



Parliament of the World's Religions - Melbourne 2009

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

In December 2009, Melbourne will host the **Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR)** - the world's largest interreligious gathering. An estimated 8,000 – 10,000 people from the world's diverse religious and spiritual communities are expected to attend this seven-day event. Participants will share beliefs and practices, engage in interfaith dialogue and address critical issues facing the global community.

Our theme is **“Make a World of Difference, Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth”** and topics for discussion will include climate change, the situation of indigenous peoples and poverty. PWR Melbourne 2009 employs a small team of local staff and a dedicated team of volunteers who work cooperatively with the Chicago-based Council for a Parliament for the World's Religions. The 2009 Parliament of World's Religions, is 'a first' for Melbourne Australia, and we wish to make it a memorable event for everyone involved.

We are looking to recruit up to 1500 volunteers from around the world, to assist the estimated 8,000 + attendees.

Clearly the importance of volunteers at this world wide event cannot be underestimated. The success of the event relies to a significant degree on the enthusiasm, assistance and expertise of a large team of volunteers. You will be well trained and work under the guidance of Fran Woodruff and Chris Hooper, Volunteer Coordinators as well as a dedicated troupe of team leaders.

We will be offering training sessions for all volunteers at various stages throughout the year, and every effort will be made to ensure that you, our volunteers have an excellent experience.

To volunteer for The Parliament of World's Religions – Melbourne 2009, please visit our website www.parliamentofreligions.org and click on 'Volunteer in Melbourne'. Complete the on line application form and Submit as per the easy to follow form. Alternatively print the form and fax it to + 61 (0)3 8622 4832 or post it to our address below. You will be contacted shortly after submitting your application form.

We are offering a volunteer 'reward' program, which offers very generous attendance registration fee for volunteers who are willing to commit to offering minimum volunteer hours on a long term basis, or at the Parliament of the Worlds Religions. Information regarding our reward program will be on line soon.

'G'day Melbourne Homestay' Program is a program for guests to enjoy the flavours of home life in Melbourne. We are looking for hosts to offer their homes for national and international guests for the duration of the Parliament (2nd – 10th December). Details are on our website.

Thank you for your interest and if you have further enquiries, please email or phone .

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