



humanist
society
scotland

About Us

THERE IS
ONLY ONE
HAPPINESS
IN LIFE,
TO LOVE
AND BE
LOVED



George Sand, 1934

Do not regret h
st yesterday.
Do not fear th
will lose tom
enjoy today

Robert Ingersoll

Jock Tamson's
Bairn



"happiness is not
so much in having as
sharing.

we make a living
by what we get.

but we make a life
by what we give."

Norman Maclean

We're all
the same
under the skin

IS A GREAT BIL
CANVAS
THROW ALL
PAINT ON I
YOU CAN



Chairman Jim Petherick launches our Education Policy

The Scottish Annual Household Survey in 2005 showed an increase of 5% in the non-religious, from the 28% as revealed in the 2001 Census. So, at least one Scot in three has secular views. Who represents their interests? The Humanist Society of Scotland.

Humanism is a movement that broadly represents the views of millions of people around the world. The HSS represents the views of people in Scotland who wish to lead good and worthwhile lives, guided by reason and compassion rather than by religion or superstition. Humanists aim to create an open and inclusive society, so we campaign for a secular state and for secular education. At a local level, our groups provide an opportunity to attend talks, film nights and lectures and discuss moral and ethical issues with other free-thinking people.



Talks and discussions are always well attended

Our volunteer members campaign actively in a number of areas. Some will become honorary chaplains or hospital visitors as Pastoral Care rolls out in the NHS. Our Public Affairs sub-committee is regularly consulted by The Scottish Government on the policy issues that affect all our lives. New opportunities are emerging both in the development of our Education Strategy and in the formation of the new Equality and Human Rights Commission, in which we are invited stakeholders working alongside organisations like Age Concern, Save the Children and Stonewall.

*HSS President,
Christopher Brookmyre*



Our ever-growing network of trained, registered celebrants provides a range of dignified, personal wedding, naming and funeral ceremonies that are secular, legal and extremely popular. Humanist weddings have been legal in Scotland since June 2005, and people now travel from all over the world to marry in one of our ceremonies. In 2007, one of our celebrants was appointed as the first ever Humanist Chaplain at Glasgow

University. In May 2008, the novelist Christopher Brookmyre was appointed the Society's first president.

The HSS is a registered charity, run by a Board of Trustees elected from among its membership and supported by six sub-committees.

Membership is open to all those who share our life stance and support our aims. Groups affiliated to us include University Humanist Societies and the UK Armed Forces Humanist Association. For more information, or to volunteer in any area of our activity, please contact secretary@humanism-scotland.org.uk

Distinguished Supporters

Iain Banks | Professor Richard Dawkins |

Stephen Fry | Professor A C Grayling |

Claire Rayner OBE | Polly Toynbee | Iain McWhirter

Sir Ludovic Kennedy | Professor James Lovelock

Application for Membership

Please complete (IN BLOCK CAPITALS) and send, with a cheque or PO made payable to 'Humanist Society of Scotland' to the address below, or visit our web site where you can pay by credit card or standing order.

Your Details	
Name 1 :	DOB :
Name 2 :	DOB :
Address :	
Tel :	Mobile :
Email :	

If you are joining the Society to have a humanist wedding ceremony please tick [✓] here

Annual Membership (includes Magazine) Please tick [✓] appropriate box

Individual	£20.00	Couple	£30.00
Low Income Individual	£15.00	Low Income Couple	£20.00
Student or young person (under 21)			£10.00

Life Membership (includes Magazine) Please tick [✓] appropriate box

Individual	£250.00	Couple	£375.00
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Donation (Please consider giving an extra donation to our fund)

Please accept our sincere thanks £

Gift Aid

Please tick [✓] here so we can claim tax relief

Please indicate which Local Group Centre is closest to you (choose only one):

Aberdeen	Dundee	Edinburgh
Glasgow	Highland	Perth
Not Applicable		

I/we wish to apply for membership as shown above. I/we agree to these details being held on computer and to be contacted by email, post or telephone.

Signature :
Date :
Total Enclosed : £

Please return this form along with a cheque or PO to Membership Services, Humanist Society of Scotland, 272 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JR. The HSS **will not** disclose your personal information to any external organisation.

Join the Humanist Society of Scotland

The Society is growing fast! The bigger we are, the more power we have to influence and shape the laws that govern Scotland. Benefits of membership include:



- A free subscription to our quarterly magazine, Humanitie.
- Free membership of a local HSS group.
- The guarantee of a Registered Celebrant for weddings, namings, funerals or memorial ceremonies.
- The opportunity to campaign on issues that matter to you.
- The right to vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Eligibility to stand for office on the National Executive and other Committees.
- The opportunity to meet people with similar views and outlook on life.



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