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To all members of Humanists UK

Dear Member.

# Annual General Meeting Sunday 26 June 2022 15:30 - 17:00 The MAC, 10 Exchange Street, West, Belfast, BT1 2NJ

These papers contain the agenda for this year's AGM, the formal notice of the AGM, and the minutes of last year's AGM. Please bring them with you to the AGM. Our current Articles of Association and Byelaws can be downloaded at humanists.uk/members.

Registration for the formal AGM will be open throughout the weekend. The AGM will begin at 15:30. You are invited to join Trustees and staff for a glass of wine or soft drink from 17:00 to 17:45

# **2021 Report and Accounts**

The 2021 Report and Accounts are available online at <a href="https://members.com/humanists.org.uk/members">humanists.org.uk/members</a>. A copy is also available for inspection at the Humanists UK office and, while a small number of copies will be available at the AGM, we encourage members to view the electronic version if possible. You can request a paper copy in advance of the AGM by emailing, telephoning, or writing to us.

In order to ensure that members who have questions concerning the accounts can have them answered without taking up too much time at the AGM, the Board will take written questions on the accounts in advance of the AGM and provide written answers to members attending the meeting. If you have any questions on the accounts, please submit them by email (agm@humanists.uk) or post by **09.00 on 16 June 2022.** 

#### **Resolutions and Motions**

As part of the formal business of the AGM, the members will be asked to consider and pass the resolutions which are set out in the notice of the AGM. The resolutions are: to receive the report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021; the re-appointment of the auditor; and to authorise the trustees to determine their remuneration.

Any **Emergency Motions** (i.e. motions relating to matters of importance to Humanists UK that have arisen after the closing date for ordinary resolutions of **3 May 2022**) must be submitted to me or to the Chair before the start of the AGM. Emergency Motions may be proposed by Partner groups of Humanists UK or individual members and must also be seconded. It should be noted that any motions passed are in law not resolutions of Humanists UK but only express the opinion of the meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at the AGM. **Apologies for absence** can be made by email (agm@humanists.uk), post or telephone.

Best wishes,

Andrew Copson

Company Secretary, Humanists UK

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# Humanists UK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# Sunday 26 June 2022 15:30 - 17:00 (registration from 9:00, 25 June) The MAC, 10 Exchange Street, West, Belfast, BT1 2NJ

# **AGENDA**

- 1. Adoption of Standing Orders which are given in the Byelaws
- 2. Apologies for absence
- 3. Declarations of interest
- 4. Election of one Timekeeper and two Tellers
- 5. Minutes of the 2021 AGM which are attached to this agenda
- 6. Matters arising from those minutes which are not covered separately on this agenda
- 7. Chair's address
- 8. Elections to the Board of Trustees (candidate statements are attached to this agenda)
- 9. Formal part of the Business of the AGM as set out in the attached Notice
- 10. Emergency Motions which must relate directly to core areas of our operation or existence, and be related to issues which have newly arisen since 3 May 2022, and must be presented to the Chair or Company Secretary before the start of the meeting
- 11. Any other business which must be notified to the Company Secretary in advance of the AGM

Company Secretary 7 May 2022

# Statements by candidates for election to the Board

# **Charley Jarrett**

Sex: Male Age: 34

Ethnicity: Mixed: White and Arab African

Region: London

# Why should people vote for you?

I'm a cross-party public affairs professional and longstanding Humanist activist, with expertise in policy, education and equalities.

#### What skills and/or experience do you bring to the governance role?

My first role after university was as campaigns and research intern for Humanists UK, and I've continued to volunteer for the organisation ever since – as Humanist rep on Lambeth SACRE, organising functions at City Hall, staffing our stalls at party conferences and representing Young Humanists in the Lords Chamber Event and at our annual conference.

I manage public affairs for a large education charity, specialising in assessment and social mobility. I craft punchy accessible briefings for parliamentarians and other policymakers; organise panel discussions and roundtables; and advise on the political aspects of our influencing and EDI strategies. I love both the policy and people sides of public affairs, and want to share this experience with Humanists UK, helping us clarify our political strategy and achieve our goals of rational policymaking and combating religious privilege.

Previously I worked at the Electoral Reform Society, putting together a suite of events for seven party conferences each year. Before that, I worked as an MP's parliamentary researcher. Even in non-Humanist voluntary roles—a community primary school governor, a trustee at my old youth club and a selections facilitator at my former sixth form—I ensure our policies and practice give voice to the nonreligious.

