

Humanist Community of Leeds launched

LEEDS, UNITED KINGDOM – meeting monthly the Humanist Community of Leeds is a new community group launched in February. The group, which describes itself as a *secular alternative to church* aims to go in direct competition with religious establishments holding events at 11am on Sunday mornings.

The group, started by Leeds based charity the Chris Worfolk Foundation. It held it's first meeting on 14 February and will be holding it's second event this Sunday, 7 March.

The meetings are structured similar to church services with talks, readings and music. But rather than gospel songs or readings from the Bible the group features news on humanist events, discussions on morality and classical music.

Trustee of the foundation Dr. Gijbert Stoet said “there are many good things about church – the sense of community and friendship people can find there. But these are not intrinsic to religion and there is no reason why they cannot be implemented in a secular environment.”

Dr Richard Parker, who delivered the talk as the first meeting commented, “we don't preach from the gospel according to humanism. I present a topic for people to think about I don't tell them what to think – questions and input from the audience are very much encouraged.”

About the Humanist Community of Leeds

The Humanist Community of Leeds is a group, which meets monthly. It's first meeting will run on the 14 February and will then run on the first Sunday of each month at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Leeds city centre. Doors open at 10:30am for an 11am start. More information can be found on the group's website at www.leedshumanists.org.

About the Chris Worfolk Foundation

Chris Worfolk Foundation is a Leeds based charity founded in June 2009 which aims to improve society by building on humanist principles. The organisation is also responsible for the Humanist Action Group – a direct action community group which aims to tackle homelessness and encourage local humanists to volunteer. More information on the foundation and it's activities can be found on it's website at www.chrisworfolkfoundaton.org.

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