

Please complete the following statements:



Why I want to do this training _____

What I hope to achieve _____

What is my motivation _____

Signed _____ Date _____

General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
Local Leadership Strategy Group



L E A P



Leading, Enabling & Affirming People

The LEAP course will develop and deepen your **leadership skills** in **facilitating groups** and **creating worship** for all ages in the Unitarian community.

Two Residential weekends

1st to 3rd September 2017

1st to 3rd June 2018

at The Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Have you ever needed leadership skills?

Have you ever been called upon to lead?

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to be a leader?

Would you like to be able to put leadership skills on your CV?

Then LEAP is the course for you.

After the success of REvolution, a course to train RE leaders, the LLSG (Local Leadership Strategy Group) has developed LEAP, a brand new program that prepares leaders of all groups in Unitarian contexts.



Participants must commit to attending both residential weekends, carry out all activities and complete assignments and reflections to receive a LEAP Certificate.

The LEAP Course will consist of two residential weekends which will be held at The Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow in Derbyshire, **1st to 3rd September 2017** and **1st to 3rd June 2018**. The four assignments will be done in your own time with tutor support and feedback. Places will be limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. A draft programme, information and a participant list will be forwarded to you before the first weekend.



LEAP Registration Form



Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone number _____

e-mail address _____

Your Congregation or Fellowship _____

Name and address of one referee from your Unitarian community:

Please return this form to: Margaret Robinson 3 Castle Dyke Wynd, Minerva Mews, Yarm, TS15 9DE (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 June 2017.**
e-mail: unitarianllsg@gmail.com





LEAP Course

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 £122, inclusive of meals (Friday buffet supper, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday and Saturday evening meal). Cost for the second weekend will be £124. Supplements to be added, if necessary, for en-suite rooms or single occupancy, during the weekends at Hucklow. **Single Occupancy of a Twin Room** - £5.00 per person/per night. **En-Suite Supplement** - £5.00 per person/per night

Accommodation is in single, twin and triple rooms. Some rooms have en-suite facilities (for which a supplement is charged). Those choosing to use a twin room singly need to pay a supplement. There are facilities 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 £250 (excluding travel). A booking form for the Nightingale Centre will be sent to you on acceptance on the LEAP Course.

Please complete the Registration Form and Statements and return to Margaret Robinson by **30th June 2017**.



Trainers for LEAP: Rev John Harley & Liz Hills Administration: Margaret Robinson



Rev John Harley: John is a Unitarian minister and is currently the Youth Coordinator for the General Assembly. He works with a team of youth leaders to run the Unitarian National Youth Programme and supports congregations in developing children's RE. He has recently completed training in Dramatherapy. He enjoys leading retreats and has a special interest in exploring creativity and rituals in group settings. He lives in Dorset..

Liz Hills: Liz lives and works in London. She is a primary teacher with many years experience including over 16 years as a Head teacher 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. She plays in many of the churches in the London District and also at district events. In conjunction with John Harley she founded the BLAH children's programme – something which has now developed into 'Unikids' and co-leads fun days and weekends for Unikids. Liz is married to a Unitarian minister and they have one daughter.

Margaret Robinson BEd: Margaret is a member of the GA Local Leadership Strategy Group, coordinator for the Unitarian Chalice Award Scheme, a District Religious Education Coordinator. She has attended Stockton Unitarian Church since she was 16, where she attends regularly, takes occasional services, is church secretary and plays piano/organ for services. Following the first REvolution course she started a Children's group at her own church. She is a Further Education lecturer teaching Maths and English to a range of age groups and abilities. She was a leader at both YUC (Young Unitarian Conference) week and Senior weekends for over 10 years. She has completed both the Worship Studies Foundation Step and Rites of Passage Courses. She has four grown up married children and six grandchildren.

LEAP 2017-2018

1st weekend 1st-3rd September 2017

2nd & final weekend 1st-3rd June 2018

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

Please book by 30th July 2017.



Some topics **LEAP** will explore



Identifying a goal

Developing ideas into reality

Recognizing and using different leadership styles

Communication skills

Listening & questioning

Coaching & peer assessment

Understanding group dynamics

Structure & planning

Conflict resolution

Safeguarding & risk assessment

Building worship & ritual skills

Storytelling & music

Resources, including published material



The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches are committed to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.



“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” John Q Adams

This is what **REvolution** graduates said about the **REvolution** course:

“..... The assignments were useful and led into my work over the year.”

“..... fabulous tutoring, relaxed, knowledgeable, friendly, approachable, supportive trainers.”

“..... the personal development content was very helpful and not something that I had covered in other forums or courses.”

“..... the content was comprehensive.”

“..... really helpful and able to use (practical), great support network, wide content over the course.”

“..... has been a fantastic mix of inspiring ideas. I have grown in confidence as a leader.”

“..... has given me the confidence, knowledge and tools to run and sustain a vibrant children’s group.”

“..... certainly gave me the impetus to set up a new children’s group. I needed this course to give me confidence to become a spiritual leader for children and would recommend it to any church wishing to develop outreach to children and young people.”