# What is your vision for Humanists UK?

I'm blown away every time I receive Humanists UK's newsletter in the post at just how much great work is done with our monthly subscriptions: from regional social gatherings to meaningful secular life celebrations, from pastoral care for the vulnerable to campaigning on dozens and dozens of areas of social policy. This is a very good thing.

There are, I think, some areas for development. I'd like to see Humanists UK take an more robust stance on examples of people citing their faith to discriminate against others: whether that be bakers refusing to make cakes for same-Sex weddings or

people protesting outside Birmingham's schools. By responsibly harnessing the media attention these stories generate, we can grab the attention of nonreligious or secular people who might not yet be familiar with Humanists UK, meaning more voters to put pressure on their MPs and getting more of our policy goals put into practice.

Even many of the religious people I know are flummoxed, for example, at faith discrimination in school admissions or Humanist marriages not being legal marriages. Our stances are popular. Through further recruitment and a slick campaigning strategy, we can get even more of our policies put into law.

#### **Andrew Russell**

Sex: Male Age: 34

Ethnicity: White: English Region: South East

### Why should people vote for you?

Relevant, broad experience in Humanist UK's strategic areas of education/healthcare and public affairs expertise to support victory in campaigns.

# What skills and/or experience do you bring to the governance role?

I recently completed a six-year term as a trustee of The Philosophy Foundation so understand relevant governance responsibilities. With The Philosophy Foundation, I provided advice relating to Public Affairs and shaping public policy, including helping to build relationships with parliamentarians and began its ongoing efforts to support the creation of a Philosophy APPG. With degrees in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge and King's College London, my academic and political interests have long centred on how ethics intersects with public policy and how we deliberate on these in a democratic context. These interests and values are what lead me to join Humanists UK more than a decade ago and I now want to do more to actively support the organisation's aims.

My career background is broad, covering roles in Public Affairs, Communications and business strategy for both large international companies and start-ups, particularly focused on supporting innovation in education and healthcare. I also act as an Angel Investor for social impact start-ups, with investments in these sectors as well as innovations in biotechnology. I believe my mix of career experience in public affairs, education and healthcare will allow me to support many of the priority strategic areas of Humanists UK.

#### What is your vision for Humanists UK?

First and foremost, I want to help realise a future where we have secured victories in key public policy campaigns such as legalising humanists ceremonies, placing a stronger ban on conversion therapies and protecting the human rights of all (including but not only, humanists) during the Government's reforms of the Human Rights Act.

I also want to help realise a vision where humanists continue to contribute a positive and growing voice on the great moral questions of our time, beyond those issues particularly focused on religion; for example on the future of dignity and healthcare in the context of an ageing society, the role of education and lifelong learning within our culture, and on how innovations such as A.I. and biotechnology might affect how we view what it means to be human.

Even where Humanists UK does not take a specific stance on some of these issues, we also have a duty to ensure that our values of attending to evidence, promoting rational and respectful dialogue, and recognising the dignity of all within a naturalistic worldview, are present during these crucial ethical and political debates.

# **Simon Walker-Samuel**

Sex: Male Age: 42

Ethnicity: White: British

Region: London

# Why should people vote for you?

I am passionate about humanism and will bring enthusiasm, integrity, honesty and experience. I really want to do this!

# What skills and/or experience do you bring to the governance role?

I am a Professor of Biophysics at University College London, and part of my role is to oversee an internationally-leading research centre. This requires managing of large budgets, accountability to the university and to research funders, alongside leadership and long-term goal-setting. I always aim to undertake that role with openness, transparency and integrity. I am also a trained school speaker for Humanists UK, which I find incredibly rewarding. To explain humanism to children with ages ranging from 5 to 15, alongside teachers, requires a level of understanding that I had not appreciated before immersing myself in that role. Likewise, my membership of Croydon SACRE requires a good understanding of the landscape of belief in the UK, alongside a political sense for diplomacy when pursuing long-term goals.

#### What is your vision for Humanists UK?

Humanists UK undertake excellent campaigning work to promote humanism and also to identify and counter religious privilege. The research that supports these campaigns is crucial and I have seen first-hand how powerful this can be in creating change. For example, in my school speaker role, simply telling people how common humanist beliefs now are in the UK, can be transformative, and often accompanied by a sense of surprise. I will further encourage and support Humanists UK's research work, particularly given my professional experience in an academic/research setting, and key to this is identifying funding streams to enable it. I see this as a unique and powerful aspect of Humanists UK's work, alongside building pastoral and community outreach support. Central to the role as trustee, is to provide scrutiny and oversite of this work, alongside supportive influence. This can only be enabled by open and effective communication both with and between trustees.

