



Pace e Bene Australia - [www.pacebene.org.au](http://www.pacebene.org.au)  
Equality, Diversity, Interconnectedness

## What's happening?

**AGM:** There is still time to participate in the AGM on skype on 13 November, 7:00pm East, 6:00pm Qld, 6:30pm SA and 4:00pm west. Please contact Dale Hess if you are able to attend: [d.hess@ozemail.com.au](mailto:d.hess@ozemail.com.au)

**We signed on:** The winner of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, the International Campaign to abolish Nuclear Weapons, has written an open letter to the Prime Minister urging that Australia sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Our National Committee organised for Pace e Bene to join in signing this letter. Here is the link to the letter:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/oct/23/nobel-peace-prize-winners-urge-australia-to-sign-treaty-banning-nuclear-weapons>

**Using Engage:** Bob Myers reports on the Warrnambool Social Justice Group: "Our current aim is to provide a forum for discussing nonviolent living based on the Pace e Bene Engage program. It started off as a Catholic group but became an open group because we were uncomfortable about having any restrictions that excluded anyone. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 8.30pm followed by a cuppa. An average of seven people out of ten attend regularly to explore nonviolent living in the home, workplace and community." If any desire to receive news about the group, please email Bob at [bobmyers@aapt.net.au](mailto:bobmyers@aapt.net.au).

**Partners:** Pace e Bene Australia, Inc., has received a large grant to conduct nonviolence training around Australia. We are working in partnership with Nicola Paris of CounterAct to conduct this training. In September Nicola held workshops and nonviolence training in creative activism in Tasmania, and legal observer and nonviolence training, facilitation and mentoring in Queensland.



**Of Note:** Yassir Hussaini, NILP 2012, was featured on [#smashdownbarriers](#) [#cerebralpalsyday](#) (5 October) with a photo as he trained at table tennis. Yassir said: "I wholeheartedly believe that sports can bring about significant social and cultural change. In its simplest form, sports are communal activities. They can serve to unite and build stronger and much more understanding/empathic communities. Smash Down Barriers is an awesome initiative that offers what we can take for granted to the entire Oceania region. Through establishing table tennis programs, it serves not only to offer a sporting life for people with disabilities but works to address the social stigma and in turn ignite hope into the minds of those people affected by it."