

Hucklow Summer School 2008 is committed to:

- providing high quality workshops, courses, engagement groups, worship, fellowship and fun.
- enabling participants to promote and facilitate the development of a variety of religious education activities in their own communities.
- encouraging participants in their own personal spiritual journey.
- supporting the development of religious education “from cradle to grave” within the Unitarian and Free Christian community.

Children’s Programme

Children’s activities will run during each morning session and children will then be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Do let us know if you have any particular skills or abilities that you would like to share during the week (e.g. music, dancing, art and craft ideas, leading a workshop etc.) by giving some details on your booking form. Members of the panel will contact potential session leaders in early summer, after Summer School places have been allocated, to finalise the timetable.

Hucklow Summer School Panel

Currently, the Hucklow Summer School Panel consists of four members: Patricia Walker-Hesson, Jane Blackall, Maggie Davies and Lindy Latham. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2008. It has a rolling membership to maintain continuity. New members are co-opted, to maintain the necessary balance of skills, as one or two members step down from the panel after Summer School each year. Participants will have an opportunity to put names forward for consideration during the week at Hucklow.

Allocation of Places and Workshops at Summer School

The panel aims to attract approximately 1/3 newcomers to participate in the Summer School every year. We have set a deadline of Friday 22nd February for receipt of applications to Summer School. Shortly after this date, places will be allocated by the members of the panel, giving preference to newcomers and ministerial students, subject to the constraints of available accommodation at the Nightingale Centre.

For more information about Summer School 2008:

Contact the Dean, Patricia Walker-Hesson, on 020 8994 7634, or at 17 Reckitt Road, Chiswick, London, W4 2BT.

HUCKLOW SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

FOR PERSONAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

RECLAIMING THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH



16th TO 23rd AUGUST 2008

GREAT HUCKLOW, DERBYSHIRE

APPLICATIONS DUE BY 22ND FEBRUARY 2008

Hucklow Summer School 2008: Application Form

Adult Shared: £290 Children 12-16: £210 Children 5-11: £175 Children under 5: £80

A very limited number of single rooms and shared ensuite rooms are available and will be allocated by the steering group according to need for people with special circumstances. A supplement of £40 will be payable in either case.

Please Note: It is our policy that family members/partners should participate in different morning workshop groups.

Names of people in your group	Age <i>(if under 17)</i>	1 st choice workshop	2 nd choice workshop
Person 1:			
Person 2:			
Person 3:			
Person 4:			

Address:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Congregation/Fellowship <i>(if any)</i> :
Where did you obtain this Summer School leaflet?

Rooms at Great Hucklow are usually shared. Please indicate if you would like to share with someone in particular or if you have any other room preferences.

Any special requirements (e.g. vegetarian diet / food allergies):

Any skills you can offer (e.g. leading afternoon or evening activities):

Please let us know how we can take your particular needs or circumstances, including disability issues, into consideration when organising the programme.

Please send a deposit of £50 per person to:

Hucklow Summer School, Unitarian HQ, Essex Hall, 1-6 Essex Street, London WC2R 3HY

Cheques are to be made payable to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2008.

If you have missed the deadline please do contact us to find out if any remaining places are available.

Please do not let a shortage of money prevent you from attending Summer School!!!

Some bursaries are available to help with funding. All enquiries will be dealt with in confidence.

Please contact Maggie Davies as soon as possible for further details of how to apply for financial assistance:

Telephone: 01407 721 141 Email: maggied@copperstream.co.uk

Hucklow Summer School: 16th to 23rd August 2008

Morning Theme Talks: “Reclaiming the Language of Faith”

Margaret Kirk, Chris Goacher, Celia Cartwright, Nancy Crumbine, Simon John Barlow

*“There’s a blaze of light in every word/ It doesn’t matter which you heard/ The holy or the broken hallelujah”
Leonard Cohen, ‘Hallelujah’*

Language – particularly the language of faith – can be a source of both joy and frustration for religious liberals. In many ways, our tradition affords us great scope for freedom and creativity in our use of language, yet the use of certain ‘loaded’ words can sometimes provoke ferocious reactions within our ranks. In the hope of guarding against such misunderstanding and conflict, we sometimes limit ourselves to using ‘safe’ language, avoiding altogether those words which seem to create distance, revulsion or fear. Each one of us has our own set of associations and thus will bring a different interpretation and understanding to everything we hear. How can we find a shared language which authentically reflects the richness of our inner worlds and our deepest values?

Over the course of the five theme talks, our speakers will explore how we respond to religious language as individuals, as a liberal church community, and in relation to people of all faiths (and none) in the wider world. Join us for a week of re-discovering shared meaning as we re-claim religious words and re-engage with the language of faith.

Morning Workshops

A: “Being Creative in Movement - Dance!”

with Dawn Buckle and Maggie Davies

Is it possible to express our spirituality through the medium of dance? Let's find out together throughout the week. We will be exploring the language of dance by creating movement patterns and composing group dances. Beginners and the more experienced are welcome. Each session will begin with reflection and close with relaxation.

B: “Poetry: The Language of the Heart”

with John Harley and Andy Pakula

Poetry has a remarkable ability to reach deeply within us. Where other words communicate thoughts and ideas, poetry seemingly bypasses the intellect and conveys feelings and spirit directly from one heart to another. In these workshops, we will explore poetry as a language of faith and spirit and an aid in our search for meaning. We will read poetry from diverse sources, reflect, and respond through dialogue and in our own writing. No experience with poetry is required whatsoever. Our goal will be to gain a new path to finding our wholeness.

C: “Beyond Words: Visions of the Holy”

with Jane Blackall and Sheena Gabriel

Art can provide a powerful means for reflecting on our personal spiritual experience. In this meditative workshop, we will explore a variety of religious concepts through visual art, using the language of colour, texture, shape, form and space. Participants will have an opportunity to consider some of religion’s ‘big’ - sometimes provocative - themes and will be encouraged to renew and expand their own understanding of these concepts by seeking deeper meaning through creative meditation and play. No prior artistic skill is required and the emphasis will be on process rather than finished product. There will also be space for sharing of personal responses as we encounter the diverse perspectives of others in an appreciative atmosphere.

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd preference workshop (A, B, or C) on the booking form.