



Email Notice Board of the Social Action Office

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*To see what is right, and not to do it,
is want of courage or of principle.*

-- Lisa Alther (www.lisaalther.com)

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National Close the Gap Day – 22 April

In 2007 the **Close the Gap campaign** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **health equality** drew massive support. People and organisations around Australia pledged support. This year you are asked to

- **organise a 15 minute event** in your home, school, workplace, church, community
- wear **black and white**
- make the pledge to **close the gap on Indigenous health** disadvantage
- send a **personalised e-card** to your local politician
- **register your event** online.



For more information and to send an e-card go to the [Oxfam website](#) for details.

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Experience Aboriginal Australia (in the heart of Brisbane)

ANTaR has organised an evening on **Friday 18 April**, 6.00-9.00pm at Musgrave Park Cultural Centre, Jagera Arts Building, 121 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane. There will be **traditional Corroboree** performed, an opportunity to learn Corroboree **song and dance**, meet and talk with **Indigen-ous community members** and enjoy a **bush tucker** BBQ. Entry fee: adults \$30, concession \$15. Bookings essential by 15 April. Phone ANTaR on (07) 3844 9800 or email office@antarqld.org.au.



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Stop Fueling Climate Change Campaign

Greenpeace has created a kit that can help you **raise grassroots awareness** in your community on this issue. [Click here](#) to **download the kit**.



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Eco-spirituality

Reading-Reflection Group: Tuesday 15 April, 5.30-7.00pm at Delamore, entry from Cremorne Road, Kedron (Brisbane). The topic for the next meeting is **Celtic Spirituality**. Please come and share some aspect of celtic spirituality which is significant for you. No cost.

Ecospirituality Excursion: Sunday 20 April, 9.00am-12 noon at **Bribie Island**. Visit various locations on the mainland and the island to experience the sacredness of this unique land. Cost \$20/\$15. [Click here](#) to download flyer. If you wish to attend please let [Earth Link](#) know by Monday 14 April.



Earth and the Sacred: Friday 25 April, 10.00am **to Sunday 27 April**, 12 noon at *Four Winds*. Come for a **reflective weekend** in the rural setting at Ocean View. Explore ways of encountering the Sacred in the web of life. Live-in option is preferable, and there are limited places available on site. Book in by 14 April using the [flyer/booking form](#). Costs range from \$120 to \$240.

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Believing Women for a Culture of Peace Event – *My dress, my image, my choice*

My dress, my image, my choice on **Friday 9 May** is a women only event showcasing a fashion parade, superb cuisine and the opportunity to meet amazing women who are passionate about **making a difference in today's world**. This is an invitation to be part of the change in creating a **more harmonious and respectful Australian society**. **My dress, my image, my choice** is an initiative of the Islamic Council of Victoria. **Bookings essential** – contact Alawiyyah on 0425 818 949. This event will be held in the Innes Room, Level 4, Union Complex, Building 21, University of Queensland, St Lucia, 6.30-10.00pm.



A repeat of the above event will be held on **Saturday 10 May** at the Greek Orthodox Parish & Community Centre, 269 Creek Road, Mt Gravatt, 6.30-10.00pm. Bookings essential – contact Alawiyyah on 0425 818 949.

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Working Against Trafficking in Persons

Join a group in Brisbane dedicated to working against trafficking in persons. The initial meeting will be held on **Saturday 26 April**, 2.00-4.00pm at Duhig Hall, Lourdes Hill College, 86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne. For further details contact **Sr Pauline Coll sgs** at pauline@brisnet.org.au or phone (07) 3395 6872 or 0417 498 880.

The Jammed film will be screened on **Thursday 15 May**, 7.00-9.30pm at Duhig Hall, Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne. This will include the **screening**, some **conversation** about the movie and a **cuppa**. Entry by



gold coin donation. RSVP to Pauline Coll as above.

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Date Claimer: Journey of Healing Dinner in Brisbane

The University of Queensland's **Indigenous Studies Unit** and Student Collective and UQ Union are **hosting a dinner on Friday 30 May for Sorry Day** (26 May). Cost \$40/\$20 students. Tables of 10 available. For bookings contact Colleen/Sue on (07) 3365 6714 or (07) 3365 6699. For payment options contact Debbie, UQ Union on (07) 3377 2249.



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Date Claimer: Pace E Bene Australia Gathering 2008

The Pace E Bene Australia Gathering 2008 with the theme **Engaging Nonviolence – Deep Listening to the Spirit** will be held in **Adelaide** from **Thursday 6 November to Sunday 9 November**. For details contact Carole Powell, National Committee Member, [Pace e Bene Australia](#) on (07) 5498 5247 or peacedove@bigpond.com.



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