



Our mission is to promote Humanism, develop the Humanist community in Dorset, provide a forum for rational public debate, and promote public understanding of science. We support good causes locally and globally, challenge religious privilege, promote inclusion and diversity whilst engaging constructively with the local community.

Our vision is a society based on shared human values of integrity, trust, fairness and caring. A society in which everyone enjoys freedom of belief and speech, and the freedom to determine their own path through life drawing on the best sources of human wisdom and understanding.

Aim 1: Promote awareness and understanding of Humanism

1. Provide a stimulating group for local people who are not religious
2. Maintain a lively programme of talks, debates and social events
3. Provide opportunities for people to learn about Humanism, atheism and agnosticism
4. Provide links to trained celebrants to conduct non-religious funerals and other secular ceremonies
5. Train members to be knowledgeable about Humanism with a view to providing speakers for local groups and schools
6. Increase membership of our group
7. Maintain an online presence through our website, Facebook, Twitter, Meet-Up and Google+ groups
8. Maintain a presence at local community events and festivals

Aim 2: Help make the world a better place

1. Promote public understanding of non-religious ethics and values
2. Offer talks on topics of ethical and environmental interest
3. Offer talks and debates on topics of political and democratic interest
4. Raise money for good causes at home and abroad
5. Offer friendship and support to a Humanist mission and elementary school in India
6. Promote scientific, evidence-based knowledge about human fulfilment and wellbeing
7. Campaign for a humane approach on legal issues such as assisted dying
8. Promote the Earth Charter for the benefit of present and future generations



We strive to embody our values by:

1. Engaging in debate rationally, intelligently and with attention to evidence
2. Recognising the dignity of individuals and treating them with fairness and respect
3. Respecting and promoting freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law
4. Being cooperative, working with others of different beliefs for the common good
5. Celebrating human achievement, progress and potential

Aim 3: Promote a secular society

1. Provide a forum to apply critical and philosophical thinking to religious and other faith-based belief systems
2. Attend and arrange interfaith/inter-belief events to debate and discuss differences as well as common ground
3. Challenge any local proposals to further expand the faith schools sector
4. Provide representation on local SACREs to promote Humanism in local RE syllabuses
5. Provide Humanist representation at local Remembrance Day services
6. Encourage members to write to MPs and the press, for example when issues are highlighted by the BHA
7. Provide representation on local democratic and equality forums to have a voice and to monitor expansion of faith sector into public service provision