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CHUM update



Welcome to all new and existing subscribers. **Happy New Year!**

The **One Life Sessions** start this month! A great start to 2025 for anyone interested in learning more about humanism and talking with other people about life the universe and everything ... Will you be able to join us?

The One Life Sessions are a series of 5 visually rich themed presentations aimed at prompting discussion on different perspectives on the world.

The sessions take place at 7pm on Tuesday evenings from 7th January at Hoole Community Centre on Westminster Road in Hoole – there is good parking at the centre and in the village centre.

For more information and to register please visit
<https://www.chester.humanist.org.uk/one-life-sessions>

And follow links to the individual sessions. Also on Meet Up

The Session List

7 January Session 1 - One Life and an introduction to Humanism

14 January Session 2 - Finding out

28 January Session 3 - Decision making and ethics

4 February Session 4 - Seeking a better world

11 February Session 5 - Humanism in everyday life

*Please note there is no Session on 21st January as this is the date of our social at the Pied Bull in Chester (from 7pm every third Tuesday)



Coming Up - For Your Diary

Monthly Social To ensure some continuity and some presence on a regular basis CHUM holds a monthly social meet on the third Tuesday every month. This is currently held at the Pied Bull on Northgate Street in Chester – a social evening where like minded folk can catch up and enjoy good conversation, exchange thoughts and ideas. Our next social is on 21st January.

Thinking Out Loud Twice a month (2nd and 4th Thursday) CHUM hosts a “Thinking Out Loud” session at Storyhouse. Literature is read aloud and discussed – very mindful and prompting fascinating discussions with humanists and people with different world views. Numbers are limited on this so registration is recommended (through our website or through Meet Up – please see Contacts below).

Monthly Open Discussion: On the first Monday each month CHUM hosts a discussion evening at Storyhouse – open to humanists and people with different beliefs. The next is on 6th January considers whether access to social media should be restricted for young people. Numbers are limited on this so registration is recommended (through our website or through Meet Up – please see Contacts below).

Other events and activities take place less regularly include:

Gardening: The group helps maintains a garden area in Grosvenor Park and there are frequent meetups in Grosvenor Park to tend the garden area. There is a separate working group page within our WhatsApp community.

Signposting: The group seeks to promote remains of the view that, rather than trying to replicate what other groups are already doing very well – groups like SciBar, Friends of the Earth, Merseyside Sceptics etc, we would instead seek to identify and promote events run by other local groups which may be of interest to humanists in the Chester area. Most posts are made through our WhatsApp community.

If you are interested in helping something happen with Chester Humanists please get in touch! 😊

Colours to the Mast: Last year a few CHUMs shared some thoughts about the future and where a humanist focus should be. What's your view? Has there been any progress on the thoughts expressed last January? Should there be a different focus – what do you think? <https://www.chester.humanist.org.uk/colours-to-the-mast>

We'll review last years thoughts over coming weeks and look forward to some new thoughts from you – please email chesterhumanists@gmail.com with your thoughts



Contacts

There are various means of contacting the group/being part of the groups online community (which often spills over into “life”!). Please do get in touch if something appeals to you or you simply want to get in touch!

Please contact the group on chesterhumanists@gmail.com

Mailing List: We are still re-building our mailing list and hope to develop our newsletters for more regular issue – please join the list via our website.

WhatsApp CHUM runs a small but active WhatsApp Community with various sub-groups. The community is quite interactive and many of the events etc are advertised and discussed here. If you would like to join please email chesterhumanists@gmail.com

Website The groups website is <https://www.chester.humanist.org.uk/>

Facebook: You can also reach the group through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterHumanists> and we also run a private facebook group which allows free expression and where many of our activities are publicised and where people share thoughts.

Meet Up: <https://www.meetup.com/Chester-Humanists/> Please sign up to receive up to date information on our events.

And finally....

As ever a huge thanks to everyone who contributes to CHUM in different ways – organising and running events, taking part and coming up with ideas we do have a lovely, vibrant and supportive community which continues to grow and develop.

