

HUMANIST WEEK 2010

21st-27th June

Humanist Heritage -celebrating humanist contributions across the ages.



Celebrate- humanists' contribution to human wellbeing which continues today

Reclaim- the UK's non-religious history

Connect – Humanism then and now

Inform- and raise awareness about Humanism

Discover- your local 'humanist heroes'

What is Humanist Week?

Humanist week is a national project run by the BHA to increase awareness of Humanism at local, regional and national level. The week is based around World Humanist Day, which is the 21st June and is supported by the International Humanist and Ethical Union. The most recent Humanist Week was in 2009 and the BHA created resources which groups could order. During the week, groups hired space in their local libraries to display the materials which included information about Humanism through the ages, famous non-religious people, ceremonies and humanist FAQs.

What is the BHA doing?

This year, the BHA will be supporting activities throughout the week by:

- Holding a day conference on 26th June to celebrate Humanism and the arts.
- Sending specialist online materials to all UK schools about Humanism and social action.
- Sending briefings to all local authorities about Humanism and equality laws.
- Creating resources for groups and individuals to put up in local libraries, town halls, community centres etc.
- Making noise about humanist achievement - online and in the media.
- Coordinating a new website 'Humanist Heritage' where people can upload information about their local area and which will be a permanent resource for celebrating Humanism in the UK.

What can we do as a local group?

There are loads of things you can do to get involved! Some ideas are:

- Research the humanist links in your local area. You will be able to upload all the information you find onto the Humanist Heritage website.¹
- Are you planning a large event this year? A regional conference, a group birthday party, an outreach event? Hold it in Humanist week and theme it around heritage!
- What is the history of your humanist group? Why not find out and hold a talk about it in Humanist Week?
- Order our special materials – contact your local library or other centre and ask if you can display them for the week.
- Organise a Humanist Heritage walk visiting places of significance in your local area.
- Send a press release about your activities to the local press.
- Hold a special group event- a picnic at a significant place, a talk on heritage, a talk about a local humanist figure.
- Run a stall at a local event or on the high street.
- If your research finds a famous humanist in your area, contact the Commemorative plaque scheme to have them formally recognised.
- Contact your local schools and offer to run an assembly on Humanism.
- Buy some books about Humanism from the BHA website² and donate them to your local libraries or schools.

www.humanism.org.uk/meet-up/humanist-week

¹Due to be launched in June. ²www.humanism.org.uk/shop

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What do we do now?

Start organising! It's never too early to contact the library about a display, contact the council about rules for a street stall or contact the BHA to order materials!



2009 Humanist Week display



BHA stall



BHA leaflets

BHA Humanist Week 2010 materials order form.

Name/ Group:

Address:

Email address:

I would like to order:

Number

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BHA Humanist Week display pack (contains leaflets on Humanism, leaflets on the BHA, posters about famous humanists and humanist history.)

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BHA materials stall pack (contains leaflets on Humanism, BHA joining leaflets, leaflets on campaigns, ceremonies leaflets and free BHA branded merchandise.)

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I would like to be emailed when the materials for schools are ready.

Please return to Pepper Harrow, BHA, 1 Gower Street, London WC1E 6HD
Alternatively, please email pepper@humanism.org.uk to request resources.