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## Major Donation By Prominent Norwegian Street Artist "AFK" Propels Panquake Development Forward

Anonymous artist famous for provocative street murals that make relevant and thought-provoking sociopolitical statements provides next generation social media application Panquake with its largest single donation to date.

TalkLiberation staff, volunteers, supporters and the Panquake Community writ large were thrilled to discover this week that the artist behind a series of significant contemporary works including iconic images of beloved whistleblowers, publishers and freedom fighters had (via Norway's [Gate Galleriet](#)) donated the proceeds of his "Making A Martyr" print to our project.

Known as "AFK", the artist is the architect of resounding artistic statements such as "The Persecution: Lest We Forget" which features WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange dressed in Guantanamo-style orange and hood in an Abu Ghraib torture pose while wearing a press pass, and 2015's "The Unusual Suspects" featuring Chelsea Manning, Anonymous hacktivists, Edward Snowden, Julian Assange and 'The Internet's Own Boy' Aaron Swartz.

The [website 'Artists For Assange'](#) contains a biography of AFK and says "In 2013, the first paintings with the signature AFK appeared in Bergen. The artist's technical skills, high productivity and accurate social commentary were noticed... AFK has a clear social and global commitment, and has worked with street art in many European countries."

Panquake Founder Suzie Dawson said: "I would like to acknowledge and thank the incredible Norwegian artist "AFK" & gallery Gate Galleriet who have made a hugely generous donation to Panquake. I am not just humbled but in shock actually, that such a talented and important artistic voice would know of Panquake or of my work, let alone support us in such a significant and profound way. News of this donation is a much deserved boost for our hardworking and dedicated team."

"Making A Martyr" is a deliciously ironic expression of support for Panquake, as the work signifies an allusion of crucifixion of a female politician in the context of a debate about freedom of expression. [The artist's official website states](#), about the piece: "In this way [AFK] forced the public to reflect on

*what freedom of expression is and whether or not it should be restricted or censored."*

Panquake's third monthly public delivery meeting is scheduled for Saturday 24th of April, at which Dawson and other team members will present updated project and campaign statistics and progresses to the Panquake Community.

With a total of \$118,477 raised so far of their current \$167,000 target for this round of funding, Panquake is on track to achieve its goals of delivering important and game-changing solutions to users in the social media space.

***Talk Liberation encourages everyone who is waiting for that change to make it happen, to donate to accelerate the process and to spread the word!***

Visitors to [PanQuake.com](http://PanQuake.com) are

- a) joining a community dedicated to the successful delivery of a product which will bring next generation solutions to a market that is hungry for change
- b) crowdfunding to contribute to the product development at <https://gogetfunding.com/panquake> and
- c) spreading the word that things can and will be different

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*This is a donation from the artist AFK and art gallery, Gategalleriet in Norway. The funds were generated through the sale of AFK's print, "Making a Martyr". The story behind this artwork can be read at [AFKstreetart . com](http://AFKstreetart.com). Keep up the important work. We look forward to seeing the development of Panquake. Best regards, AFK and Gate Galleriet.*

**Christer Holm**

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Above: The comment on the Panquake crowdfunding page that accompanied the donation



Above: AFK's "The Making Of A Martyr". Source: <https://afkstreetart.com/making-a-martyr-2/>