

What Our Members Say

Having moved to the UK from America I found it difficult to get my daughter pulled out of compulsory worship in her school. The NSS helped me every step of the way and was supportive and knowledgeable. Thank you.

Heather, Preston

Religion has had far too much privilege, power and protection for far too long. Humanity needs to evolve and the continued inclusion of superstitious beliefs in the affairs of state is not helping that process.

Alex, Southsea

The NSS has a broad and balanced agenda, delivered with courtesy, integrity and fortitude, I subscribe to with enthusiasm. The removal of religious privileges from all aspects of our lives has become very important to me. I am delighted to be a member.

John, Norfolk

The redacting of exam questions and the scandal of gender separation at British Universities convinced me to join the NSS, standing up for rationalism, and civilised behaviour, unafraid to stick its head above the parapet and expose hypocrites, religious zealots and apologists

Jonathan

On many secular issues, atheists and many theists have common interests. By working together on these issues, voices will be louder. While I am no longer religious, I absolutely support people's right to religious freedom.

Tim, Cheltenham

It's all very well suggesting Islamic faith schools are potentially damaging children, but the only way to solve this problem is to leave all religion out of education and legislation. I'm not anti-religion, but I am against giving any religion a free ride.

Tom, Leeds

'I am a realist rather than an idealist. That in the 21st century supernatural beliefs still have a significant influence in matters of state is 'unreal'. The valuable work of the NSS must be supported.'

Fi, Hampshire

My motivations for joining include faith schools, bishops in the House of Lords, religious intolerance towards women and minorities, any situation where the pious are given more respect or airtime than others, and people holding discriminatory views on religious grounds remaining influential.

Paul, Huddersfield

"Thank you for all of your help. I had never heard of your organisation before, I bet there are many many families feeling like this with no idea how to broach it with the schools or where they stand legally. You do a great job in empowering people to have the confidence and knowledge to stand up for their beliefs."

A Parent, whose school is pushing an increasing religious ethos

Religious minorities, atheists and apostates are routinely treated appallingly in theocratic countries. Every human should be free to express their own thoughts, beliefs and religious choices, provided they do not impinge on other people's rights.

Tim, Gloucestershire

"Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis I have been thinking about my legacy and end of life issues. Assisted suicide is currently illegal in the UK, a policy which suffers from strong religious lobbying. Legislating against the wishes of a mentally competent person seems barbaric."

Alison, Aberdeen

The treatment of religious minorities, atheists and apostates in theocratic countries is sickening. Everyone should have the right to their own beliefs and religious choices, provided that they do not impinge on other people's rights.

Tim, Gloucestershire

I joined the NSS because I believe in religious freedom and freedom from religion. I want Britain to be a forward-thinking, fair and rational place to live for everyone and for future generations.

Richard, Southampton

I am angry about faith schools, free schools, and ridiculous 'faith' based views pervading education, including Sex Education.

Niki, London

The General Principles of the NSS very accurately represent my outlook. Religious beliefs are valid and appropriate when held and practised privately, but if you use your beliefs to justify your actions, you must be prepared to justify your beliefs.

Anon

I joined the NSS because I sense that those who promote religious observance are becoming more strident, and I believe we need a stronger voice in opposition.

James, Guildford

I discovered the NSS while studying Politics at school, researching pressure groups. I was particularly interested in secularism, always held similar beliefs, and decided to join to promote the cause of religious freedom and equality.

Edward, Wiltshire

The NSS is Britain's front line defence against the vested interests of organised religion that damage our public institutions, not least in education and local government.

Clive, Bideford

As a retired head of a comprehensive school, I am very concerned at the growth of so-called 'faith schools'. I very strongly believe they are dangerous, divisive and a threat to our open society.

Andrew, London

Unacceptable- 26 bishops are able to influence legislation which will directly affect me - for no

other reason than they are connected to the established church.

Matt, Ipswich

I feel proud my membership money will go towards future successes in the fight for a fair and secular future for all.

Luke

We cannot, and should not, protect our country's children from being brought up by ultra-conservative religious parents but we can, and should, ensure that they go to a school where they learn about other religions, about humanism, about living without religion and are given the confidence that people of all faiths and none are treated equally under the law.

Susan, Devon

I chose a non-denominational school for my son and yet he still has to take part in daily collective worship. A theatre group called "Open the Book" entertain his class once a week with Bible stories, in addition to an RE class. Religion should be taken out of schools altogether and more time spent on aspects of the curriculum relevant to adult life. Excluding him would however make him the odd-one-out.

Nicolle, London

I was delighted Ofqual had investigated the inexcusable redacting of exam questions, had ruled in favour of children's education, and the key role the NSS played in this outcome.

Luke

I was spurred on to join the NSS by the torrent of attacks on secularism by Baroness Warsi amongst many others, and by the Pope's poisonous and mendacious claim that Nazi Germany was the result of atheism.

Michael, Scottish Borders

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