

Event marking the 2nd anniversary of the Charlie Hebdo attack: 'The Future of Free Speech'

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Date: 18 January 2017, 5pm-6:30pm

Details: The National Secular Society is hosting an event in Parliament on the future of free speech to mark the 2nd anniversary of the attack on *Charlie Hebdo*.

Speakers include the author and journalist Nick Cohen, French journalist Caroline Fourest, who contributed to the post-attack issue of *Charlie Hebdo*, Jim Fitzpatrick MP, *Guardian* cartoonist Martin Rowson, and Jodie Ginsberg of Index on Censorship.

If you would to attend please RSVP to events@secularism.org.uk. Space is limited so please contact us to reserve a place as soon as possible.

Nick Cohen

Nick Cohen is a prominent advocate for freedom of expression, a journalist, author and political commentator. His most recent (of five) books *You Can't Read this Book: Censorship in an Age of Freedom* looks at new threats to free expression, beyond traditional state censorship, from privacy laws to the drowning out of dissent and from privatisation of the public sphere to the chilling effect of terrorism.

Caroline Fourest

Caroline Fourest is a French feminist writer, documentary director, journalist and radio presenter. She has been the editor of magazines such as *ProChoix* and *Charlie Hebdo*. Following the January 2015 terrorist attack on the magazine's offices, Caroline helped edit the 'survivors' edition' and its editorial in defence of secularism.

Jim Fitzpatrick MP

Jim Fitzpatrick has been a Labour MP for Poplar and Limehouse since 2010 (previously MP for Poplar and Canning Town from 1997). An honorary associate of the NSS, he has often spoken out

in favour of free speech and against gender segregation.

Jodie Ginsberg

A former business journalist and foreign correspondent, Jodie Ginsberg is the CEO of Index on Censorship – a UK-based organisation which publishes the work of censored writers and artists and campaigns against censorship and other threats to free expression worldwide.

Martin Rowson

A vocal advocate for the role of free expression and satire in challenging power, Martin Rowson editorial cartoonist and writer. His work appears regularly in the Guardian, as well as other publications including the Daily Mirror, Tribune and Index on Censorship.