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[Ireland votes to remove blasphemy from constitution](#)

Posted: Tue, 30 Oct 2018

The NSS has welcomed Irish voters' decision to repeal the blasphemy provisions in their country's constitution. [Read More »](#)

[Campaign to repeal Ireland's blasphemy law launched](#)

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The NSS has backed a campaign to repeal Ireland's blasphemy law which is being launched on Sunday, ahead of a referendum on the subject. [Read More »](#)

[Ireland set to hold blasphemy referendum on 26 October](#)

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The NSS has said Ireland's impending referendum on its blasphemy law should prompt "global action in defence of free speech on religion". [Read More »](#)

[Ireland plans to end religious discrimination in school admissions](#)

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The NSS has said the DfE should follow the lead of Irish ministers who plan to end a rule which encourages faith-based school admissions. [Read More »](#)

[Ireland to vote on liberalising abortion and blasphemy laws](#)

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Ireland is to hold referenda on changing its laws on abortion and blasphemy next year. [Read More »](#)

How a teacher and a Virgin Mary statue drew attention to religious bias in the Irish education system

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A humanist teacher who objected to a statue of the virgin Mary being displayed at a state-funded school with a "religious ethos" in Ireland has lost a claim of discrimination at a Workplace Relations Commission hearing. [Read More »](#)

Ireland's education minister sets out plans to remove 'baptism barrier' to Catholic schools

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Ireland's state-funded Catholic primary schools are to lose the ability discriminate on the basis of religion in their admissions policies. [Read More »](#)

Campaigns against blasphemy laws gather steam following Ahok conviction and Fry investigation

Posted: Wed, 10 May 2017

Indonesia, Denmark and New Zealand are facing calls to repeal their blasphemy laws, following the conviction of Jakarta's former governor for blasphemy and an investigation into Stephen Fry. [Read More »](#)

Calls for abolition of Irish blasphemy law following investigation of Stephen Fry

Posted: Mon, 08 May 2017

The National Secular Society has called for the repeal of Ireland's blasphemy law after Irish police dropped an investigation against Stephen Fry over a complaint of 'blasphemy' related to an interview aired in 2015. [Read More »](#)

Irish politicians face ejection from the chamber and loss of pay if they don't stand for prayers

Posted: Wed, 03 May 2017

The Irish parliament has approved a requirement mandating TDs remain standing during the

prayers that open each Dáil sitting. [Read More »](#)

Ireland sees 73% increase in number of non-believers

Posted: Thu, 06 Apr 2017

Census figures released by the Irish Central Statistics Office show a huge increase in the number of non-believers, as the number of self-identified Catholics continued to drop. [Read More »](#)

Ireland to consider banning schools from using religion in admissions

Posted: Mon, 16 Jan 2017

The Irish Minister for Education and Skills has set out plans to tackle the religious discrimination endemic in the Irish education system, hitting out at the unfairness of a baptism requirement for school places. [Read More »](#)

Parents protest against religious discrimination in Irish schools

Posted: Mon, 04 Jul 2016

Irish parents demonstrated over the weekend for reform to the country's school admissions – in an education landscape still dominated by the Catholic Church. [Read More »](#)

UN calls on Ireland to recognise needs of non-Christian children in the education system

Posted: Thu, 04 Feb 2016

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has criticised Ireland in its periodic review, urging the country to protect the rights of non-religious and non-Christian children and families. [Read More »](#)

Anti-LGBT religious exemptions will be removed from Ireland's equality legislation

Posted: Tue, 17 Nov 2015

The National Secular Society has welcomed confirmation that Ireland's government is to amend the exemptions to equality law which permit religious discrimination. [Read More »](#)

Educate Together describes religious monopoly over Irish schools as “shocking”

Posted: Thu, 09 Apr 2015

Educate Together, the independent NGO that runs non-faith schools in Ireland, has warned of the "shocking" control of religious groups over Irish education. [Read More »](#)

Proposal to remove religious exemption from Irish employment equality law

Posted: Mon, 30 Jun 2014

The cabinet of the Irish Government will debate next week changes to employment equality law that will prevent religious organisations from dismissing staff on such grounds as being a lone parent or a divorcee, or on the basis of sexual orientation. [Read More »](#)

Ireland considers replacing blasphemy law with “religious hatred” legislation

Posted: Mon, 04 Nov 2013

The Convention set up by the Irish Government to bring the country's constitution up-to-date has recommended that the offence of blasphemy should be removed from the constitution in its current form. [Read More »](#)

Irish Government to pursue religious orders for €250 million in unpaid compensation to abuse victims

Posted: Wed, 24 Jul 2013

The Cabinet of the Irish Government agreed this week to pursue religious orders for payment of the remaining €250 million needed to make up their half of the cost of €1.46 billion compensation promised to victims. [Read More »](#)

Muslim man who ritually slaughtered goats didn't know it was against the law

Posted: Thu, 18 Jul 2013

A Somali refugee who improvised a halal abattoir in a private house where he killed four goats,

has been sentenced to a 12 months in jail suspended for two years by an Irish court. [Read More »](#)

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