

Our Vision

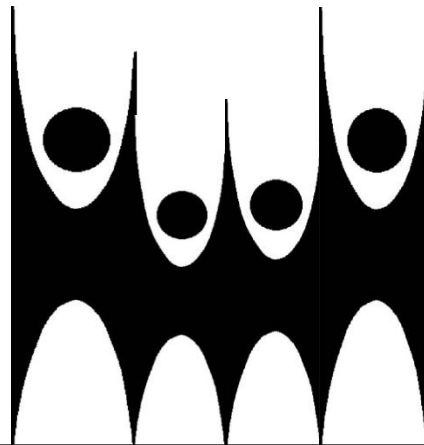
A world where reason and compassion guide public policy and beliefs are respected provided that they are compatible with the rights of others.

Our Mission

To promote the separation of religion from public policy and foster the development of reason, compassion and critical thinking for all Canadians through secular education and community support.

Our Values

- ◆ To uphold honesty, reason, critical thinking, and cooperation, in every facet of human interdependence.
- ◆ To encourage the efforts of Humanists and Humanism-focused organizations in Canada.
- ◆ To support initiatives and programs that advance Humanism and secularism.
- ◆ To provide non-religious ceremonies for life events such as weddings and funerals through our certified Officiants.



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Humanist Canada: Actively Serving Our Humanist Community

Who We Are

Humanist Canada (also known as HC or the Humanist Association of Canada) is a national not-for-profit charitable organization promoting the separation of religion from public policy and fostering the development of reason, compassion and critical thinking for all Canadians through secular education and community support. Founded in 1968 as a small lobby group, Humanist Canada has grown over the past four decades to become Canada's national voice of Humanism. We are also an associate member organization of the International Humanist and Ethical Union.



Darwin – sponsored by Humanist Canada. The museum was unable to convince any corporation to underwrite this exhibit because it was considered too controversial, and, was unable to secure the funding necessary to make it a permanent exhibit.



What We Do

HC promotes education and awareness of Humanism as a life stance. We are a resource for secular groups and causes across Canada. We support the advancement of scientific, academic, medical, and human rights efforts.

- ◆ \$30,000 in grants to Humanist groups in support of education projects and events
- ◆ \$50,000 to support the Royal Ontario Museum's "Darwin: the Evolution Revolution" exhibit (2009)
- ◆ Ongoing participation and support for the One School System campaign to end public funding for the Catholic Schools
- ◆ Our own 'Good Without God' awareness campaign (phase 1)
- ◆ **The Humanist Officiant program**
Training Humanists to perform weddings, funerals, namings, and other rites of passage for the secular community. We plan to expand this service across Canada

Our History

Humanist Canada has its roots in the former Humanist Fellowship of Montreal. This fellowship was an organization of humanists that was founded in 1954 by Drs. R. K. Mishra, Ernest Poser, and Maria Jutta Cahn. Lord Bertrand Russell and Dr. Brock Chisholm were its first patrons. Humanist Canada's first president was Dr. Henry Morgentaler in 1968, a champion of women's right to reproductive choice.

Humanist Canada's Humanist of the Year award has been received by prominent Canadians such as June Callwood, founder of Casey House, the world's first hospice for people with HIV/AIDS (2007, posthumous), and professor of bioethics and cognitive evolution, Dr. Christopher diCarlo (2008).

