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**
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.
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 the support of our Members.
COMMUNITY
Humanists International unites a diversity of non-religious organizations and individuals worldwide.
As of February 2019, we have more than 170 Member Organizations in more than 75 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 Member Organizations to learn from each other, take joint action and share knowledge and expertise, in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation.

Being a Member Organization 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 Organization we will support you to submit your testimony, data and expert analysis on freedom of religion or belief violations in your country
We co-founded and we coordinate a global coalition for freedom of expression that works to **End Blasphemy Laws worldwide**

We can also help with policy, planning or media coordination for campaigns initiated by our Member Organizations all around the world.
BENEFITS
Humanists International works for the growth and development of its Member Organizations
Our Member Organizations are eligible to apply for grant funding from Humanists International, including the **Humanist Regional Hub Grants scheme**

From 2017 to 2019 we have awarded grants for a total of $25 500 to support the projects, events and campaigns of our Member Organizations worldwide.
As a Member Organization you will also have the possibility to apply for other reserved funding, including the Café Humaniste grants.

As of March 2019 we have organised 15 events in 9 countries, increasing the outreach of our Member Organizations in underrepresented regions.
Our Member Organizations apply to host the annual General Assembly, bringing the world of humanism to a different country each year.

Every year we award around $6 500 in travel grants to help representatives of our Member Organizations to attend the General Assembly and other humanist 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 Director of Advocacy cooperates with our Member Organizations, providing strategic advice and coordinating joint statements on our shared policy concerns.
Do you want to join us?

Apply now!
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