

Progressive Atheists Inc.

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Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting | 28 March 2015

Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 28 March 2015, 12 pm – 4 pm for lunch and discussion at Clover & Rye Café: 410 Bridge Road, Richmond, VIC. All who support our purpose are welcome.

Progressive Atheists Purpose Statement:

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

Melbourne Atheists MeetUp Group | Event Calendar

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

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

Membership Term 2015 | 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

Progressive Atheists Membership is \$20 per annum / \$10 concession.

JOIN US | Purchase New Membership Online:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/membership/application/>

For other methods to renew and join please see our website:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/membership/>

Email our Membership Officer:

membership@progressiveatheists.org

OR ASK the person who gave you this bulletin

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/products-for-sale/>

Sales Rep. Elida Radig: sales@progressiveatheists.org

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"Your participation is PA's future"



March 2015

... we seek to go beyond divisive racial, religious, tribal, and sectarian constructs, and instead, contribute to a universal humanity.

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MEMBERSHIP

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***** ONLY \$20 Annually *****

Purchase Membership Online:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/product-category/membership/>

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Event: International Women's Day - Sunday, 8th March 2016

If you are in Victoria there will be the annual International Women's Day March starting at the state Library of Victoria.

Sunday, 8 March at 1 pm started at the State Library of Victoria
328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3000
<https://www.facebook.com/events/802864919778399/>

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights"
~ Gloria Steinem ~ See website: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Event: International Day to Defend Apostates & Blasphemers - 14 March

Countless individuals face threats, imprisonment, and execution because of their criticism of religion and religious authorities. Blasphemy and Apostasy laws as well as uncodified rules imposed by both state and non-state actors aim primarily to restrict thought and expression and limit the rights of Muslims, ex-Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Such rules exist in a number of countries including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Jordan, Morocco, Turkey, Yemen, Iraq and elsewhere.

We call on groups and individuals to take action on this day by organising a protest or vigil, setting up a table in a city centre, writing a letter, signing a petition, drawing a picture, taking a photo, making a video – anything at all – to highlight these medieval laws and rules, defend free expression and the women and men whose lives are at stake.

Event: Easter Zombie Sunday - 5th April 2015

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.

Please register your interest to participate with our event coordinator Elida Radig: zombie@progressiveatheists.org and see our website for more information.

Website: <http://progressiveatheists.org/events/calendar/easter-zombie-sunday/>

Campaign: Persecution of Atheists

There are atheists overseas who are awaiting execution just because they are atheists. Many more are in danger of being murdered while in prison. On 22nd February 2015, another atheist in Saudi Arabia was sentenced to be beheaded because he is an atheist. At the moment he is unidentified. Other Atheists awaiting execution include Soheil Arabi (Iran), Rouhollah Tavana (Iran) and Cheikh Ould Mohamed M'Kheitar (Mauritania).

Many more Atheists are in grave danger including Raif Badawi (Saudi Arabia), who is to be flogged 20 times with 50 lashes each time until he has been given a 1,000 lashes.



The Progressive Atheists' organisation and some of its members are actively involved in global campaigns to help and free the victims.

There is a lot more that we can do but we need your help.

Want to assist with this campaign? Email Progressive Atheists at campaigns@progressiveatheists.org

To make a donation for a banner to be used outside the Saudi Embassy, please donate on the Progressive Atheists website:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/products/donations/raif-badawi-campaign/>