

Humanists UK School Speakers Programme



UNDERSTANDING HUMANISM
Resources for Education

Humanists UK Code of Practice

1. We will treat all staff and students with courtesy and respect.
2. We will respect the guidance we receive from the school on its aims, ethos, and policies.
3. We will plan our involvement to fit with the area of study which the students are learning about and are happy to discuss all details of the visit with teachers in advance.
4. We seek to use engaging, cooperative, and active teaching methods where possible and we will communicate at appropriate levels for the age group(s) concerned.
5. We will make clear to students who we are and who we represent.
6. We believe that children and young people should be informed about all significant religions and beliefs, including non-religious approaches to life.
7. We are willing to share our own experiences, beliefs, and insights, but will not try to impose them on others. We respect the rights of students and adults in the school to hold beliefs, values, and views which may be different from our own, and we will not seek to undermine those in any way.
8. The purpose of our involvement with schools is to provide information about the humanist philosophy and approach to morality, and to enable children and young people to ask questions and discuss these matters.
9. We are happy to work together with people of all religions and beliefs, and will be pleased to participate in joint approaches to 'Religious Education', or any other appropriate setting or subject.
10. All our school speakers have been appropriately trained through the Humanists UK training for school speakers.

Humanists UK Values

In all our diverse work, we strive to embody our values by:

- engaging in dialogue and debate rationally, intelligently and with attention to evidence;
- recognising the dignity of individuals and treating them with fairness and respect;
- respecting and promoting freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;
- cooperating with others for the common good, including with those of different beliefs;
- celebrating human achievement, progress and potential.