

# JOIN US

**Want to help?** Become a member of Atheist Ireland today. Help build an ethical secular Ireland. Attend members' meetings and our AGM. Join in topical discussions on our website and Facebook group.

**Want to be more active?** You can help us lobby politicians, research local and national news, and organise social events and visits by speakers in your community.

**Interested?** Email [info@atheist.ie](mailto:info@atheist.ie), and see if there is a group near you that will welcome you to a family-friendly Secular Sunday lunch to meet like-minded people.

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# WHAT YOU CAN DO

**Education:** Promote secular State schools that teach children freedom of thought, based on human rights, and without religious segregation or indoctrination.

**Healthcare:** Promote secular State hospitals based on compassion, human rights and the medical needs of patients, and not on religious ethics.

**Government:** Elect a Parliament that does not start each day with a Christian prayer, and remove from the Constitution religious oaths for President, judges and Taoiseach, and the crime of blasphemy.

**Human Rights:** Help to end all religious discrimination in Irish schools, healthcare, jobs, charities and voting, and make religions obey the same equality laws as everybody else.

# ATHEIST IRELAND



**How You  
Can Support  
Religious  
Equality**



## Who are we?

**Atheist Ireland** is an advocacy group for atheism, reason and ethical secularism. We have members in many parts of Ireland, and around the world.

**We are all volunteers.** We have no paid staff or State grants. We all dedicate our time free of charge to promoting our aims.

**You can join us.** We're very friendly! We meet regularly for local lunches, interesting talks, pub meet-ups and other social events. Interested? Email us at [info@atheist.ie](mailto:info@atheist.ie) today!

## What you can help us to do

**Activities:** We help atheist and minority faith families discriminated against in schools. We have achieved inclusive tendering for third level chaplaincies. We work to end religious discrimination in civil marriages, religious oaths for judges and Taoiseach, the 8th amendment, and the Irish blasphemy law which Islamic States highlight to buttress theirs.

**Methods:** We lobby national politicians and government, and international human rights bodies like the UN. We promote atheism, reason and ethical secularism through the media, talks, conferences, online newsletters, information tables, lunches and secular charities. We also respond to topical issues as they arise.

**Lobbying:** We have had the first ever meeting between an Irish Taoiseach and an atheist advocacy group, as members of the Government's dialogue process with religious and nonreligious groups. Our lobbying at the UN and other human rights bodies has helped to bring about key recommendations for Ireland to separate Church and State.

**Schools:** We run [teachdontpreach.ie](http://teachdontpreach.ie), Ireland's best secular schools resource. We promote our Schools Equality PACT, an acronym for Patronage, Access, Curriculum and Teaching. We have got the Oireachtas Education Committee to agree that multiple patronage and multiple ethos of schools can lead to segregation and inequality.

**Alliances:** We work with other ethical human rights groups, including Atheist Northern Ireland and Atheism UK. We work with the Evangelical Alliance of Ireland and the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Ireland, as three groups with different world-views who are united as victims of religious discrimination in the Irish education system.

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