

A Community for Peace & Justice

Individuals and groups working together to ensure a secure future for all

warmly invites you to a discussion:

Who is 'A Community for Peace & Justice' ?



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We are a group of individuals and organisations that seeks to build an informed community on issues of peace and social justice. We formed in mid-2013 to acknowledge we already live in a society with groups that support human rights. We aim to bring the different groups together so we can share and learn from each other, and form a community based on peace and justice.

We believe that people divided by racism cannot unite to defend jobs, services or income protection. We need to explain to people why racism, sexism and religious intolerance do not solve people's everyday problems. Building the community's resistance to racism will help ensure everyone can live with a safe and secure future. As part of our aims, we host public meetings, film screenings & discussions, and would love for you to come to them:

UPCOMING EVENT:

Discussion: **Charlie Hebdo and Denmark: their effect in Australia**

6.30pm-7.30 WEDNESDAY 4 March
Youth Centre at 15 Gelibolu Parade, Auburn

In January 2015, some staff at Charlie Hebdo magazine in France were killed. For weeks, Muslim people around the world were asked to apologise for the actions of 3 men.

In response to the unfair treatment, a rally 'Je suis Muslim' was held in Sydney on 23 January to explain that Muslims should not be blamed for something they did not do.

This raises important questions for us to **discuss**. It is **illegal in France to use hate speech** against a race or religion – so **why does Charlie Hebdo continue to produce** cartoons degrading to Muslims? One response to the Charlie Hebdo shooting has been to defend the 'right' to produce racist speech as '**freedom of expression**'. **Our discussion** will look at whether 'free speech' really exists in France and Australia. **Our discussion** will also look at how Muslims are being treated in French society because of the **hijab** and what is happening in Australia.

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