

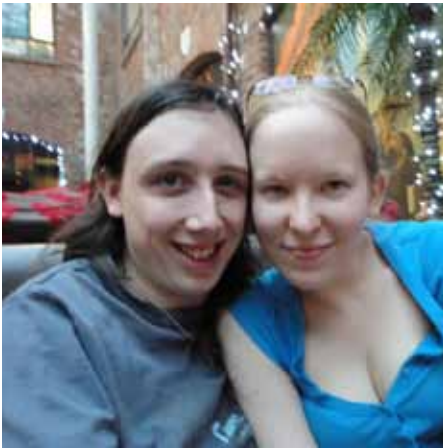


# Engage

Newsletter of the Chris Worfolk Foundation

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## Editorial



It's excessively warm in Leeds at the moment. Annoying, but at least it keeps us warm when we're out with HAG! Unfortunately, that is cold comfort for what we sometimes find, as I discuss on the next page.

This quarter's issue has a mixture of helping people and partying – the two most important parts of any Humanists life, surely? As such, I hope to meet many of you in London at the BHA reception next week!

Chris Worfolk

## HAG Guides



In April, we launched the first two guides from the Humanist Action Group. HAG has been doing great work in Leeds for a number of years now with their homeless outreach, community clean-ups and blood drives.

To allow people to run a HAG elsewhere in the country, we are now developing guides explaining how to do it. These have been in development for several months now, so we're very excited to finally be making them available.

The first two guides to be published

were the organisers guide, that explains overall group management and coordination, as well as some paperwork issues, and the homeless guide, which explains how to run a simple homeless outreach programme.

These activities are designed to have as low entry barriers as possible, so it really is easy to go out there and make a difference. Of course, if you need any further guidance, we are also here to answer your questions as well! So why not have a read and see where you go from there?

## Partnership with Dailymotion



In June, we announced a partnership with internet video site Dailymotion. Over the past twelve months we have been recording and archiving a great range of the educational lectures and events we and other local groups have staged and are now in a position to make this content available to the world.

All of our recordings have been done in full 1080 HD so will be perfect quality for using as screenings at your local

group. For people who need to be able to download or order a hardcopy of the lectures, we will also making these options available shortly too.

We will also be looking to expand the range of talks and events we are covering in future, speaking to other local community groups about recording their events and making them available too.

## Upcoming Events

On Saturday 23 July, there is a Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge taking place in aid of the Chris Worfolk Foundation. If you feel you're up for the 39km walk (or, if not, you can also do just one of the peaks), then sign up on our Virgin Money Giving page.

Chris will be speaking at Nottingham Skeptics in the Pub on Tuesday 12 July, talking about The Singularity.

He will also be talking on the same topic to Sheffield Skeptics in the Pub on Monday 17 October.

### Humanist Community of Leeds

HCoL are now meeting at Stick or Twist in the city centre.

Sunday 3 June  
Sunday 7 August  
Sunday 11 September

### Leeds Skeptics

Stay tuned to [leedsskeptics.org](http://leedsskeptics.org) for latest venue information. Dr Jim Wild will be speaking in July.

Saturday 16 July  
Saturday 20 August  
Saturday 17 September

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## News in brief

In **April**, the Humanist Community of Leeds project, which was previously due to end, was given new life due to the amount of people asking for it to continue.

We are also down at an event organised by Community Development Foundation to meet other local charities and get some great advice on how to write better project briefs and accessing the resources we need.

Meanwhile, Chris was over at Hull & West Riding Humanists presenting a talk on Transhumanism. Apparently, it was in that same room that the English Civil War was started. Unfortunately, no such revolution this time!

In **May**, the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge was launched in aid of the Chris Worfolk Foundation. If you're up for the challenge, you can sign up on our Virgin Money Giving page.

In **June**, we announced we were supporting a new community group in the city – Leeds Transhumanists. If you're in the area and interested in Transhumanism, you can find the group on meetup.com.

Doris finished her internship for the foundation and we would like to thank her for her tireless work over the past few months doing a lot of the hard graft for many of the projects. We would also like to welcome our new intern, Ha.

## Secular Ball 2011



from across West Yorkshire come together for a fantastic evening.

The venue for the evening was the Brook Merrion Hotel who provided guests with a friendly service and food beyond our expectations. Big thank you to them for their hospitality. We would also like to say a big thank you to Leo Dragon who provided live magic throughout the evening.

In May, we staged the fourth annual Secular Ball. Previously known as the End of Year Ball run by Leeds Atheist Society, it is an evening where groups

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came over to Leeds to make the event a success. Communication between local freethinking groups is always a positive.

## Volunteering with HAG



assaulted by a group of young men. Unfortunately they got away, but luckily there was a witness.

He was clearly an intelligent guy, and as we walked him to the hospital, we discussed quantum physics and computer science! It makes you wonder who would do such a thing?

It also reminds me how important it is to get out there and make a difference. As such, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has been involved with HAG over the years for the amazing work you all do.

HAG isn't always a rewarding experience, as Chris explains...

Last week, we were out as part of our homeless outreach when we came across someone who had just been