

## Birmingham Humanists

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## What humanists believe

Humanism is an approach to life based on humanity and reason. Humanists believe that moral values are properly founded on human nature and experience alone. They think that decisions should be based on the available evidence and on an assessment of the outcomes of a person's actions, not on any sacred text or authoritative tradition.

Humanists believe that, since we have only one life, it is our responsibility to make it a good life and to live it to the full, while trying to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Humanists may describe themselves as atheists or agnostics, but Humanism is an active philosophy more enriching than a mere negative response to religion.

Humanists are positive, gaining inspiration from human lives, art and culture, and the rich natural world.

Living moral lives without religion



## Forthcoming events Spring/Summer 2017

For up-to-date information about events,  
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Birmingham Humanists are partners of  
the British Humanist Association,  
and are affiliated to  
the National Secular Society and  
the Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association

[www.birminghamhumanists.org.uk](http://www.birminghamhumanists.org.uk)

# Events Spring/Summer 2017

In addition to giving our own programme, this diary lists events organised by Worcestershire Humanists, Birmingham Salon ([www.birminghamsalon.org](http://www.birminghamsalon.org)), Skeptics in the Pub ([www.birmingham.skepticsinthepub.org](http://www.birmingham.skepticsinthepub.org)), Lichfield and Walsall Humanists ([www.lichfieldhumanistgroup.web.com](http://www.lichfieldhumanistgroup.web.com)) and Café Scientifique ([www.cafescientifique.org](http://www.cafescientifique.org)).

Because we're giving information about events some time in advance, things may change! Please check our website, and those of other organisations, closer to the time, to make sure that an event is going ahead as announced.

**Birmingham Humanists' events are highlighted in a box, like this. Unless otherwise stated, our meetings are held at Moseley Exchange, 149–153 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8JP.**

**It doesn't matter whether you're member or not, or even if you aren't sure whether you're a Humanist – please feel free to come along.**

**Tuesday, 28 March – Last Tuesday social, 8.00–9.30pm @ The Wellington, Bennetts Hill, Birmingham B2 5SN**

**Friday, 31 March – Blackham Lecture: Professor Ted Cantle: 'Will hate and fear trump hope and acceptance?' 6.30pm @ Room MP452, Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG. Tickets cost £3.00 (general) or £2.00 (BHA members and students). To book, go to <https://humanism.org.uk/events/blackham2017/>**

Tuesday, 4 April – Professor Dion Morton: 100,000 Genomes Project, Café Scientifique, 7.00pm @ Pure Bar, 30 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, West Midlands B2 5TJ

**Tuesday, 11 April – Carrie Weekes: 'What is a Death Café?', 7.30–9.30pm @ Moseley Exchange**

Tuesday, 11 April – Lichfield and Walsall Humanists, 7.45pm in the Lounge of The Boatman's Rest, 20 High Street, Walsall Wood, Walsall WS9 9LP

Wednesday, 12 April – Worcestershire Humanists meeting, 7.00pm @ Castle Hotel, 73 Worcester Rd, Droitwich WR9 8AQ

Wednesday, 12 April – Timandra Harkness: 'Big Data: does size matter?', Skeptics in the Pub, 7.30pm @ The Victoria, 48 John Bright Street, Birmingham B1 1BN

**Tuesday, 25 April – Last Tuesday social, 8.00–9.30pm @ The Midland, 528 Bearwood Road, Birmingham B66 4BE. Please note the change of venue. In future we shall be alternating between The Wellington and The Midland.**

Tuesday, 2 May – Café Scientifique, 7.00pm @ Pure Bar

Wednesday, 10 May – Worcestershire Humanists meeting, 7.00pm @ Castle Hotel, 73 Worcester Rd, Droitwich WR9 8AQ

Wednesday, 10 May – Skeptics in the Pub, 7.30pm @ The Victoria

**Tuesday, 16 May – Alan Brine: 'The prison system: a Humanist chaplain's perspective', 7.30–9.30pm @ Moseley Exchange**

**Tuesday, 30 May – Last Tuesday social, 8.00–9.30pm @ The Wellington, Bennetts Hill, Birmingham B2 5SN**

Tuesday, 6 June – Café Scientifique, 7.00pm @ Pure Bar

Friday, 9 June – Sunday, 11 June – BHA Convention @ Cambridge Corn Exchange. Speakers include Jim Al-Khailili, Sara Khan and Alf Dubs. Conference fee £99 members, £49 students. To book, go to <https://humanism.org.uk/BHA2017/>

Wednesday, 14 June – Worcestershire Humanists meeting, 7.00pm @ Castle Hotel, 73 Worcester Rd, Droitwich WR9 8AQ

Wednesday, 14 June – Skeptics in the Pub, 7.30pm @ The Victoria

**Friday, 16 June – Birmingham Humanists AGM, 6.00pm for a 7.30pm start @ 28 Garland Way, Birmingham B31 2BT. The evening will start with a buffet meal, to which we are all asked to contribute. Please contact Jane Wynne Willson (at [janeww1@virginmedia.com](mailto:janeww1@virginmedia.com) or on 0121 475 6508) to let her know what you can bring.**

**Tuesday, 27 June – Jeremy Rodell: 'Interfaith dialogue', 7.30–9.30pm @ Moseley Exchange. Please note that there will be no Last Tuesday social in June, as the meeting in Moseley is on the last Tuesday of the month.**

**Saturday, 1 July – Moseley Street Festival: we'll be having a stall at the festival as usual – please come along and help us promote Humanism. We can always do with more helpers on the stall!**

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**Saturday, 15 July – trip on Severn Valley Railway. Full details to come in the May newsletter.**

**Tuesday, 25 July – Last Tuesday social, 8.00–9.30pm @ The Midland, 528 Bearwood Road, Birmingham B66 4BE**

**Saturday, 29 July – ramble, organised by John Edwards – details of when and where will be provided in the May newsletter.**