# **Fiyaz Mughal**

Sex: Male Age: 50

Ethnicity: Asian other: British Asian of East African heritage

Region: London

# Why should people vote for you?

Because I have over 25 years of experience of working with faith communities & the interface between secularism and faith. This includes on sensitive issues.

# What skills and/or experience do you bring to the governance role?

I clearly understand the difference between governance and operations which are two distinct elements. I have been the trustee of a range of charities and not-for-profits in my career and these have included being a trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, the Jacob Foundation which supports the Jewish News and organisations such as Mind. These are to name a few organisations.

I currently Chair the national charity – Alcohol Change U.K. and I chair the Manor House Centre for Pyschotherapy and Counselling. Alcohol Change U.K. is the charity which runs the national 'Dry January' campaign and as Chair, I work with 8 other trustees to ensure the strategic governance of this well recognised brand. My role is to ensure that the trustees work towards the scrutiny and implementation of the strategic plan for the organisation from 2020–2023.

At the moment, I am working as Chair to develop a new strategic plan for the MHPC centre with a new board of trustees that I have actively recruited to look towards supporting and expanding the role of this not for profit organisation.

I therefore bring with me extremely strong governance experience in working with challenging, dynamic and high profile trustee boards.

#### What is your vision for Humanists UK?

My vision for Humanists U.K is to:

- Widen the diversity of the membership base of Humanists U.K.
- Help to push its work into British Muslim communities to ensure that humanists in this community know that Humanists U.K. exists and sign up to its values.
   There are many Muslims whom I would call 'cultural Muslims' who value this part of their identity, do not believe in organised religion and believe in humanism and the power of the individual, as framing part of their moral principles and their purpose – to help others.
- To ensure that the organisation has the means and tools to work in communities to ensure that some core human rights values are upheld. Where there are fundamental clashes between actions driven by religious interpretations and the

- human rights of individuals, I believe that Humanists U.K. has to play a role in speaking up and out, as it does, but with greater resources and confidence.
- I would like to see Humanists U.K. being part of a greater societal dialogue in the U.K. and with a much wider impact.

# **Ruth Kaufman**

Sex: Female Age: 68

Ethnicity: White: British

Region: London

# Why should people vote for you?

Long-time Humanist champion (SACRE, schools, HUK Board). Experienced in governance and strategy in public and charity sectors. Specialist analytical expertise.

# What skills and/or experience do you bring to the governance role?

#### Charity **experience**:

- Trustee of Humanists UK since 2019, providing new perspectives, helping develop new strategy, and helping steer through Covid and other challenging issues
- Trustee, and elected President, of the OR Society (OR Operational Research uses scientific/mathematical methods to improve decision-making)
- Advisor to the Finance Committee of the National Federation of Women's Institutes
- Trustee of the Science Council
- Chair of CHIRP, a charity improving aviation and maritime safety
- Chair of Woman's Trust, a charity enabling women affected by domestic abuse to reclaim their lives. Woman's Trust was in severe financial difficulties when I joined. I led a turn-around, so they are still flourishing today, over 10 years later.

# Public sector experience:

30+ years in OR, strategy, change management and other senior management roles.

#### From this experience, **skills** include:

- developing strategy balancing realism and ambition; ensuring it is implemented; measuring progress towards goals;
- helping get the most out of money and people, whilst recognising risk, uncertainty and statutory requirements;
- partnership working, whether this is with staff, volunteers, other organisations or interested individuals;
- understanding and navigating the statutory and compliance landscape for charities.

#### What is your vision for Humanists UK?

My vision is to achieve universal respect for and understanding of Humanism as a positive, life-affirming non-religious world-view. Humanists UK will be the 'go to' organisation wherever beliefs are relevant, whether in schools, Government or

elsewhere. It will be ready and able at every level to effectively challenge religious privilege and those who would turn the clock back on our values of compassion, reason and equal rights. It will be a key ally in all campaigns where the ethical non-religious viewpoint is important. It will build on its strengths: opening up minds and building awareness of Humanist principles, and protecting and promoting the rights of the non-religious.

