



# Campaigning for Humanist and Secular values within the Lib Dems

## HUMANIST & SECULAR LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

# OUR AIMS:

The Liberal Democrat Humanist & Secularist Group is 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 the Humanist and Secularist movements.
- ✓ Emphasising what draws us together rather than what separates us, in a world where religious tension is growing.
- ✓ A truly Liberal society is one where faiths and lack of faith are all allowed to disseminate without either favouritism or protection from Government. To protect one or more faiths, and not all, is inherently unfair.

# JOIN NOW!

To keep growing we need *your* support. Why not join now?

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Liberal Democrat Membership Number .....

- I would like to join:       Please send me a standing order form
- Here is my cheque for £10 (Payable to "Liberal Democrat Humanist & Secularist Group")

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 post to the Membership Secretary: Cllr. Richard Church, 3 Kingsley Gardens, Northampton, NN2 7BW

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## FREE THINKING

The purpose of the Group is to promote humanist and secularist ideas in Liberal Democrat thinking as an alternative to those stemming from religious beliefs and attitudes.

There are well-established religious groups operating in the Party and a number of our high profile leaders carry their religious allegiances into the

Party's deliberations. We are not out to pick quarrels with any of them, not least because many find liberalism in their beliefs, but there are serious

political issues which demand that a non-religious view be put forward.

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## What We Stand For

What follows is political statement of the Liberal Democrat Humanist & Secularist Group. We hope it explains both why we have all, individually, joined the Liberal Democrats and why we are convinced that this Party is the most appropriate party for the great majority of Humanists and Secularists throughout the United Kingdom.

- The principles of justice, equality, democracy and universal respect for others are intrinsic to liberal values. We respect genuinely held religious beliefs provided that they do not threaten others' well-being or liberties, including liberty of expression.
- A multi-cultural democracy requires that the state acts even-handedly towards all its citizens, irrespective of their various beliefs (or lack of them). It should confer neither status, nor constitutional, economic or influential privilege, on the proponents of any particular sectional group.
- The 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.

- Human wellbeing is increasingly dependent on scientific enquiries being courageously pursued, and acted upon. The intervention of nonevidence-based dogmas, through the exercise of religious power or the manipulation of education, can constitute a threat to that wellbeing, and must be resisted.



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