

REFUGEE CAMP IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Want to do more? 5 ways you can make a difference

to support people who are refugees or seeking asylum

Sponsor a Tour Guide

It's not easy to share real-life stories of one's own refugee journey but the Tour Guides at Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood do that every year, inspiring our visitors to seek out ways that they themselves can support refugees and people seeking asylum.

For many of our Tour Guides, their work on Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood is a first-time experience of formal paid work in Australia. Our project is run, managed and delivered by a volunteer Working Group and a range of community partners.

You can support Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood by donating to Sponsor a Tour Guide funds that pay the salaries of Tour Guides each year.

To make a donation go to Humanitix and look for Sponsor a Tour Guide.

Asylum Seeker Centre

The Sydney based Asylum Seekers Centre is a place of welcome that provides practical and personal support for people living in the community who are seeking asylum. Founded in 1993 its community of people dedicated to human rights values includes professional staff and a network of hundreds of volunteers.

To sign up to the ASC newsletter, to volunteer or to receive regular updates about the work they do go to: asylumseekerscentre.org.au

Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS)

The Refugee Advice and Casework Service is a nonprofit organisation providing essential legal support to people seeking asylum. Applying for protection in Australia is a complex and arduous process. RACS lawyers provide trauma-informed legal support for people of all nationalities, religions and gender identities, and we advocate for fairer and more humane asylum policies.

Visit RACS website to find out how you can get involved, volunteer, fundraise or donate by 'Joining the Neighbourhood': www.racs.org.au

Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group (BMRSG)

Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group is a group of ordinary Australians who volunteer in a variety of ways to help ensure that refugees and people seeking asylum are treated with justice and compassion. BMRSG volunteers stay in contact with those seeking asylum in the community and in detention, organise and support the Cars for Refugees program, provide individual mentoring, English conversation, employment assistance and fundraising. It states that it has no particular religious or political affiliation except a commitment to common decency. It offers friendship and practical support for refugees and those seeking asylum helping them to develop social networks and work and business skills and connections. It also provides community education on refugee issues and advocates for government policies which reflect the spirit of the 1951 Refugee Convention: Find out more at bmrsg.org.au.

The Northern Beaches Refugee Sanctuary (NBRS)

NBRS helps refugee families to be reunited in Australia by assisting people to pay the usually prohibitive cost of airfares. NBRS provides interest and fee free loans to assist refugee families to pay airfares. After arrival of family members it is expected that loans are repaid over two years so that the money can then be used to bring the next refugee family.

NBRS started in 2003 and has helped over 7,900 people from 47 different countries to come to Australia. In 2023, they helped over 500 people to come here. www.nbrs.org.au

More ways you can support refugees and people seeking asylum

These are just 5 great services providers and grassroots community organisations that support refugees and asylum seekers. There are a great many more that you will find on the Refugee Council directory: www.refugeecouncil.org.au/services

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