



MELBOURNE ZEN GROUP & MELBOURNE ECO-DHARMA PRESENT:

Two socially engaged dharma workshops in Melbourne with international author, scholar and Zen teacher David R. Loy.

Cost:

Concession \$40, Full \$50 per day + booking fee;
Book at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/33109656875

Location:

Siteworks, Workroom 02,
33 Saxon St, Brunswick, Vic

Contact:

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What is Provided:

Chairs and morning refreshments.

What to Bring:

Your own lunch and cushions if you prefer to sit on the floor or need a well padded seat.

Getting there:

Tram - Take the No.19 tram towards North Coburg to stop 21.

Train - Get the Upfield Line to Jewel Station.

Parking - At RMIT University and opposite the Brunswick baths via Dawson St next to the Upfield train line.

Bike - Take the Upfield bike path towards Coburg and take the exit at Dawson St.

AWAKENING FROM THE ILLUSION OF OUR SEPARATION

Date: Saturday, 8 July; **Time:** 9:15am – 4:30 pm

Our usual sense of self is haunted by a sense of lack: “something is wrong with me”... “I’m not good enough”. Why do we never have enough money, fame, sex, etc.? Because we try to fill up our sense of lack with them - but it doesn’t work. The sense of self needs to be deconstructed and reconstructed, which the Buddhist path (among some others) shows us how to do. The karma teaching is about reconstructing the self by transforming our motivations. Contemplative practices deconstruct the self, helping us to “let go” and realize our true nature.

BUDDHISM AND THE ECOLOGICAL CHALLENGE

Date: Sunday, 9 July; **Time:** 9:15am – 4:30 pm

The ecological crisis - which includes global warming but is much bigger than that - is the greatest challenge that humanity has ever faced. What does Buddhism offer, if anything, that can help us understand and respond appropriately? And what does ecological crisis mean for how we understand and practice Buddhism (or any spiritual path) today? Among other things, we will reflect together on the parallels between our perennial individual predicament (according to traditional Buddhism) and our collective predicament today in relation to the biosphere. What does this all imply about how we understand the bodhisattva path? What does it mean to be an “ecosattva”?



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David Loy is a professor, writer and Zen teacher who has articulated the idea of institutionalised greed, hatred and delusion and developed a modern Buddhist engagement with our collective contemporary suffering. His seminal books include the acclaimed *Money Sex War Karma: Notes for a Buddhist Revolution*, *The Great Awakening: A Buddhist Social Theory* and his latest publication, *A new Buddhist Path: Enlightenment, Evolution and Ethics in the Modern World*.

Further reading www.davidloy.org