



Q&A on Collins: "What Makes A Liveable City?"

After a hugely successful Q&A on Collins event last year, Urban Seed and Collins St Baptist Church are excited to announce that Q&A on Collins is back in 2011! Jon Faine (ABC Radio 774) is returning as moderator for a diverse panel, including Australian of the Year Simon McKeon, comedian Corinne Grant, CEO of the Committee for Melbourne Andrew MacLeod, Boonerwung elder Carolyn Briggs, Muslim academic Susan Carland and Federal Member for Melbourne Adam Bandt.

Since the Melbourne was recently announced as the "Most Liveable City in the World," we will be asking

the question, "What makes a liveable city?" You are invited to take part by submitting questions related to the topic to ask on the night. Send your questions to gandaoncollins@urbanseed.org.

The event will be held on 13 October, at Collins Street Baptist Church. Doors open for finger food at 6:15pm, and the forum will run 7-8:30pm. Entry is by a \$12 donation, and all proceeds go to the work of Urban Seed.

Join us for Q&A on Collins moderated by Jon Faine. Flyer enclosed and copies can be downloaded from the Urban Seed website.

Events like this ensure Urban Seed's grassroots approach to advocacy continues to speak into the public arena. If you'd like to make a donation towards our advocacy works go to www.givenow.com.au/urbanseed.

A message from Collins St Baptist Church: Rev. Carolyn Francis

On October 13 Collins St Baptist Church and Urban Seed will once again join together to present a "Conscience on Collins" event, utilising the "Q&A" panel format and the brilliant hosting skills of the ABC's Jon Faine.

In an era where spirituality is seen as private business, and the public domain is dominated by profit making, both CSBC and Urban Seed are committed to instigating and participating in important conversations about the kind of society we live in and the challenges we face as we seek to nurture communities of genuine belonging, justice and peace.

On this occasion, the partnership between CSBC and Urban Seed ensures we fling both the front and back doors of the church and central house open, as we instigate a conversation with a wide range of community leaders about what does, and should, lie at the heart of our vision of a "liveable city" for all people. While Melbourne regularly features on lists of the



world's most liveable cities, our own experiences of mission, ministry and community engagement lead us to wonder: for whom is it liveable? who misses out? how can the benefits of living in a city like Melbourne be equitably shared? Our diverse panel brings a range of sometimes conflicting views and interests to this conversation ensuring an event full of robust discussion, witty reflections, challenging questions and more than a few laughs.

Once again, Collins St Baptist Church is honoured to join with Urban Seed to ensure that voices of faith and conscience pervade the public conversation about the future of our city and society.

Bible Studies: City from Heaven or City from Hell? Cities in the Christian Scriptures

Our Church Engagement Coordinator Christop Booth and former Urban Seed resident Andreana Reale will be running a series of five weekly Bible studies looking at how cities are portrayed in the Bible, and comparing the cities of the Bible to our own city. They will be held at Collins St Baptist Church at 7pm on Wednesdays beginning September 28th. To RSVP or find out further information please visit the Facebook page created for this event <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=232286640148514>.



- September 28 - Eden to Egypt
- October 5 - Refuge and Exile
- October 12 - Jesus and Jerusalem
- October 19 - House churches in Rome
- October 26 - Babylon and the New Jerusalem

Yarn Bombing in Norlane

Calling all knitters, yarners, craftsters, quilters, learners, chatterboxes, people who can hold a paintbrush or anyone in Geelong who wants to be involved in something wonderful! Laura from Urban Bean Norlane has been leading an art project to beautify the Labuan Square precinct. See the [story on our website](#) for more information and some great visuals.



Previous campaign update: Run Melbourne

Run Melbourne saw thirty-six people run for Urban Seed raising a total of more than \$9,000 towards the work of Credo Cafe. Team Urban Seed finished with a magnificent brunch spread prepared by Credo Team in Credo Cafe. Thanks to all who ran for Urban Seed, and to those who sponsored them to run. Your generosity enables us to provide hospitality to some of Melbourne's most marginalised people.

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If you would like to support Urban Seed then one way you can do that is by helping us share our campaigns. You could do that by sharing this newsletter with friends and family. Thanks!

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