

About the Filipino Freethinkers

We are the largest and most active organization for freethought in the Philippines.

Freethought is a way of thinking unconstrained by dogma, authority, and tradition. To a freethinker, no idea is sacred; all truth claims are subject to skepticism, rational inquiry, and empirical testing.

In this light, every one of our efforts aims to promote reason, science, and secularism as a means of improving every Filipino's quality of life. We wish for everyone to live lives free of ignorance and oppression—in a society where they are able to act and think for themselves, and in a country where religion and governance are clearly and permanently separated.

What do the Filipino Freethinkers do?

We practice a healthy mix of action, education, and discourse—demonstrating our support for a cause we believe in; enlightening the public online or through forums and lectures; and simply hanging out and giving voice to our opinions.

ACTION

When we believe in something, we do our best to support and further it in the public sphere. In the fight for the RH Bill's passage, for instance, we have taken to the streets with like-minded organizations to [protest before the headquarters of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines \(CBCP\)](#) and [show our solidarity before the Batasang Pambansa during the RH Bill sessions](#).

We are also fond of more creative demonstrations, from holding the world's very first [Excommunication Party](#), to [performing street theater on the steps of St. Peter Parish](#), to [getting all dolled up at the LGBT Pride March](#).

EDUCATION

Freethought and education go hand in hand, and we dedicate plenty of our time to debunking myths, clearing up misconceptions, and refuting outright misinformation.

We hold lectures and guestings at colleges, universities, and media outlets on a variety of freethought topics, such as the one [on evil and morality at De La Salle University-Taft](#), and the one on faith and the clergy on NU107's *RockEd Radio*. We've held our very own [freethought-themed film festival](#) at the University of the Philippines's Cine Adarna, and have even guested on international news network Al-Jazeera.

We also serve as watchdogs, sounding off on public pronouncements rife with fibs and fallacies, and relaying the truth through our website and other social media. Two of our most circulated disclosures were on [the "exorcism" at the Manila Cathedral](#), and on [Dr. Ligaya Acosta's presentation at the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health](#).

Of course, we also make it a point to continue our education, holding field trips to museums and exhibits, and attending lay forums such as the Café Scientifique series of lectures.

DISCOURSE

We wouldn't be where we are without our fortnightly meetups. [Since February 2009](#), the Filipino Freethinkers have been meeting every other week for a few hours of friendly—and usually rowdy—discussion. Topics are very varied, and often timely—the ethics behind the latest scientific discoveries, the consequences of certain current events, suggestions for improving our society on both small and grand scales, etc. To date, each meetup sees an average of 30 attendees, which always includes a handful of newcomers.

Our [website](#) is also a prime venue for personal commentary. Contributions are welcome.

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