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Diamond Way Buddhist Centre Opens in Wellington *Local Meditation Centre inaugurated with Buddhist lecture*

The Diamond Way Buddhist Centre of Wellington will celebrate its grand opening with a [lecture at 7:00pm](#) on 19 June 2012. The lecture—titled, "Buddhism in the Modern World"—will be given by Buddhist teacher Jonathan Bradley during his international tour which includes stops in Japan, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

The Wellington centre was established by students of Lama Ole Nydahl, a recognised Western lama representing a succession of teachers dating back 2,550 years. Lama Ole Nydahl, a teacher of Buddhism since 1972, often asks his more advanced students such as Jonathan to travel and teach across the globe.

Jonathan Bradley has been a student of Lama Ole Nydahl since 1997, and has received many teachings and empowerments from lamas in the Karma Kagyu lineage. He has been invited to speak about Buddhism at New York University and Columbia University, and has authored several articles about Buddhism.

The Diamond Way Buddhist Centre of Wellington is part of an international network of 600+ meditation centres in more than 50 countries around the world in the Karma Kagyu tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Their goal is to preserve the unique Tibetan meditation practices and make them available in the West through translation work, publications, lectures and courses with over 100 international Buddhist teachers. The centres were founded by Lama Ole Nydahl according to the wishes of the 16th Karmapa. They are now under the guidance of the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Trinley Thaye Dorje.

The Wellington centre is located at Level 2, 276 Cuba Street. The local centre will offer free public meditation evenings every Monday and Thursday at 6:30pm as well as more in-depth retreats and teachings throughout the year. For more information about the inauguration programme and the new Buddhist centre, please visit our website at <http://www.buddhism.org.nz/wellington-meditation-centre/>.

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