

YALCA Dunedin

Young Abrahamic Leadership Council of Australasia (Dunedin branch)

YALCA Dunedin came about in late 2007 through the efforts of a small number of the University of Otago's interfaith community, and following communication and involvement by its founding members at the ICCJ and with the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group.

In our first year we have 10 members, and have established a link the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group (DAIG), with a YALCA member reporting the progress and activities of YALCA to DAIG and then the activities of DAIG back to YALCA.

YALCA Dunedin's mission is to promote dialogue and brother/sisterhood between the three Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Through the free exchange of thoughts and values we aim to counter the misunderstandings and misconceptions about our respective faiths. We intend to educate not only each other but society at large. By serving together and embodying interfaith harmony we aim to contribute to and connect with the wider Dunedin community.

Since it's inception in late 2007 YALCA Dunedin has;

- Written up a constitution and determined its objectives as a group.
- We have publicised around University, affiliated ourselves as a University group through our constitution and had a stall over the course of the University of Otago's Clubs and Societies day.
- Volunteer work by our members on behalf of YALCA Dunedin at a local soup kitchen (The Drop in centre) began towards the end of last year on a rotation basis for the purpose of working together (volunteers were paired with someone of another Abrahamic faith) and community outreach.
- We publicised the group through a local radio station in Dunedin, whereby the aims and activities of the group were outlined.

This year;

- Have discussions and education sessions (Dialogue, not debate).

- We hope to organise numerous social events amongst YALCA members.
- We hope to continue our community service and broaden our community activities
- We hope to be able to be accessed on the World Wide Web by setting up some form of Internet site.