Organisation
- Communication
- Independent working

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School speaker

The role:

Humanists UK have a collection of school speakers who go in and talk to primary or secondary pupils about Humanism. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the local community, and to talk to pupils about a non-religious world view which may be overlooked in their RE syllabus.

Skills required:

- Communication
- Public speaking
- Sound knowledge of Humanism
- Prior experience of working with children is always a plus, but you will receive training.

What to do if you're interested:

If you are interested in becoming a school speaker, you can find out more information and register your interest [here](#).

Something else?

If you have a particular skill set that we've not mentioned and you think we can benefit from, please get in touch and let us know!

Keep in touch

Keep an eye on our [Young Humanists Volunteers Facebook page](#), where we post both ad hoc opportunities (e.g. helping out on a stall at an event) or formal roles we're recruiting for.

You can also fill out [this survey](#) to ensure you're on our mailing list, and to let us know what your specific skills and interests are.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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