

European Network on Religion & Belief

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17-18 June 2014

Centre Espaces, Avenue de la Renaissance, 40, Brussels, B-1000 Belgium

Spaces are limited. Please register online <u>https://enorb2014.eventbrite.co.uk</u>

Agenda

DAY ONE

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch and networking

13.00 Formal Agenda (Chair: Alan Murray)

Annual Report on past year's activities – President.
Financial Report & budget for next year – Treasurer.
Confirmation of Officers elected for three years (from Date of Registration – May 31, 2012):
President - Alan Murray, Vice President - Yolande Iliano, Secretary – Karim Chemlal, Treasurer - Martin Gurvich, Verificateur - Harjinder Singh. (NB Resignation of Georges Lienard)
Confirmation of other members of the Executive Committee: Catriona Robertson, Abdullah Faliq, Han Steijnbrugh, Etienne de Jongh, Melissa Sonnino.

14.00 Main Speaker

Dr Vidhya Ramalingam, Institute of Strategic Dialogue, London (Research and Policy Manager, Far-Right Extremism and Intolerance)

Reflections on the implications of the European election results on the context for Religion and Belief in Europe.

Responses from participants including **Mark Barwick, Human Rights Without Frontiers** Questions, discussion and next steps.

15.30 - 16.00 Tea / Coffee / Biscuits

16.00 Open House (Chair: Catriona Robertson)

All are welcome to contribute 5 minute presentations from different groups and member states on their activities & the contexts in which they work. Followed by Questions and Discussion.

17.30 Plenary

18.00 – 19.30 Vegetarian meal and networking

19.30 Informal visit to the Grand Place, Brussels

DAY TWO

09.00 - 9.30 Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

09.30 Review of ENORB's progress 2011-14, revised vision, aims and objectives Facilitated by Robin Sclafani, CEJI.

10.45 - 11.15 Tea / Coffee / Biscuits

11.15 Thematic Groups

- 1. Human Rights, Secularism and Religion & Belief (Moderator: Martin Gurvich). Council of Europe Guidelines on Religious Minorities (eg Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Buddhists, Scientologists) www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/.../137585.pdf
- 2. ENORB activities in member states: (Moderator: Catriona Robertson)
- 3. ENORB/ILGA Task Group: (Moderator: Alan Murray). Religion and Belief and LGBT rights
- **4. Manifesting Religion & Belief** in Secular Societies across Europe. (Moderator: **Stephanie** Lescene).

12.15 Feedback and final plenary session

12.45 - 13.30 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 Optional visit to the Jewish Museum, Brussels, to offer our condolences. Some need to return to Centre Espaces for a meeting with ILGA at 14.00, others may like to stay.

This is the second annual general assembly of ENORB, a European network combating discrimination and prejudice and promoting mutual understanding and harmony in the field of Religion and Belief. As with other EU Equalities networks, ENORB works for common action on the basis of the inclusive policies enshrined in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.