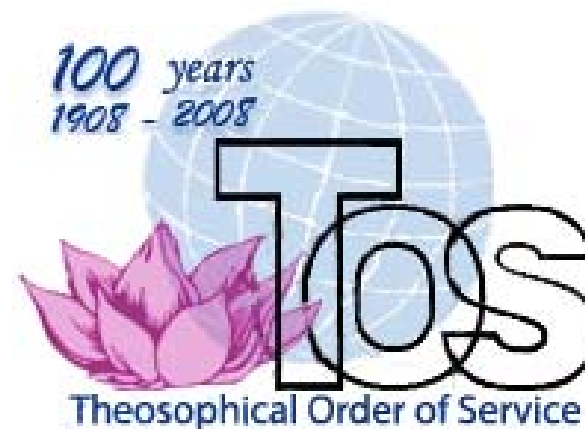


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**Celebrating 100 years  
of service in our local and  
global communities**

**You are invited to contact your local TOS group and work with us for planet sustainability, world peace, compassion and harmony.**

## What is the TOS?

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) was founded in 1908 by Dr Annie Besant, then International President of the Theosophical Society, to provide an opportunity for participation in activities which promote the first Object of the Theosophical Society: 'to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour'.

The TOS is a separate organisation from The Theosophical Society but is closely linked with it. The International head of the TOS is usually the International President of the Theosophical Society.



Annie Besant was an activist with a strong social conscience. She led by example and championed numerous initiatives to improve the wellbeing of disadvantaged and exploited people and animals. Her vision for the TOS is encapsulated in its motto: ***A union of those who love in the service of all that suffers.***

Annie Besant describes the 'Theosophic Life' in an article in 1909, as:

*The Theosophic Life must be a life of service.... Service is the great*

*illuminator. The more we serve, the wiser we become, for we learn wisdom not by studying but by living...*

Today there are active Theosophical Order of Service groups around the world, united in the ideal of selfless service and promoting the brotherhood of all life.

In Australia, we work in five inter-related areas of service: **world peace, social service, environment, animal welfare and healing.**

## What does the TOS do in Australia?

### At a local level

TOS members are involved in a wide range of service activities in their local communities. These include:

- raising awareness of issues through conducting talks and seminars on a variety of topics associated with the T.O.S. service areas
- organising Peace Day Gatherings with music, poetry, talks and short plays
- holding 'Planetary Healing' sessions and meditations for World Peace
- knitting squares to make blankets
- gardening for a local hospice and a cancer centre
- partnering in a community environmental project to revegetate an old industrial site with trees and groundcovers native to the locality
- tutoring refugees in English and helping them adjust to Australian society
- adopting a refuge for homeless women
- volunteering in aged-care centres
- collecting toys and clothes for relief appeals
- raising funds for local charities
- raising awareness about climate change through developing a brochure on personal actions that each of us can take to minimise our energy and water usage
- collecting signatures on petitions for animal welfare and social justice issues

### At an international level

Local TOS groups and the National TOS support many projects organised by the TOS in Asia and South America.

Currently we have two projects as a national focus, supporting:

- the orphanage run by the TS in Brazil
- literacy home-schools run by the TOS in Pakistan

