

Last chance to buy tickets for Secularism 2016 conference

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Our conference – 'Secularism 2016: Living better together' – is fast approaching, and it's your last chance to buy tickets for the day and for the evening gala dinner.

We'll be joined by panels of fascinating guest speakers, with discussions on education, human rights, and Islam and social cohesion.

Our keynote speaker is Jacques Berlinerblau, who wrote the internationally acclaimed *How To Be Secular* – a passionate defence of the virtues of secularism. We look forward to hearing his keynote speech.

We'll be joined too by Turkish parliamentarian Safak Pavey, who will be speaking on secularism and the promotion of human rights, alongside Tehmina Kazi, formerly of British Muslims for Secular Democracy, and our executive director Keith Porteous Wood.

We're delighted to be joined again by Paul Rowe, the chief executive of Educate Together – the education charity which we named 'Secularist of the Year 2016' for their work modelling inclusive schools. He'll be joined on our education panel by our campaigns director Stephen Evans, to discuss faith schools, the place of religion in schools and how to build an education system fairer to children, parents and teachers.

Our final panel is on Islam and social cohesion, where the writer and journalist Douglas Murray will be speaking alongside Maajid Nawaz, the founder of counter-extremism think tank Quilliam, and Raheel Raza, the Canadian Muslim author of *Their Jihad – Not My Jihad*.

As the conference marks the 150th anniversary of the NSS, historian Deborah Lavin will be speaking on the fascinating history of our founder Charles Bradlaugh, the MP who was barred from taking his seat in parliament on account of his atheism.

After the conference our gala dinner will be an opportunity to hear from former presidents and honorary associates and for guests and speakers to talk and relax with other members, supporters, and NSS staff and directors.

Tickets for both the conference and gala dinner are still available, so get yours today before they sell out.

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