Humanists UK already does much across an impressive array of issues, activities and arenas, and has just adopted a 10-year plan to do even more. To achieve this, it must be agile and intelligent in dealing with today's exceptionally uncertain and sometimes hostile environment, and an honest and trusted communicator in a world of misinformation. By using evidence and analysis systematically to identify what makes the most difference to the place of Humanism and Humanists in society, Humanists UK will make further great strides towards achieving our exciting, challenging and important goals.

# List of remaining Board members and their Sex, age, ethnicity, and region

# **lain Deboys**

Sex: Male | Age: 63 | Ethnicity: White (British) | Region: Northern Ireland

# **Tamar Ghosh**

Sex: Female | Age: 47 | Ethnicity: Mixed (White and Asian) | Region: London

#### **Ewan Main**

Sex: Male | Age: 43 | Ethnicity: White (British) | Region: Yorkshire and the Humber

# **Neil McKain**

Sex: Male | Age: 42 | Ethnicity: White (British) | Region: South East

# **Stephanie Niven**

Sex: Female | Age: 38 | Ethnicity: White (British) | Region: London

# Ann O'Connell

Sex: Female | Age: 52 | Ethnicity: White (Irish) | Region: East Midlands

# **Sophy Robinson**

Sex: Female | Age: 66 | Ethnicity: White (British) | Region: South East

# **Emma Shepherd**

Sex: Female | Age: 46 | Ethnicity: White (British) | Region: Wales

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 27 June 2021, 15.00 at 39A Moreland Street, London, EC1V 8BB

**Present**: Tamar Ghosh (Chair), Andrew Copson (Chief Executive and Company Secretary), Catriona McLellan (Director of Operations), Andrew West (Director of IT)

**Apologies for Absence:** Daphne Hardy.

Present by proxy: Chris Adams, Jacqueline Adams, Mark Adams, Mike Adams, Sumon Ahmed, Glenn Albon, Mohsin Ali, Ben Allen, John Allen, John Amps, Adèle Anderson, Martin Archer, Michael Atkinson, Roy Bacon, Mark Bailey, David Ball, Brian Balmain, Paul Barker, Phillip Barker, Steven Barkley, Jeremy Bartle, Alan Bartlett, Geoff Bates, Darren Bean, Lizzie Beare, William Jeremy Belk, Roger Belm, Michael Bendrey, Jon Benjamin, Lily Berrell, Sian Best, Pete Bethell, Richard Beynon, Angela Blake, John Blakey, Rhian Blakey, Simon Bligh, Iain Boyd, R Boyd, Barbara Braithwaite, Terence Bray, Steve Brinkley, Keith Brockie, David Bruck, Terry Bruton, Max Buckmaster, Jeff Bulmer, Peter Burgoine, Pam Burn, David Burningham, Susan Burningham, Charlotte Cade, Mark Caffrey, John Calder, Hugh Caldwell, Neil Camp, Nicholas Cane, Michael Carrington, Jane Carson, Barry Cartman, Zac Cash, John Catt, Roger Cavanagh, Vincent Chainey, Alasdair Chalmers, Bob Churchill, Diana Clark, Jenny Clarke, Vivien Comley, Andrew Cooper, M. Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Peter Cornell, Rob Corp, Christine Cowan, Keith Creswell, Glen Crossland, Hanora Crowley, David Cryer, Matthew Cunliffe, Emanuel De Kadt, Pavan Dhaliwal, Gerry Dickinson, Rick Dinnage, Gaynor Doherty, Sarah Doherty, Maggie Donnellan, Paul Douglas, John Dowdle, John Downer, Brian Dowsett, Laura Dresselhaus, Bruce Duncan, Phyllis Dunipace, Peter Edmead, Graeme Edwards, Blaise Egan, Ray Ellis, Nathan Eluma, John Emanuel, Angela Evans-Hill, Phillip Evans, Anita Fair, Juni Farmanfarmaian, Richard Farrar, Richard Firth, Ann Forbes, Linda Foreman, Karen Foster, Ruth Foxman, Vanessa Freeman Gwynn, Richard Frost, Bev Gallacher, James Gallimore, Eric Garland, Bill Geddes, John George, Rob Gillies, Paul Girling, David Goodes, Dave Gordon-Shute, Nick Goulder, Lucas Gracia, A Gregg Smith, Robert Guthrie, William Hall, Sheelagh Handy, Michael Heap, Roy Heaps, Lyn Heigl, Jo Hewitt, Celia Hickson, Wendy Hill, Christopher Hinton, Leonie Hirst, Jane Hobday, Martyn Hodder, Denise Hollingbery, Terence Holmes, Martin Hooper, William Howard, David Howell-Bewsey, Leon Hughes, Paul Hughes, Rob Hughes, Carole Hunt, Barbara Hyde, David Ingram, Mohammed Islam, Robin Jackson, Stewart Jackson, Mel James, Terence Jamieson, Peta Elizabeth Jellis, Elwyn Johnson, Charlie Jones, Mike Jones, Roger Jones, Corinne Jordan-Gough, Joanna Kaliszewska, Peter Kamei, Jadvji Kanji, John Kapp, Ulrich Katte, Ruth Kaufman, Kevin Keehan, Mick Kelly, Roland Kennett, Liam Kernan, Toby Keynes, Gordon King, Paul Kitchener, Hilary Latham, James Latham, Frank Lay, Reginald Le Sueur, Peter Lee, Paul Lethbridge, Elaine Lever, Dorothy Lewis, Tim Leyshon, Michelle Lincoln, Marilyn Lloyd, Paul Luton, Alasdair Macdonald, Ewan Main, David Makin, Shivan Malde, Colin Malone, Kevin Malone, Debbie Maltby, Wendy Maxwell, John McGuire, Charles Merrill, Phillip Middleton, Bill Miller, Clive Miller, Hussain Mohammad Pervaz, Nicola Morrice, Fran Morris, William Morton, Josie Moynihan, Thomas Muirhead, Oliver Murphy, Shona Murphy, Andy Murray, Jan Murray, Stephen Murray, Karim Nakhla, Nigel Nathan, Juan Antonio Navarro Perez, Christine Newman, Wendy Newsum, Edward Nickell, Eduard Nicodei, Sara Nogara,

