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The European Humanist Professionals (EHP) have organised, for all delegates to the World Congress, a full day devoted to humanist services.

Thursday
03 August 2023
09:00-16:00.

This practical and hands-on day will consist of the sharing of best practice from European Humanist Professionals working in the fields of education, ceremonies and chaplaincy and will allow delegates to experience and explore humanist services in action.

Kulturhuset Union,
Nørre Allé 7,
Copenhagen

TIME	SESSION A	SESSION B
9:00-10:30	THE BEUTELSBACH CONSENSUS: Value Formation and Humanistic Education <i>- The Berlin Experience</i>	SECULAR NAMING CEREMONIES <i>- The Icelandic Experience</i>
11:00-12:30	HUMANISTIC EXISTENTIAL CARE: An Introduction <i>- The Flemish Experience</i>	HUMANIST WEDDING CEREMONIES <i>- The Scottish Experience</i>
13:00-14:30	DIALOGUE WITH RELIGIOUS PEOPLE <i>-The UK Experience</i>	PERSONAL STORYTELLING <i>-The UK Experience</i>
15:00-16:30	HUMANISM IN REAL TIME <i>-The Norwegian Experience</i>	EXPRESSING HUMANIST VALUES <i>- The Flemish Experience</i>

THE BEUTELSBACH CONSENSUS: Value Formation and Humanistic Education

| *The Berlin Experience*

Matthias Krahe

Head of Department Education
// HVD Berlin Brandenburg

Iris von Lentzke

Education Officer

9:00-10:30

We invite European educators and humanists to our workshop focusing on the Beutelsbach Consensus and its influence in value-forming pedagogy.

The Beutelsbach Consensus, a fundamental doctrine for political education in Germany, advocates open discussion, impartiality, and participant involvement. Our workshop will cover an introduction to Humanistic Life Knowledge Education in Berlin, the key principles of the Beutelsbach Consensus, and its practical application through group activities. Participants will have the chance to share insights in a supportive environment, furthering their understanding of the consensus.

Join us to discuss the promotion of humanistic values in education and network with peers.

Matthias Krahe studied Education, Judaism and Theology, was responsible for various educational projects like career orientation in schools or socioeconomic and sustainable education, before becoming Head of Department for Education at HVD.

Iris van Lentzke was teacher for Humanist Life Knowledge Education for many years and is responsible for the mentoring program for students becoming teachers for Humanist Life Knowledge Education, today.



SECULAR NAMING CEREMONIES

| *The Icelandic Experience*

Kristrún Ýr Einarsdóttir
Bæring Jón Breiðfjörð Guðmundsson
Humanist Celebrants



9:00-10:30

What is in a name?

In this session participants will learn everything there is to know about secular naming ceremonies in Iceland. The session will be both practical and interactive.

Bæring Jón Breiðfjörð is a elementary school teacher, father of three and a celebrant for Icelandic Humanist.

Kristrún Ýr is a counselor at a youth rehabilitation center, mother of one and a celebrant for Icelandic Humanist.



HUMANISTIC EXISTENTIAL CARE: An Introduction | *The Flemish Experience*

Winnie Belpaeme
Humanist Counselor



11:00-12:30

Humanist moral counselling is existential care from a freethinking, humanistic point of view.

People are welcome in one of our 35 huizenvandeMens - regardless of their religious or philosophical views – to talk about the questions of life that concern them.

Winnie Belpaeme

- Bachelor Moral Sciences
- Master in Moral Guidance (University in Ghent).
- Since 1994 working as humanist counselor for deMens.nu with focus on humanistic spiritual care, humanistic ceremonies and interfaith collaborations



HUMANIST WEDDING CEREMONIES

| *The Scottish Experience*

Neil Anderson

Humanist Society Scotland Registered Celebrant and president of EHP



11:00-12:30

Scottish Humanist Celebrants now conduct 3 times more legal weddings than the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Catholic Church combined. This presentation and Q and A will lead delegates along the journey to this pinnacle of success and offer strategies and tactics to help delegates build capacity in wedding ceremonies in their home countries.

Neil Anderson has been a registered Celebrant with Humanist Society Scotland for over 10 years and has conducted weddings and funerals the length and breadth of Scotland. He is also Chair of the Board of the European Humanist Professionals.



DIALOGUE WITH RELIGIOUS PEOPLE | *The UK Experience*

Jeremy Rodell

Dialogue Officer // Humanists UK



13:00-14:30

What is "dialogue"?
And what is it not?

Where and how can it happen, and where are the boundaries? Basic dialogue skills - and an exercise.

Jeremy Rodell is (volunteer) Dialogue Officer of Humanists UK, Chair of South West London Humanists, a school speaker for Humanists UK, a writer on humanist-related topics, and a former Humanists UK trustee. He is also Vice Chair of his local "Inter Faith Forum" and the humanist representative on a local Council "Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education". He takes a particular interest in the development of the religion and belief landscape in the UK and more widely.



PERSONAL STORYTELLING

| *The UK Experience*

Lindsay de Wal

Head of chaplaincy NHS Hospital //
NRPSN Manager Humanists UK



13:00-14:30

Welcome to the transformative world of Personal Storytelling! Join us for an exhilarating workshop that delves into the psychology of human development, empowering you to shape your personal narrative and discover your roles in the grand tapestry of life. Through engaging exercises and thought-provoking discussions, you'll unlock the power of your own story, gain self-awareness, and learn to craft a remarkable narrative that resonates with authenticity and purpose.

Unearth the hidden treasures of your past, unleash your creative powers, and leave with a profound sense of empowerment to shape your own destiny and inspire others with the magic of your story.

Join us for the Personal Storytelling workshop and embark on a journey of self-discovery and transformation like never before.

Lindsay de Wal, a trained humanist counsellor and pastoral carer, brings a wealth of experience and accreditation in the field. Notably, she made headlines as the first UK-based appointed head of chaplaincy as a humanist. Currently serving as the head of chaplaincy at an NHS Trust and manager of the Non-Religious Pastoral Support Network (NRPSN), Lindsay's expertise extends to training, supervision, and her ongoing PhD studies on humanists in faith-based healthcare chaplaincy teams.

Join her session for insights on the use of storytelling in providing pastoral support. Connect with Lindsay on Twitter at [@lindsayvandijk](https://twitter.com/lindsayvandijk).



EXPRESSING HUMANIST VALUES

| *The Flemish Experience*

Martine Konings

Former inspector of lifestance courses
Flanders



15:00-16:30

Methodologies for shaping humanist expression in your fields of work. How can you use art (quotes, images, word spider/mind map, music...) to promote humanistic values in your field of work: education, chaplaincy, ceremonies?

Use humanistic values in your work in various creative ways and approach them in this way to give people opportunities to express themselves and to guide or stimulate them from a different mindset.

Martine Konings:

- Studies Bachelor of Primary Education
- Philosophical Education
- Co-founder of pedagogical magazine *Samenspel*.
- Author of several educational publications.
- Participated in curricula of non-confessional ethics
- Organizer of confirmations in Flanders for many years.
- Advisor and Guidance teachers
- Non-confessional ethics
- Retired since 2019



HUMANISM IN REAL TIME

| *The Norwegian Experience*

Tale Pleym

Senior Ceremony Advisor at HEF



15:00-16:30

How do we show humanist values? How do we behave as humanists? This workshop shows different playful and thoughtful examples of humanism as a theme in a confirmation group.

Tale Pleym is a senior ceremony advisor at the Norwegian Humanist organisation.

Board member of European Humanist Professionals (EHP).

Work with humanist naming, confirmation, wedding and funeral.

