Humanists UK School Speaker Training - course application form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Humanists UK school speaker. Please use this application form to tell us more about yourself and what you will bring to the role.

Please read the [**application pack**](https://humanists.uk/wp-content/uploads/Humanists-UK-School-Speaker-Training-application-pack-LR-Nov-2022.pdf), and let us know if you have any questions, before filling in this form.

If you need the pack or this form in a different format, please let us know.

Return your completed form to [schools.training@humanists.uk](mailto:schools.training@humanism.org.uk) by the application deadline for your preferred training course.

**We will let you know within seven days of the deadline whether your application has been successful.**

**About you**

| **I confirm that I have read the school speaker training application pack and understand the role.** *Please confirm this by signing / typing your name here.* |  |
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| Date of the course you’re applying for |  |
| Title |  |
| First name |  |
| Last name |  |
| Preferred pronouns  (if you wish to state them) |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Humanists UK membership number  Please remember the course is only open to members of Humanists UK or people prepared to become members. |  |
| Are you a member of a local humanist group? If so, which group? |  |
| How did you hear about Humanists UK’s school speaker programme? |  |

**Your experience**

**Please refer to the school speaker profile in the pack. Expand the boxes below if necessary.**

**These questions are designed to help you demonstrate:**

* your professional and personal skills and experience, relevant to the role of a school speaker;
* your experience in sharing your humanist values and beliefs with others;
* your motivation to be a Humanists UK school speaker;
* your own understanding of humanism, and what it means to be a humanist;
* relevant detail about how you would envisage introducing children to humanism in a classroom setting, demonstrating an understanding of the core features of a humanist approach to life that will support young people’s understanding.

| What is your current occupation? | |  |
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| Are you a qualified teacher (QTS)? | | Yes / No |
| Do you have experience of working in an educational setting?  Please tick / highlight | | * None * Teaching Assistant * Teacher * Head of Department * Headteacher * School Governor * University / College lecturer * Adult education * Training roles * Other (please state) |
| If so, please give details. | | |
| Do you have any experience of public speaking? | Yes / No | |
| If so, please give details. | | |
| Do you have experience of sharing your humanist beliefs and values with others? | Yes / No | |
| If so, please give details. | | |
| Do you have other skills or experience which would be relevant to the school speaker role?  If so, please give details. | | |
| Please tell us why you would like to be a Humanists UK school speaker. | | |
| How would you **define humanism** in **100 words**? | | |
| Who is your **favourite humanist** (from today or the past), and why? | | |
| If you were invited into a school to introduce Humanism to a class of **11 year olds**, what would you say? What would be the most important key humanist beliefs and values you would wish the children to understand? Please explain in approximately **250 words**. | | |

**Being a Humanists UK school speaker**

If you have questions about anything below, please contact us on [schools.training@humanists.uk](mailto:schools.training@humanists.uk).

| **School speaker training**  Please confirm that **you understand** that the training you are applying for comprises attending a one-day course, completing a pre-course activity, and preparing a five-minute presentation to give on training day by signing/typing your name here. |  |
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| **Code of Practice**  All Humanists UK school speakers must agree to abide by our [Code of Practice](https://humanism.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020-09-03-LD-SS-Code-of-Practice-and-values.pdf)**.** Please confirm **your acceptance** of the code of practice by signing / typing your name here. |  |
| **Safeguarding**  In line with Humanists UK’s current policy, and to safeguard speakers, teachers, and students, volunteers are asked to complete a [DBS check](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about) before visiting schools. This is a free, simple process which Humanists UK will arrange if you pass the training course. Please confirm **your agreement** to this by signing / typing your name. |  |
| **Networking**  Where possible, we try to put speakers in contact with other volunteers in their area, to help share resources, expertise, and experiences. Please confirm that, if you join the school speaker network following the course, you are happy for us to **share your email** with other school speakers in your area, by signing/typing your name here. |  |
| **Essential communication**  Please confirm that, in becoming a Humanists UK school speaker, you agree to **receive all mailings** relating to your role as a school speaker. |  |
| **Equality**  Humanists UK aim to ensure their training is open to all. All venues for in-person training are physically accessible, and we will make reasonable adjustments to course content and materials where necessary. Please use this section to advise us of **any issues or questions** you may have, or **any adjustments** that might be necessary in order for you to participate in school speaker training. |  |

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