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# WELCOME PACK

Joining our international movement



**If you are reading this  
it means that you are  
interested in joining  
Humanists International**



There are different reasons why your organization should  
join **our international family**

We have listed these reasons on three levels, from the more  
abstract motivations to the practical benefits:

**Common vision**

**Community**

**Benefits**



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# COMMON VISION



**Humanists International**  
is the global  
representative body  
of the humanist  
movement





Among the international NGOs campaigning for universal human rights, Humanists International is unique as the **only global, democratic humanist body**

We campaign for the right to freedom of thought and expression, for non-discrimination whatever people's gender, sexuality, or beliefs, and speak out against harmful traditional practices

**No other organization  
does what **Humanists  
International** does**





We promote the humanist philosophy worldwide, as defined  
by the official statement of world humanism:  
**the Amsterdam Declaration**

Humanism is a democratic and ethical lifestance, which  
affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility  
to give meaning and shape to their own lives





Mubarak Bala, President of Humanist Association of Nigeria, in detention since 28 April 2020

We defend humanists at risk of persecution and violence, especially in those countries where apostasy is a crime **punishable with either prison or death**

We work directly with humanists facing verified threats to provide advice and improve their security, or in some cases to help them to relocate to a safer place



We advocate on behalf of the humanist movement, promoting humanist values at all major international bodies, **including the United Nations**

We have UN Special Consultative Status, observer status at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and General Consultative Status at the Council of Europe

**Humanists International**  
**can do this and much**  
**more only thanks to our**  
**Members and Associates**



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# COMMUNITY





**Humanists International**  
**unites a diversity**  
**of non-religious**  
**organizations and**  
**individuals worldwide**



As of September 2020, we have  
120 Members and Associates in 60 countries,  
**as shown on the map on our website**

We bring together organizations of all non-theistic  
traditions: humanist, rationalist, secular, ethical culture,  
skeptic, atheist, freethought, and others





We support our Members and Associates to learn from each other, take joint action and share knowledge and expertise,  
**in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation**

Being a Member or an Associate of Humanists International means you are part of the coordinated global movement of humanist organizations and individuals



We cooperate with our Member Organizations to monitor discrimination and persecution against non-religious people  
**in our Freedom of Thought Report**

As a Member or an Associate we will support you to submit your testimony, data and expert analysis on freedom of religion or belief violations in your country





Gulalai Ismail during an event of the End Blasphemy Laws campaign at the Scottish Parliament

We co-founded and we coordinate a global coalition  
for freedom of expression that works to  
**End Blasphemy Laws worldwide**

Since the coalition's launch in 2015, blasphemy laws have  
been repealed in Malta, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Canada,  
Alsace-Moselle (France), New Zealand, Ireland, Greece



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# BENEFITS



**Humanists International**  
**works for the growth**  
**and development of its**  
**Members and Associates**





Our Members and Associates are eligible to apply for different types of grants from our yearly **Growth and Development Plan**

In 2020 alone, we allocated a total of £102,000 to fund events and projects of our Members and Associates, and to organise training events for them





Socialising after a Café Humaniste in Guatemala City

Within our yearly funding scheme  
Members and Associates can also apply  
**the Café Humaniste grants**

Since 2017 we have organised more than 40 events  
across the globe, increasing the outreach of our Members  
and Associates in underrepresented regions





Our Members and Associates apply to host the annual General Assembly, bringing the world of humanism to  
**a different country each year**

Every year we award dozens of travel grants to help representatives of our Members and Associates to attend the General Assembly and other events around it



Member Organizations can nominate candidates for the Board of Humanists International - here is the list of **our Board members at the moment**

Member Organizations have the right to attend the General Assembly, to submit activity reports, and to present motions for democratic consideration by the General Assembly





We work with our Member Organizations to raise their concerns at all major international institutions, including **the United Nations in Geneva and New York**

Our Advocacy Team cooperates with our Members and Associates, providing strategic advice and coordinating joint statements on our shared policy concerns





**Do you want to  
join us?**

**Apply now!**



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