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## CITY TO SURF: MOVE TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY

City to Surf **MOVE Together for Humanity** is about people who you wouldn't normally see walking together, doing just that!



Our team aims to bring together those who have been told by history they shouldn't be: A Priest, Rabbi, Sheik and Indigenous leader are entering the City to Surf under the *Together for Humanity* banner and invite the media and the general public to join them for a "training session" and media briefing at **9am Wednesday July 22 at the Archibald Fountain in Hyde Park**.

**Together for Humanity** is a non-profit, multi-faith organisation that was formed in 2002 to promote appreciation and cooperation of all people regardless of their differences.

Everyone is welcome to join our City to Surf team and you needn't be religious to participate in the "odd couples" theme. We hope to see Ford people and Holden people, Mac Users and PC users, Cronulla Sharks and Manly Sea Eagles, Gordon Ramsay and Tracy Grimshaw, Journalists and Publicists, perhaps even Kevin and Malcolm putting aside their differences in a show of solidarity against all forms of discrimination and conflict. We're also hoping to see an unlikely celebrity pair, moving together for the cause.

## Why MOVE Together for Humanity?

With their educational workshops in three states and the northern territory a proven success *Together for Humanity* are now looking to raise public awareness of their organisation and raise money to continue their life changing education program.

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**Together for Humanity** is an Australian multi-faith organisation that fights prejudice and hatred at its source by fostering positive experiences of diversity. We are Muslims, Christians, Jewish, Indigenous people and others who enjoy being together. We realise that we can't agree on everything but we manage our differences by focusing on what we have in common, mutual respect and of course - a touch of humour. Through leading by example and *proven* educational workshops we help Australia deal with difference in a true celebration of our diversity.

Our goal is to shift a million people away from prejudice towards understanding. To this end, school students are introduced to people from diverse backgrounds who model mutual respect and collaboration despite the significant factors that can drive them apart. Students absorb their experiences of working together, moving beyond political correctness towards common goals, independent critical thinking and cross cultural empathy.

Our successful track record has been widely recognised with over 40,000 children participating in our programs. Hundreds of volunteers, teachers, religious leaders and community workers have participated in workshops and training in three states and the Northern Territory. Demand for our programs is strong and increasing, especially in relation to reconciliation with Indigenous Australians.

We enjoy broad based support from the community and educators. This includes the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, National Council of Churches, Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Commonwealth, NSW & QLD governments as well as the education departments of NSW, NT, QLD and VIC.

(Image: Leap of faith: Together for Humanity members meet at the City to Surf finishing point: Bondi Beach)