



# Defence Humanists

A section of the British Humanist Association for non-religious people in the armed forces and MOD

## Who are we?

Defence Humanists are a section of the British Humanist Association representing the growing number of non-religious Service personnel and Defence civilians. It seeks to raise awareness of Humanism in Defence, to support those who identify with or aspire to Humanist ideals, and to work with the Ministry of Defence regarding the needs of humanist and non-religious personnel.



## What do we do?

The Defence Humanists' work at present is focused on raising awareness and understanding the needs of humanist and non-religious personnel in Defence, particularly in the areas of pastoral care and ceremonies such as Remembrance.

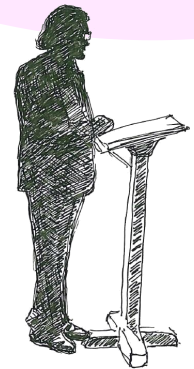
In April, Defence Humanists met at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre, at Ampert House in Hampshire for their AGM. Supported by the BHA, a number of sessions and workshops were held to explore the areas described above.

Defence Humanists' Patron and BHA Vice President AC Grayling generously gave his time to present a talk entitled 'Can a humanist make sense of war?' A video of this talk is now available on the BHA's YouTube channel.

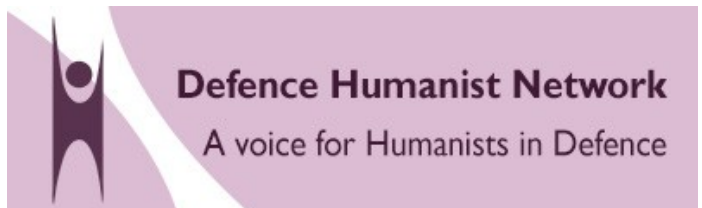
## How do we work?

Membership comes from all areas of Defence and Service life. The section is steered by an executive committee, which oversees a number of subcommittees. The subcommittees represent:

- Royal Navy
- Army
- Royal Air Force
- MOD Civil Servants
- Veterans
- Service Families
- Pastoral Support



A sketch of our Patron AC Grayling by Defence humanist Dr Sara Melly



Defence Humanists has a sister organisation in the **Defence Humanist Network**, a Defence Diversity and Inclusion Network, that provides a means to work with the MOD's support from within to get the best for Defence, and for Humanists and the non-religious Defence people.

## How can you find out more?

Online: [defencehumanists.org.uk](http://defencehumanists.org.uk)

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