

# Chaplaincy

Since April 2009 there has been a humanist chaplaincy operating at the University of Leeds. If you have an ethical or existential problem, or maybe even just feeling down or lonely and would prefer a non-religious answer, why not contact the chaplaincy? For more information see [humanist-chaplaincy.leeds.ac.uk](http://humanist-chaplaincy.leeds.ac.uk).

## What is a Humanist Chaplain?

A Humanist Chaplain is someone who provides pastoral care from a non-religious perspective. The chaplaincy gives information, advice, consultation about existential questions from a humanist perspective. The humanist perspective can be summarised as a positive outlook on life, guided by rational thought and a focus on the importance of human cooperation for solving problems.

## Who would use a Humanist Chaplain?

Anyone who has something on their mind. Chaplains are here to offer a friendly ear, someone to talk to and to offer a humanist perspective on the situation. Whether you're feeling stressed, lonely, confused or any other number of problems we're here to help you make sense of it.

We won't tell you what to do - but we hope that we can help you reach a conclusion that you are happy with.

## Volunteer

Are you a people person? A good listener? Then why not volunteer as a humanist chaplain? We provide full training and support via the Humanist Chaplaincy Network. Email us for more details or see [www.humanistchaplains.org](http://www.humanistchaplains.org).

# About CWF

The Chris Worfolk Foundation (CWF) is a humanist charity based in Leeds. Founded in 2009 under the banner of "improving society; building on humanist principles" we aim to inspire people to make a difference in their local community.

We work directly in the community running local community groups and coordinating volunteer work in the local area, bringing people together from a range of backgrounds.

We also work to support local groups across the country, publishing courses, making resources available and offering advice and training to allow them to operate more effectively.

In September we launched the Humanist Chaplaincy Network, a worldwide support network for people working and volunteering as non-religious chaplains.

We host two national conferences per year attracting major name speakers including Professor A. C. Grayling, Professor Chris French, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Antony Lempert, Andrew Copson, Maryam Namazie and many others.



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# Humanism in Leeds

A guide to what's on in Leeds for atheists, humanist, skeptics, free thinkers and non-believers.

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## Groups

### Humanist Community

The Humanist Community of Leeds meets once a month on a Sunday morning as a secular alternative to church. Our events consist of talks, discussions and news but you won't find any preaching or dogma.

Meetings usually take place on the first Sunday of the month with doors opening at 10:30 for tea and coffee with the event starting in full at 11:00. See our website, [www.leedshumanists.org](http://www.leedshumanists.org) for more information.



### Skeptics in the Pub

For those who enjoy a lively debate over a pint or two, Leeds Skeptics is the group for you. We meet on the third Saturday of every month to discuss an issue of science, pseudoscience, woo or any number of other topics while enjoying a hearty beverage or two.

Previous topics have included UFOs, the Bermuda triangle, homoeopathy and the singularity and guest speakers have included Ariane Sherine, Robin Ince and Antony Lempert. See our website, [www.leedsskeptics.org](http://www.leedsskeptics.org) for more information.

### Humanist Society of West Yorkshire

Local BHA-affiliated society, meets on the second Thursday of each month from October to June with a guest speaker. See [www.wyhumanists.org.uk](http://www.wyhumanists.org.uk) for more information.

## Volunteering

With so many humanist groups and projects operating in Leeds there is a huge range of volunteering opportunities available to get involved with.

### Humanist Action Group

The Humanist Action Group, or HAG as well like to call it was founded on the idea that we should stop talking about humanist principles and start doing them!

HAG started with a feed the homeless programme and has since expanded to other areas such as community work and blood drives. All of our projects rely solely on volunteers to keep going.

### Chris Worfolk Foundation

CFW relies on people like you volunteering to keep our organisation going. With our headquarters based in Leeds we are always open for volunteers.



Working at the foundation is fantastic experience due to the range of tasks you get to work on – one day you may be researching material for our new courses, the next day you may be organising a fundraising event or organising a volunteer group.

Volunteering opportunities are flexible and you

don't have to commit large amounts of time – as long as you can commit to a small but regular amount of time we want you on board.



Our office is based on The Headrow in Leeds city centre, just behind Northern Monkey, so it's easy to get to from anywhere in Leeds.

### Regional Reps

CFW doesn't just work in Leeds – we operate both nationally and internationally providing resources, advice and training to local groups. If you're based outside of the Leeds area but would still like to get involved, there are plenty of opportunities.

Regional reps help us keep in touch with local groups in their area and keeping them up to date with the resources and services we provide. They also coordinate any work we do in their area.



### How to volunteer

If any of the above has taken your interest, then why not get in touch? You can contact us at [info@chrisworfolkfoundation.org](mailto:info@chrisworfolkfoundation.org) for more information on any of the opportunities mentioned here.