

The Newtown Neighbourhood Centre is celebrating Refugee Week by hosting a

## Refugee Awareness and Cultural Event

Come and find out how **YOU** can support refugees in your community.

**When:** **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007**  
**Where:** **Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (opposite Newtown Station)**  
**Time:** **6.00 pm to 8.30 pm**  
**Hosted by:** **Sam Byrne**  
**Limited access for people with mobility difficulty**



**Guest Speakers:**  
The Refugee Council of Australia  
Amnesty International

- A panel of volunteer refugee organisations
- Performance by Actors for Refugees
- Artworks and stalls
- Light supper

*A celebration of refugees, resilience, creativity and cultures*

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**The Newtown Neighbourhood Centre** is celebrating Refugee Week with a Refugee Awareness and Cultural Event at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (opposite Newtown station) on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> June from 6 - 8:30 pm.

At Newtown Neighbourhood Centre we feel it is a priority to raise awareness of the issues continuing to face refugees. We want to be a community that welcomes and supports refugees and celebrating refugee week is a great opportunity to do this.

That is why the Neighbourhood Centre invites local residents to come along and get a better understanding of the situation and what it is like to be a refugee. Our local Marrickville Council councillor Sam Byrne will host the forum.

The local community is invited to a celebration of refugees resilience, creativity and cultures. The Solidarity Choir will be opening the forum with some songs. There will be a performance by actors for refugees and well known actors Zoe Carides and Joy Smithers are part of this group. There will be display of artwork by refugees done while in detention as well as other artwork that captures the journey and struggles facing refugees.

Representatives from Refugee Council of Australia and Amnesty International will be the keynote speakers. We will also hear from a panel of organisations that work directly with refugees. They will also highlight ways people can get involved in different volunteer opportunities. Afterwards a light supper will be served. Whilst enjoying the food you can wonder and look at the various stalls. The stalls will show case what services they offer for refugees and the opportunities to get involved and volunteer.

To find out more about this forum please call the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on 9516 4755.