

What Our Members Say

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

Luke

Children can be segregated and discriminated against according to their parents' religion when it comes to school admissions. This worries me immensely. I am not looking forward to letting my children be taught superstition and myths as truth or separating them from their friends. The NSS is all we have to take on the might of these tax-exempt organisations given free access to our children by the state.

Martin, Darlington

I feel secularism is a cause for which I can be politically and publicly active. Ultimately it's about removing the archaic rights given to religions to infringe my liberty.

Nicklas, Haywards Heath

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

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 think all groups, religious, atheistic or agnostic, have enough common ground to be able to live together in harmony under secular systems of governance, law, welfare, education, etc.

Paula, Coalville

"I believe in people's freedom to practise whatever religion they wish, provided it never interferes with the legal system and policy making, in vital services such as education, health. I support any action challenging religious organisations' campaigns to manipulate laws and services. I hope that my membership is enough to make a valid contribution to this important cause."

Amber

The highly divisive policy of "faith" schools supported by the majority of politicians from both the coalition and the Labour Party motivated me to join the NSS. We need a secular education system.

John, Tyne & Wear

The privilege provided to religion within our society is intolerable. Secularism is being cynically attacked to preserve the status quo, and withdrawing religious privilege regarded as persecution. My local MP defends religious schools as he feels he has the right to send his children to a school with a Christian ethos – some local parents cannot find a non-religious school and have to fight for their children's rights. The NSS is effectively working to address these inequalities.

Dalis, Bucks

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

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

"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 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 to show that being an NSS member is compatible with being a Muslim. I think the NSS would benefit from having more members of faith. At present, just as many believers fail to understand what secularism means, many who do not practice a religious faith fail to understand the provisions that a just society needs to make for people who do.

Mohammed Amin MBE, Manchester

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

Cameron's recent speech on religion made me put my money where my mouth is and join the NSS. I'm against any religious privilege but as a father of 2 young children the issue that infuriates me most is the discrimination in the admission criteria of faith schools and the obvious lack of equality that the government fails to accept.

Bryn, Berkshire

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

When selecting a school for my kid, I checked it wasn't focused towards just Christianity. I have no issues with schools teaching about religions and beliefs equally, but don't want my young and impressionable children to be exposed to evangelical practices.

Peter, Leeds

"As a retired head teacher, I have always been concerned by the requirement of schools to provide a daily act of collective worship. I read about the NSS campaign to abolish this requirement and decided to add my voice."

Ray, Tyne & Wear

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

Religious views should not be impressed upon others. We should not have religion involved in dictating law, meddling in politics and education.

Pauline, Banbury

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

We should not label our children as Christian, Muslim or any other religious group. So big NO to faith schools.

Asif, London

People should have the free will to practise whatever religion they wish. I support actions challenging religious organisations' campaigns to manipulate laws and services according to their own belief systems. I hope my membership makes a valid contribution to this important cause.

Amber

"The state should take no role whatsoever in promoting any particular faith in any sphere of public life. The NSS is one of the strongest and most effective groups working to raise public awareness, overcoming peoples' inertia and lack of information."

Stipo, London

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