

Our worldviews

Hi, My name is Jay. I work for an environmental charity. I decided to work for it because I saw an advert showing how humans are destroying the environment. It made me think that the world is the most precious thing we have. If we don't have the world, we will have nothing at all. So I decided to get a job that would help me to look after the environment.

When I was growing up, my parents always used to tell me to be kind and treat others with respect. I think they were right, so I always look after other people as much as I can.

I didn't have a religion when I was growing up, and I still don't. I don't know if God exists. I have talked to my parents and my friends about this and while some of them believe in God, others don't. My friend Claire is a Humanist. She says this is because she doesn't believe in God but tries to live a good, happy life and spends lots of time thinking about the best way to live. She told me lots about Humanism and I agree with Humanist ideas, so now I know that I am a Humanist too.

Take care, Jay

Hello,

I am Ella. When I was growing up, I spent a lot of time with my family. Sometimes we fought and argued because all families do that, but underneath it all we always cared so much for each other and made sure that everyone was looked after. Even now that I'm older, I still love spending time with my family and we all look out for each other.

As I am Jewish, I used to celebrate lots of Jewish festivals and learn about Judaism with my friends and family. I still enjoy doing this. When I was very little, my dad taught me that Jewish people believe there is one God, and I have always believed in God since then. I like to study more about God with other Jewish people in my community, including my rabbi. We can find out lots about God from the Torah, our holy book.

The older I get, the more important *tikkun olam* becomes to me. *Tikkun olam* is a Jewish idea. It means building a fair society through repairing the world ... and everywhere I look in our world things need repairing! I try to give money to charity and do acts of kindness so that the world can become a fair and happy place for everyone.

Bye for now, Ella

Hey,

I'm Rowan. Nice to meet you. The first thing that I would have to say is being kind to others is crucial to me. When I was at school, there were some kids in my class who were constantly unkind, and the teachers were always speaking about kindness to us. Me and my friends realised how much misery this unkindness was causing lots of us, so we chatted about it. I personally decided that the best thing to do was to be as kind as possible because I want to make other people and myself happy, not miserable.

I get to do lots of acts of kindness in my life as a Christian. My mum doesn't have a religion, but my dad is a Christian, so I spoke to them both lots about that when I was growing up. My dad always believed in God and says that God created the world. I know in my heart that he is right, so when I got a bit older I became a Christian like my dad.

For me, being a Christian means that I think about the environment a lot. The Bible teaches me that God created the world and wants humans to look after it, just like a gardener looks after a garden, or a caretaker looks after a building. It really upsets me to see what humans do to God's Earth, so I do everything I can to help the environment. You could say I'm a bit of an eco-warrior.

Look after yourselves, Rowan