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# SECULAR CHARTER

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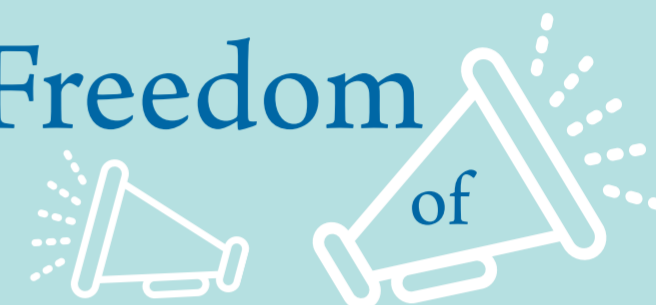


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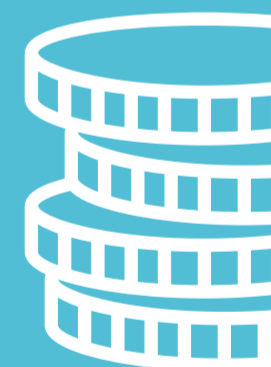
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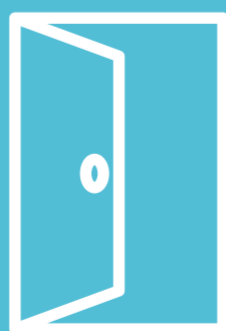


THE STATE DOES NOT ENGAGE IN, FUND OR PROMOTE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES OR PRACTICES.

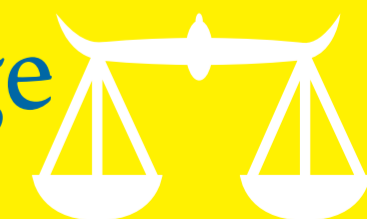


THERE IS FREEDOM OF BELIEF, NON-BELIEF AND TO RENOUNCE OR CHANGE RELIGION.

Public and publicly-funded service provision does not discriminate on grounds of religion, belief or non-belief.



Individuals and groups are neither accorded **privilege** nor **disadvantaged** because of their religion, belief or non-belief.



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