

# SECULAR REPUBLIC



A number of citizens have set up a group entitled *Secular Republic-Poblacht Shaolta* whose founding statement is as follows:

“SECULAR REPUBLIC, inspired by the Proclamation of the Irish Republic in 1916, is a group of citizens who wish to promulgate the idea of a secular republic whereby there is a complete separation of church and state in the constitution and law generally, in public institutions and ceremonies, in education, in health care and in state-sponsored cultural events, while fully supporting the right of private religious freedom, both individually and collectively. To that end, it aims to participate in public debate and criticism concerning these matters.”

**SECULAR REPUBLIC will not deal with religion *per se* and can be adhered to by persons who are Catholic, Protestant, and of other faiths as well as by non-believers in religion.**

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