The Wellington Council of Christians and Jews

Public Symposium on

Activating the Charter for Compassion in our religions and wider society

Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 7.30pm
Wellington Islamic Centre / Masjid
7-11 Queens Drive, Kilbirine

Karen Armstrong's Charter for Compassion launched just over a year ago, and has received tremendous support globally. A simple document of 300 words, it reaffirms the "golden rule" – that we should treat other people as we would like to be treated – and expands this into the basis for building a compassionate world based on justice, equity, respect, nonviolence, diversity, and ultimately to enlightenment, a just economy, and a peaceful global community. This symposium will examine how we can translate these thoughts into action.

Aarif Rasheed – CIDE – The Centre for Interfaith Dialogue and Education (Auckland)
CIDE's vision is to encourage **"**all community groups and individuals to participate in sincere and respectful discourse and dialogue and the inculcation in them of mutual respect and love towards other people." In addition to his work at CIDE, Aarif is a Referee at the Disputes Tribunal, a Trustee at the Rasheed Memorial Trust, and an active member of Auckland's Muslim community.

Rabbi Adi Cohen – Wellington Progressive Jewish Congregation
Recently arrived from Congregation Brit Olam in Israel where he was the congregational rabbi, Adi has taught courses in Jewish Law and Ethics, special education, and worked as a storyteller.

Nick Borthwick and Daniel Eyre – NZ Catholic Bishops committee for Interfaith Relations
Daniel has a double degree in law and theology, and Nick works for Caritas, the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development.

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