



HUMANIST CANADA

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Greetings!

Will it ever get warm? I know it must though it sure is slow in coming. As someone who loves the heat and for whom summer is their favourite season, it cannot come soon enough.

There are lots of exciting things happening this month, including our inaugural webinar on June 30th, see below. World Humanism Day, June 21, 2019, is just days away, and this year Humanist International has launched the **Protect Humanists At Risk crowd-funding campaign** to coincide with the annual World Humanist Day.

The crowdfunding campaign is to support humanists facing prejudice or even threats to their life and liberty from their own families; humanists who want to speak out but fear reprisal; and those who have spoken out and now face death threats from extremists or prosecution as "blasphemers."

Enjoy this edition, and you will find your membership at the bottom of this email.

As always, thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and for being an integral part of growing humanism in Canada.



Warmest regards,
Martin Frith
President



World Humanist Day, Jun 21

June 21 usually marks the date of the June solstice around the world (summer solstice in the northern hemisphere and winter solstice in the southern).

The solstice event has echoes of ancient communal gatherings, as well as reflecting humanity's deepening scientific understanding of our world, and being an event that, by its nature, is shared globally at the same moment in the calendar.

This year, Humanists International, the worldwide membership body for humanist and secular groups, has launched the Protect Humanists At Risk crowd-funding campaign for 2019 to coincide with the annual World Humanist Day.

Chief Executive of Humanists International, Gary McLelland, comments:
"The appeal to Protect Humanists at Risk raises money for some of the most important

parts of our work. In particular it supports our work with individuals who get in touch with us almost every day needing advice or support, in some cases needing urgent security or help with relocation...I urge humanists wherever you are around the world to support this work if you can by donating and sharing the campaign for others to see."

DONATE NOW.

**Join us for our first Webinar
June 30, 2019**

Topic

**Conserving liberal democracy
in a time of threat.**



In light of an upcoming Federal Election, **Daryl Landau** the founder of Conserve Democracy will share his assessment of Canadian democracy and what risks exist as the federal campaign launches.

- What can Canadians do at a time when democracy seems under threat at home and around the world?
- How can we engage our political leaders and once another
- How can we ensure our voices will be heard?

Join us for an engaging presentation with opportunities for questions.



Daryl Landau
Executive Director of Conserve Democracy

Daryl is the founding Executive Director of Conserve Democracy (CD), a new non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote the institutions and norms that make a healthy constitutional democracy while confronting the threats. It takes non-partisan stands on the issues.

Daryl has always been interested in politics and holds a B.A. in politics, an M.A. in history, and an M.S. in conflict resolution. He has been a member of and voted for, every major party at some point. Before Conserve Democracy, his work was in mediation, human rights, and business governance.

Conserve democracy can be reached @ServeDemocracy on Twitter and Facebook, or contact info@conserve-democracy.ca or www.conserve-democracy.ca.

Register TODAY for the Webinar



Hail Satan

Mongrel Media, a Canadian independent film distribution company's film, [Hail Satan](#) opened on May 3 and is of potential interest to some members of the Humanist Canada community.

The film follows some of the members and leaders of the Satanic Temple. It shows the political work of the group for separation of church and state in the United States of America.



Male Stigma Research by Dr. Lloyd Hawkeye Robertson

Humanist Canada Vice-President, Dr. Robertson conducted research on male stigma. Not discrimination, the academic concept of male stigma differs from it. However, it could lead to it.

“Although the academic concept of stigma has been used to study conditions faced by various minority populations and women in society, it has not been previously applied to men.” Robertson stated.

Robertson’s research explores the stigmatic experiences of sixteen Canadian men highlighting how they are imputed to have certain characteristic which, when believed, renders them unfit for particular sorts of social interactions. He explores mechanisms whereby such stigmatic assumptions are maintained are explored.” [Read Online Article](#)



Membership Blog

Humanists International has launched a new Membership Blog featuring a round-up of members' news from the past month.

This month includes the story about a cathedral you probably didn't see, a visit of the UN Special Rapporteur, and a protest in solidarity with an alleged atheist in Saudi Arabia. [Check it out!](#)



Freedom of Thought Report

Humanists International’s *Freedom of Thought Report* remains the most comprehensive report in the world on free thought. [Read online](#) or [download the report](#).

The *Freedom of Thought Report* is published once per year and tells of “the untold millions of de facto humanists, atheists and otherwise religiously unaffiliated people living in countries where they face discrimination or outright persecution, both in society and at the hands of the state.”

Andrew Copson, President of Humanists International



Tell us what you'd like to see in the Newsletter.

To ensure the newsletter is relevant we invite your response to a few short questions. Having feedback from across the country is our goal. [Click here!](#)

Why membership in Humanist Canada is important!

We simply can't do it without you. We are entirely funded through memberships and donations. Your involvement is incredibly significant and goes a long way to support lasting change for a better society and a tolerant world where rational thinking and kindness prevail.

Your membership status/expiry date is on **currently not a member** (M/D/Y).
If it's time for you to renew, just click on your personal link below, confirm your information and make your payment today.

Click here: http://weblink.donorperfect.com/humanistcanada_join

If you have any questions about renewing, please contact the National Office at members@humanistcanada.ca or 1-877-486-2671.