

Progressive Atheists Inc.

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Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting | 26th April 2014

Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 24th May 2014, 12 pm – 4 pm for lunch and discussion at Clover & Rye Café: 410 Bridge Road, Richmond, VIC. All who support our purpose are welcome.

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/mission-purpose/>

Melbourne Atheist MeetUp Group – Event Calendar

Keep in touch with atheists around Melbourne via the Melbourne MeetUp:

<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/calendar/>

Progressive Atheists Inc. Members Email Exchange

The Progressive Atheists now have a members email exchange so that members can keep each other informed of events and matters of concern to progressive atheists.

If you are a member and are not currently on the exchange, please inform us asap and your email address will be added.

Advertising in our bulletin and on our website

If you would like to advertise in our Bulletin or on our Website please get in touch. Offering advertising can both assist to provide funding for the PA Inc. to pursue 'good deeds' on behalf of progressive atheists as well as promote business, products or services of interest to progressive atheists.

Email your interest to: contact@progressiveatheists.org

Progressive Atheists Inc 'Proudly Atheist' T-shirts & Badges

T-shirts ONLY \$15 for members!
Badges \$2.50 each ~ 2 designs / 3 colours
Order your t-shirt or badge on our website:
<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/products>
Sales Rep. Elida Radig: sales@progressiveatheists.org

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"Your participation is PA's future"



May 2014

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MEMBERSHIP

We need YOU!

Ask for a membership form at your local [MeetUp](#)

Or send us an email:

membership@progressiveatheists.org

CONTACT

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Twitter: twitter.com/ProgAtheistsInc

Progressive Atheists Headlines

Campaign: Combating Religious Persecution

The Progressive Atheists will spend the next few months focusing on combating religious persecution tackling areas such as laws overseas that target atheists, blasphemers, apostates and LGBTQI individuals. To start, the new laws in Saudi.

Rescind Saudi Laws Designating Atheists as "Terrorists"

Atheist Alliance International

Saudi Arabia has recently passed a set of laws which declare atheists to be terrorists, and accompanied with draconian punishments - even death - that put atheists in Saudi Arabia at great risk. Even innocent acts such as visiting an atheist website or communicating with any atheist organisation or individual is now a criminal offence.

These laws criminalise a large segment of the population for no reason other than they do not share the official religious beliefs of the Saudi government. This is a violation of human rights and international law. It also violates the Arab Charter for Human Rights, a human rights treaty to which Saudi Arabia is a signatory. Not only will these laws likely cause the unjust incarceration and likely abuse of tens of thousands of Saudi citizens, it will also contribute to an increase in Saudi atheists seeking asylum in other, more tolerant countries.

There are many self-declared atheists in Saudi Arabia, most of whom are young and well educated. Surveys such as the Win-Gallop poll identify that some 5% of Saudi Arabians consider themselves atheists and a further 19% consider themselves 'non-religious'. In a country of 30 million people, this law will affect more than 7 million Saudi citizens.

Saudi Arabia has been one of the strongest proponents of a UN anti-blasphemy resolution to ensure that religion - particularly Islam - is 'respected.' It has also recently been appointed to the UN Human Rights Council. If it is serious about expecting 'respect' for its favoured religious sect, it should be willing to extend equal respect and protection to those who hold different or no religious beliefs.

We urge the Saudi government to rescind these laws before innocent lives are destroyed and a refugee crisis erupts.

Sign Petition:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50973/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=10730

Event: Ageing Atheists - what are your plans? | La Notte | 29th September 2014

On Monday, 29th September the Progressive Atheists will be hosting a workshop considering options for ageing atheists. Issues of concern being aged care, home help services, palliative care, voluntary euthanasia and more.

Please join the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/719973601358911/>

Report: Easter Zombie Sunday | 20th April 2014



Matthew, a Centurion, Zombies, Mary Magdalene and Jesus made up the lively cast of our Easter Zombie Sunday Bible Re-enactment 2014 at Federation Square in Melbourne a couple of weeks ago.

Easter Zombie Sunday provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate the ridiculousness of heeding claims made by a book written hundreds of years before the advent of modern science. In this case the words of Matthew 27:50-53.

Event coordinator Elida Radig did a brilliant job of inspiring cast and crew to attend the day and make the event a success. We received lots of attention and gave out many flyers. The majority of observers were very curious and the event seemed to appeal most to the younger audience.

Sign up for 2015: <https://www.facebook.com/events/711831045542027/>

Project: Helping the Homeless & those At Risk

Atheists Helping the Homeless (AHH) is an atheist organisation that seeks to provide assistance to Melbourne's homeless population.

At the moment AHH is looking for expressions of interest from people who want to help take us forward. If you're one of those people then let us know here <http://goo.gl/cXyWw3>

Many atheists express interest in helping the homeless but are concerned about working with religious organisations, and the drive to help is often wasted as a result. Being an explicitly atheist organisation provides certainty that religion will not enter into our work and also provides a rallying point for the atheist community in a way that other secular organisations don't.

All of this comes with the side benefit of dispelling some of the negative attitudes towards atheists, and shows people that you really can be good without gods.

Like the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/melbahh>

Please register your interest: <http://goo.gl/cXyWw3>