Mark Nuttall, Keith Eric O Callaghan, Simon O'Connor, Damien O'Looney, Mark O'Halloran, Henry Orton, Nigel Pacey, Alan Palmer, Heather Palmer, Paula Palmer, Phyllis Palmer, June Parish, Barbara Parker, Dinah Parums, Julia Penfold, Richard Penney, Rafael Manuel Pepiol, Keith Pinn, Rose Powell, Lynn Purcell, Tim Purches, John Quartly, Thomas Rae, Brian Rapier, Hannah Ravenswood, Colette Reap, Roger Reason, Charlie Redwood, Doris Richards, Paul Richardson, Michael Rickwood, Janet Ridler, Linda Robards, Jeremy Rodell, Eileen Rodgers, Patricia Rogers, David Romeo, Pieter Rondeboom, Neil Rosen-Webb, Susannah Rosenberg, Francois Rugiero, James Russell, Ken Ryder, RuthAnne Sahin, Nick Sandeman, John Savage, Ann-Veronica Scaramanga, Simon Schöller, Silke Schomann, Clive Scoggins, Adam Scott, Jim Scott, D. A. Sculthorpe, David Secker, Alice Severs, Jeff Shapland, Paula Shaw, Gemma Shearing, Andrew Shepherd, Gurdev Sidhu, Richard Simacek, Tom Simmonds, John David Simnett, Andy Smith, Ken Smith, Peter Smittenaar, Wim Spee, Richard Speirs, Alison Stein, Richard Stein, Diana Stephens, Ross Stevenson, John Stimpson, William Strudwick, Michael Sykes, Helen Tait, Mark Taylor, Rebecca Tee, Nick Tellwright, B Thomas, Christine Thomas, James Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Andrew Tinson, David Tooley, Marco Tranchino, Matthew Treadwell, Carole Tuffin, Moira Tulloch, Laurie Tvedt, Geoff Underwood, Richard Upton, Sam Veck, Rosemary Wagner, Hamza Walayat, Shirley Walker, Sandra Ward, D R Wardell, Asim Warraich, Stephen Watson, Barbara Weed, Richard Wentford, Simon West, Caroline White, Ralph Wilkin, Leslie Williams, Olwen Williams, Elizabeth Willis, Jane Willis, Anthony Keith Wilson, Keith Winkley, Bernard Wiseman, James Wolsey, Janet Wood, Maureen Wood, Royston Woodward, John Woolhouse, Marco Zuppone,

**Adoption of Standing Orders:** On the proposal of the Chair, the Standing Orders were adopted by the meeting.

**Minutes of the AGM of Sunday 21 June 2020:** On the proposal of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Matters arising from the previous minutes:** There were no matters arising.

**Chair and Chief Executive:** The Chair and Chief Executive gave reports on the last year, covering governance and management respectively.

**Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020:** John Adams (Treasurer) presented a report on the annual accounts to members via video. The Report and Accounts for 2020 were received with 328 votes in favour and no votes against.

**Re-appointment of Auditor:** Knox Cropper was re-appointed as auditor to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting where accounts are laid before the members, with 320 votes in favour and 2 against.

**Remuneration of Auditor:** The trustees were authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditor 317 in favour and 4 against.

**Special resolution:** The Board proposed the special resolution below, in order to introduce a term limit of eight years for trustees before they have to take a year off the Board and an additional limit of two consecutive elected terms. This was to keep the

Board refreshed with new insights and prevent groupthink. The special resolution to amend the Articles of Association was adopted with 308 in favour and 2 against.

To add the following sub articles to Article 25:

25.4 A person elected to the Board for two successive three-year terms may not again be a candidate until the election following the one at which they retired.

To add the following sub article to Article 27:

27.4 A person who has served for eight successive years as a trustee must retire and may not take up office as a trustee again until one year from the date of their retirement.

**Elections to the Board of Trustees:** Three candidates stood for election to the Board and there were five vacancies. The following candidates (in alphabetical order) were elected:

- Neil McKain, with 286 votes in favour and 12 votes against.
- Sophy Robinson, with 281 votes in favour and 14 votes against.
- Jeremy Rodell, with 289 votes in favour and 11 votes against.

**Any other Business:** There was none.

# BRITISH HUMANIST ASSOCIATION ('Humanists UK') Company Number: 228781

# Notice of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held at *The MAC, 10 Exchange Street, West, Belfast, BT1 2NJ* on 26 June 2022 at 15.30 to consider and, if deemed fit, to approve the following resolutions:

# **As Ordinary Resolutions:**

- 1. To receive the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2. To re-appoint Knox Cropper as auditor to Humanists UK to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting where accounts are laid before the members.
- 3. To authorise the trustees to determine the remuneration of the auditor.

Date: 7 May 2022 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**Registered Office:** 39 Moreland Street

London EC1V 8BB

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

#### Notes:

- A member entitled to attend, speak and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, to exercise all or any of his or her rights to attend, speak and vote in his or her place on a show of hands or on a poll provided. Such proxy need not be a member of Humanists UK.
- To be valid, the completed and signed form of proxy must be returned to Humanist UK's registered office no later than 17.30 on 22 June 2022. Lodging a form of proxy does not preclude a member from attending and voting at the meeting.
- 3. To be eligible to vote, you must be on the register of members of Humanists UK at 9.00 on 26 June 2022 and have no monies owing to the Humanists UK.

# **Humanists UK Form of Proxy**

I, [insert name]	of [insert address]
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being a member of the Humanists UK hereby appoint the Chair of the meeting or [insert name] of [insert address]

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf, as indicated below, at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 26 June 2022 and at any adjournment thereof.

Resolution	Resolution Summary	For	Against	Discretionary	Vote Withheld
1	Receive annual report and accounts for 31 December 2021				
2	Re-appointment of Knox Cropper as auditor				
3	Authorise the trustees to determine the auditor's remuneration				

Please indicate with an 'X' in the space above how you wish your votes to be cast.						
Signed this	day of	2022				

#### **Explanatory Notes:**

Signature

- 1. Every member has the right to appoint some other person of his or her choice, who need not be a member, as his or her proxy, to exercise all or any of his or her rights, to attend, speak and vote on his or her behalf at the meeting. To appoint a person other than the Chair please insert the name and address of your chosen proxy in the space provided.
- 2. To be valid this form of proxy must be signed by the member or his or her attorney and be sent to Humanists UK's registered office (39 Moreland Street, London EC1V 8BB) no later than 17.30 on 22 June 2022. Any Power of Attorney or any other authority under which the proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.
- 3. The 'Vote Withheld' box is provided to enable you to abstain on the resolution. However, it should be noted that a vote withheld is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes 'for' and 'against' a resolution.
- 4. If you do not indicate as to how your proxy should vote or you tick the discretion box, your proxy will have discretion to vote on the resolution as they see fit. Your proxy will also have the discretion to vote as they see fit on any other business which may properly come before the meeting, including amendments to the resolution, and at any adjournment of the meeting.
- 5. The completion and return of this form will not preclude a member from attending the meeting and voting in person.
- 6. To be eligible to vote, you must be on the register of members at 9.00 on 26 June 2022 and have no monies owing to Humanists UK.