



## Representing non-religious views in the party

### HUMANIST & SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

# OUR AIMS:

The Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats are an Associated Organisation of the party, affiliated to both the British Humanist Association and the National Secular Society. Our aims include:

- ✓ Acting as a forum for humanists and secularists within the Liberal Democrats.
- ✓ Promoting humanism and secularism within the Liberal Democrats and contributing towards party policy.
- ✓ Promoting the Liberal Democrats within humanist and secularist movements.
- ✓ Emphasising what unites us rather than what divides us, in a world where religious tension is growing.
- ✓ Seeking a truly liberal society, where faiths and lack of faith may be freely expressed with equal protection, and without special favour, from government.

# What we stand for:

- The principles of justice, equality, democracy and universal respect for others are fundamental to liberal democracy. We respect genuinely held religious beliefs provided they do not threaten the wellbeing and liberties, including freedom of expression, of other people.
- The state should act evenhandedly towards all citizens, irrespective of religious belief. It should confer neither status nor constitutional, economic or other advantage on any particular sectional group.
- Liberal social standards enjoyed in this country have been gained, often at great cost, over many centuries. We must challenge concepts that are alien to those standards, especially if they seek to reverse the progress towards social freedom.
- Our way of life is dependent upon the courageous pursuit of scientific enquiry. The intervention of non-evidence based dogmas, through the exercise of religious authority in education or government, can constitute a threat to scientific understanding and its application for the benefit of all.

**Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats promotes humanist and secularist values in the Liberal Democrats as an alternative to those stemming from religious belief. We share common liberal values with colleagues who make their contribution to the party from a religious standpoint, but we ensure that the voice of those who do not have a religious faith is heard.**

# Join / Renew Now

## To keep growing we need *your* support.

Name..... email.....  
Address..... Postcode.....  
Tel No..... Constituency.....  
Liberal Democrat Membership Number .....

- I would like to join/renew:  I have completed the standing order form below  
 Here is my cheque for £10 (Payable to "Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats")

Are you Federal Conference Voting Rep? Yes / No

Are you a member of the British Humanist Association? Yes / No

Are you a member of the National Secular Society? Yes / No

Signature.....

**Please pay by cheque, or complete the standing order form below, and return to the Membership Secretary: Richard Church, 34 Woodside, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7NG**

## Standing Order

To (Bank name):

Bank Address:

Name of the account to be debited

Account Number

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Bank: **HSBC Bank PLC** Branch title: **TWICKENHAM** Sorting Code Number: **40- 44 - 39**

For the credit of:

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**Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats**

Account Number

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