

We invite all leaders who provide (or hope to provide) religious education, in their congregation or district, for children (age 5-11), young people (age 12-17) and intergenerational groups to join the **REvolution** as **pioneers to lead spiritual exploration.**

REnewing your skills

REjuvenating your community

REviving your vision

Mission statement: We are committed to providing a rigorous training course enabling leaders to provide religious education in their congregations and districts for children, young people and intergenerational groups.

Places will be limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Participants must commit to attending the Introduction weekend, the four Saturdays and the final weekend, carry out all activities and complete homework and reflections to achieve the GA Religious Education Leaders Certificate.

The two weekends will be held at The Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow in Derbyshire, 8th-10th October 2010 and 7th-9th October 2011. A draft program, information and a participant list will be forwarded to you before the first weekend.

The four Saturdays 8th January 2011, 12th March 2011, 14th May 2011 and 16th July 2011 will be held at venues to be decided.

Trainers for REvolution are:

Rev John Harley & Mandy Richards - young people
Liz Hills & Lorna Hill - children
Margaret Robinson, Jean Mason and Dawn Buckle

REvolution Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone number _____

e-mail address _____

Your Congregation/Fellowship _____

Name and address of two referees. One of which should know you in a Unitarian setting _____

Which group would you like - children or young people _____
Would you consider the other group if your choice was oversubscribed Yes or No _____

Please return this form to: Margaret Robinson 25 Sheepfoote Hill, Yarm, TS15 9QH (Tel: 01642 782219) together with a registration fee of £20 (cheque made payable to "The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches") by 30th July 2010.

e-mail: margaret.robinson15@btinternet.com

A registration fee of £20 per person is required for the course. This will be refunded if we are unable to offer you a place. Cost for the first weekend will be Unitarian Weekend rate (£100), inclusive of meals (Friday buffet supper to Sunday lunch). Supplements to be added, if necessary, for en-suite rooms or single occupancy, during the weekends at Hucklow. **Single Occupancy of a Twin Room - £7.50 per person/per night En-Suite Supplement - £7.50 per person/ per night**

Accommodation is in single and twin rooms and also two family rooms, which take up to 4 people. One room has a double bed. Some double rooms have en-suite facilities (for which a supplement charge is made). Those choosing to use a twin room singly need to pay a supplement. There is a twin en-suite ground-floor room suitable for people with disabilities.

We strongly advise you to ask your congregation and/or District Association for help towards the cost of this training. The total cost for the course - two weekends and four Saturdays £250 (excluding travel).

The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches are committed by the Safeguarding. A CRB check is required for people working with children and vulnerable adult groups. If you do not have a CRB check contact the GA Child Protection Officer at Essex Hall.

Please complete the Registration Form and Statements and return to Margaret Robinson by 30th July 2010.

Rev John Harley is a passionate workshop leader for people of all ages. He currently leads the Unitarian Youth Programme and coordinates weekends for children and young people. He has been an art teacher for over 10 years and has served two congregations as a minister. He is presently studying for an MA in Dramatherapy and enjoys bringing movement and theatre skills into his workshops.

Mandy Richards formerly a full-time English Teacher, has worked as a freelance writer for the Guardian and Channel 4. Now working as a Youth Participation Worker in Hackney, she coordinates the work of two neighbourhood youth forums, involving young people in local and national democracy via the Hackney Youth Parliament. In addition she has a part-time role working in Westminster for an MP as a Parliamentary Assistant/Researcher and also jointly runs *Uniteenz*, a monthly meeting for young Unitarians.

Lorna Hill lives and works in North East Lincolnshire. She is an experienced Early Years and Key Stage 1 teacher with experience of coordinating and providing in-service training for a range of subjects including Religious Education. Lorna is an eighth generation Unitarian. She regularly attends the Unitarian Church in York but is also a member of St. Marks Unitarian Church in Edinburgh. She is part of the leadership teams for Inter Weekend and Five Days Away.

Dawn Buckle MEd, is Chair of the GA's Education and Training Commission. She serves on two of its panels, the Joined Up Education Panel and the Groups Working Well Panel. Dawn has held many Unitarian posts locally, regionally and nationally. She served on the Executive Committee (2006-2009). She is an occasional tutor in Speech and Communication at Unitarian College, Manchester and is currently President of the college. She describes herself as an educationalist, having been a teacher, lecturer and schools' inspector. Dawn has taught all age groups but latterly has specialised in facilitating adult groups.

Margaret Robinson BEd, is a member of the GA's Education and Training Commission and Convenor of the Religious Education Coordinators Panel. Margaret has attended Stockton Unitarian Church since she was 16, where she attends regularly, takes occasional services, is church secretary, an Engagement group co-facilitator, plays piano/organ for services and is the NUA District REC. Margaret is a Further Education lecturer teaching a range of age groups. She was a leader at both YUC (Young Unitarian Conference) week and Senior weekends for over 10 years. She has four grown up married children and six grandchildren.

Liz Hills lives and works in London. She is a primary teacher with many years experience including over 10 years as a Headteacher. She is currently Executive Head of a 2 primary school Federation in Inner London and has lots of experience in developing and leading staff training in a whole variety of subjects.

Liz is a member of Lewisham Unitarian Meeting where she is organist and also treasurer. She plays in many of the churches in the London District and also at district events. She is the REC for the LDPA and a member of the LDPA council. In conjunction with John Harley she founded the BLAH children's programme – something which has now developed into 'Unikids' and 'Uniteenz' and co-leads fun days and weekends for Unikids. Liz is married to a Unitarian minister and they have a teenage daughter.

Jean Mason is a member of the GA Education & Training Commission and the Religious Education Coordinators Panel. Jean has been the District REC for the Sheffield District since District RECs were formed by Trevor Jones. Jean was one of the first cohorts to visit Star Island in America for the UUA RE week, and has returned most years for this RE training. Jean helped to start RE Summer School at Hucklow, (renamed Hucklow Summer School) where she was Dean for a number of years. She was instrumental, with a small working group, in bringing together RE activists from the UUA and the UK at the Elizabeth Tarbox International Religious Education Conference at Hucklow in spring 2008. Jean is married, the mother of two and has three grandchildren. Jean is a member of Fulwood Unitarian Church, Sheffield .

REvolution

1st weekend 8th—10th October 2010

1st Saturday 8th January 2011

2nd Saturday 12th March 2011

3rd Saturday 14h May 2011

4th Saturday 16th July 2011

2nd & Final weekend 7th-9th October 2011

Unfortunately child care facilities will NOT be available on any of these dates.

REvolution will explore the following:

Ground rules Check-in
Building safe learning environments
Context and structure of the Unitarian movement
Communication skills
Safeguarding CRB checks
Group work skills Group dynamics
Health & Safety Risk Assessment
Listening Questioning
Leadership skills
Coaching and Peer Assessment
Learning Styles Every Child Matters
Special Educational Needs
Differentiation Disability Discrimination Act
Evaluation
Structure of sessions and planning
Networking
Finance
Resources
Singing and other music
Story telling
Behaviour management
Conflict resolution
Peer mediation
Solution focused coaching
Building worship and ritual skills
Intergenerational skills