

Charter for Compassion – the launch in Amsterdam 12th November, 2009

Delegates of the Dutch Chapter of IARF were present at the launching of the [Charter for Compassion](#) in Amsterdam.

From left: At Ipenburg, Annelies Trenning, Wytske Dijkstra, Corrie Jacobs, Jeanne Traas



A video message from Karen Armstrong, initiator of the project, was shown, after which the mayor of Amsterdam, Job Cohen, gave the opening address.

The big moment came when Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, one of the authors, made public the text of the charter by reading it out in public for the first time. All members of the audience were then provided with their own copy by pupils of the ROC. **Tariq Ramadan**, philosopher and **Herman Wijffels**, economist, then presented their views on the theme 'Compassion'.

The programme was interspersed with music and complemented with other forms of art.