

TAGWA Membership

Becoming a TAGWA member, will

- ❖ Keep you abreast of international news about Tibet.
- ❖ Give you information about local campaigns and activities.
- ❖ Provide a connection with the Perth-based Tibetan community and opportunities to join cultural events.

Please fill out the form below, or join online at www.tagwa.org.au

TAGWA Membership Application Form

I wish to apply for membership of the Tibetan Action Group of WA and I agree to support the Objects of the Association.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Signature.....Date.....

I enclose a cheque/money order payable to:
Tibet Action Group of WA Inc, for the amount of:
(circle) \$25 /full \$ 15 /concession

Please send to:

TAGWA, P.O. Box 4101, Wembley, W.A. 6913

Thank you!

What you can do for Tibet

Be informed: seek more information on current events in Tibet. Follow links from www.tagwa.org.au; www.tibetoffice.com.au; or www.tibet.net

Raise awareness by writing to elected officials urging them to support Tibet’s right to human rights and self determination. Write to your local media, talk to your friends and colleagues about the Tibetan people’s situation. Organise information meetings in schools, clubs and other meeting places.

Contact TAGWA for more information, or to help with actions to raise awareness about the Tibetan cause

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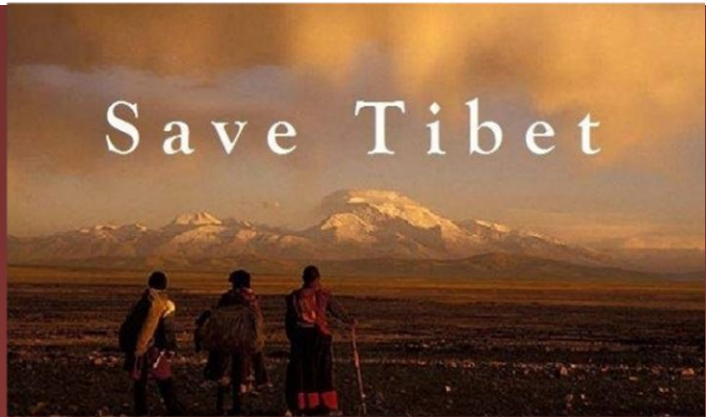
Join us!

Want to help protect the human rights of Tibetans in Tibet?

- ❖ *Join TAGWA for information and skills to help speak out on the issues in Tibet.*

Want to support the Tibetan Community in Perth?

- ❖ *Join TAGWA to meet local Tibetans and enjoy Tibetan cultural events.*



Tibetan Action Group of WA

TAGWA

‘A voice for the oppressed people of Tibet’

- ❖ **Raising awareness in WA about the Tibetan people’s plight and the human rights situation in Tibet.**
- ❖ **Seeking urgent support from the public and from political leaders for the Tibetan people’s non-violent struggle for freedom.**
- ❖ **Celebrating and sustaining within Western Australia, the unique culture of Tibet.**



www.tagwa.org.au

Tibet needs your help

Tibet has always been an independent country whose people lived in peace for thousands of years. The Chinese occupation in 1950 brought a sudden end to that tranquillity.

The bloody crackdown of the Tibetan national uprising on 10th March, 1959, was the culmination of the resistance of the Tibetan people. The crackdown led to the flight of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and an exodus of some 80,000 Tibetans to India, marking the final chapter of the independent state in Tibetan history.

The Chinese occupation and its subsequent cultural revolution brought some of the worst genocide the world has seen since the holocaust, with 1.2 million Tibetans losing their lives. It brought the devastating destruction of an ancient culture and unprecedented suffering to the roof of the world.

Tibetans are now treated as second-class citizens in their own country and are discriminated against in every level of life. For over 5 decades Tibetans have suffered severe deprivation of their human rights. China constantly violates the UN Charter and international law in dealing with the Tibetan people.

The Tibetan people need your help now in their non-violent struggle for freedom!



In Tibet

Human rights – Extensive human rights failings are routine for Tibetans in Tibet. Severe censorship, surveillance, arbitrary decisions, loss of religious freedom, high unemployment and loss of traditional lands are taking a terrible toll on the well being of Tibetans in Tibet.

Forced relocations – millions of Tibetans have been subjected to mass involuntary rehousing and relocation. This policy has hit nomadic herdsmen particularly hard, destroying their traditional, self-sufficient way of life. (*Human Rights Watch Report, 'They say we should be grateful', June 2013*).

Self immolations – protesters in Tibet are severely punished with beatings and imprisonment. Self immolations have become a shockingly frequent action by Tibetan people prepared to sacrifice themselves to draw attention to the desperate plight of their nation. There were 126 self immolations by Tibetans in Tibet between 2009 and 2013.

About Tibet

Too often, Tibet is being erased off world maps and 'disappeared' into China. In fact, Tibet occupies a significant area, similar in size to Western Australia (2.5 million sq km).

Tibet is a high mountainous plateau, traditionally consisting of 3 major regions: U-Tsang, Amdo and Kham. Since Chinese occupation, only part of this whole Tibetan territory has been defined as the so-called 'Tibet Autonomous Region'.



About our logo

TAGWA's logo features a 'Drong', or wild yak, found only in Tibet. It is highly respected by Tibetans for its courage and strength. It represents the Tibetan people's determination and struggle for freedom. The triangle represents the mountains of Tibet, the 'Roof of the World'.

