

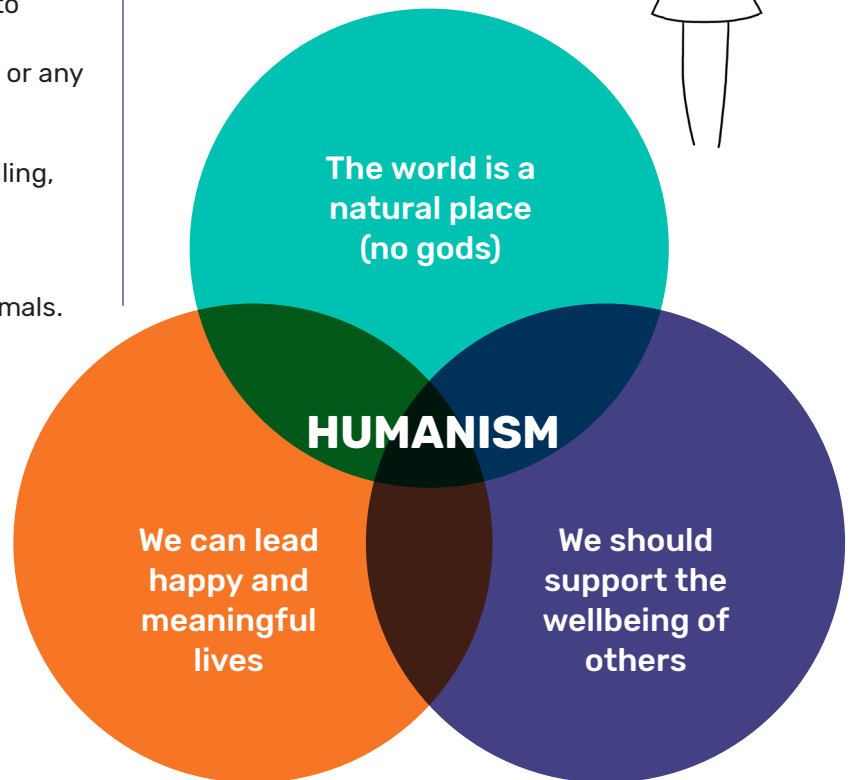
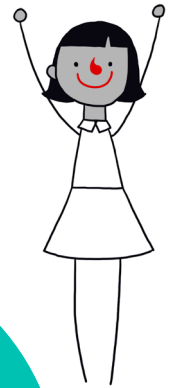
# HUMANISM: A VENN DIAGRAM

**A HUMANIST APPROACH TO LIFE INVOLVES THREE CORE BELIEFS ABOUT THE WORLD, OUR HUMAN POTENTIAL, AND HOW WE SHOULD ACT.**

1. The world is a natural place and, in seeking to understand it, we should use science to look for natural explanations (there is no scientific evidence for a god, an afterlife, or any supernatural forces).
2. We have the potential to lead happy, fulfilling, and meaningful lives.
3. We should act in ways that support the wellbeing of other human beings and animals.



We can think about the humanist approach to life as one that lies at the centre of a Venn diagram.



Individual humanists will sometimes argue that humanism involves more than this, but most will agree on these core features. Other people's worldviews may include one or two of these features. If it includes all three then it is possible to describe that person's approach to life as 'humanist'.



Within each of these circles there may be disagreement amongst humanists...

1. about how exactly to explain certain natural phenomena – although there will be general agreement that science provides the best way to answer such questions.
2. about the best way to make ourselves happy and our lives meaningful – although there will typically be agreement that we should be free to choose.
3. about how we can best support the wellbeing of others and on which causes to prioritise.