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## MONA's latest move aims to give believers a fair go

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At the MONA chapel are assistant curator Jarrod Rawlins and project assistant Pip Mott. Picture: NIKKI DAVIS-JONES

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### **MONA wants a wide range of religions and spiritual beliefs represented at its latest incarnation — an interfaith fair.**

The inaugural Australian Fair for Freedom of Belief and Religion will be held on July 26-27, giving believers the chance to interact and share their views with the public.

The fair is a little surprising, given MONA owner David Walsh has expressed his non-belief in “gods”.

But MONA assistant curator Jarrod Rawlins said: “This isn’t really about David and his belief systems, it’s about everyone else’s belief systems and us providing the opportunity to share them.

“We have the freedom to offer a forum at which everyone can engage with, and learn about, the beliefs

and religious views that are part of many people's lives," he said.

"We hope the fair is a place of freedom, tolerance and learning. One of the objectives of bringing everyone together is that they will interact."

Tibetan Buddhist Charles Chadwick said: "It's an opportunity to meet people of different beliefs or faiths or systems and find out what we have in common and learn from each other."

There will be an expo, talks and workshops on subjects such as laughing yoga and mediation.

Exhibitors will not be charged a fee to take part and a handful of positions are still available.

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